A Mobilization Meeting of Lei Feng Spirit Held in SIS  
Chen Tianhua

On the afternoon of March 12th, China Communist Youth League branch of School of International Studies convoked a mobilization meeting of Lei Feng spirit. The aim of the meeting is to call for more knowledge and practical activities on Lei Feng spirit. And the meeting was hosted by secretaries of the League branch, Liu Hongxin and Yu Dan.

According to the documents from our university and the reality of our school, the meeting emphasized that the Lei Feng Spirit Learning must be put into practice, but not on the surface. So the meeting also made many plans of activities. For example, every class or every organization should organize some activities like reading a good book and writing learning gained; Youth League Branch would make a discussion on Lei Feng spirit; International Youth Media Center and Radio CUC would make use of the advantage as media to design a series of programs about Lei Feng Spirit. Associations also have a lot of idea. For instance, Non Universal Language Association has a plan to translate what Lei Feng ever said into different languages. English Association and Etiquette Association would also host some activities which could make contact with what they major in.

It is never too late to do good deed. The world would be more peaceful and harmonious if a number of people do good deed together. On the meeting, convocators also watched a theme film about Lei Feng. And finally, Liu Hongxin shared his experience of going to Lei Feng Memorial Museum in Fushun, Liaoning in summer holiday, he said, “We should regard Lei Feng Spirit as a symbol of warmth, enthusiasm and goodness.”

Welcome to Enjoy the Photo Exhibition of IYMC  
Liu Zhiyao, Lo Ting Hsuan

The photo exhibition named On the Way was successfully held at building 48 on March 19th in CUC. It was an exhibition of the best photography works, which were done by members of the IYMC (International Youth Media Center), on a practice in summer of 2011.

The exhibition would last two weeks. It was divided into three parts. One was some interesting photos reflecting the achievements of the summer practice displayed. Some of them showed agreeable sunshine and smiles that would remind you of those nice summer days. The other one provided you with some beautiful pictures that were took in different places all over the world. A number of students were immersed in those pictures as if they were traveling around the world——seeing neon lights in Beijing, walking by clean water in Fenghua, watching parades in Taiwan and browsing inviting sceneries in Europe.

Besides, post-its were provided at where the exhibition was placed so that people could leave their remarks or records of their feelings about it. It's nice to see many colorful note pads stuck on the wall. The exhibition was not only a chance for those talented photographers to show their capability, but also a platform where the IYMC could present its ability.

Lei Feng Quotes:

English Version:
There is a limit to one's life, but no limit to serving the people. I would devote my limited life to limitlessly serving the people.

Swahili Version:
Maisha ya binadamu ni mafupi, lakini siku za kuwahudumia watu ni nyingi. Ningependa kutia maisha yangu katika kazi ya kuwa hudumia wananchi.

More other small language versions will be printed next issue!
My Personal Experience in Taiwan Election

Lo Ting Hsuan

Hardly had I ever got so thrilled before as I went back to Taiwan and found myself filled with excitement. Not only because of my desire to return to my lovely hometown, but also the grand affair I was going to experience: the general election, during which most of travel agencies offered flight tickets to Taiwan at a huge discount—the tickets we purchased were twice cheaper than what we ever used to buy before! The association of Taiwanese merchants had sent a letter to every Taiwanese family on mainland, China, encouraging us to return and to vote for Ma Ying-jeou, whose policies have benefited business people, like my family, far more than we expected.

Walking on the streets, I never found those campaign vehicles driven up and down the streets dull with speakers playing recording of "legislator" or "president" candidates' remarks in repetition. They were trying to reinforce their good impressions on electorates and woo votes. Television and newspapers and other media would put their fingers on every pulse of the election prospects daily. Some candidates would spend a large amount of money buying ads on newspapers to publicize their policies, while some candidates would spend a large amount of money buying ads on newspapers to publicize their candidates' remarks in repetition.

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This year’s polling day was the first one I have ever personally experienced. However, unfortunately I am underwe to have the voting right. According to the law, citizens of 20 years old and above are given the universal suffrage. But I accompanied my parents to reach the polling station which was located in the district to which our permanently registered residence belongs. They checked in with the notices they received in the mailbox in advance, entering the room where several ballot boxes were placed. They drew votes and went into a curtain-covered booth where only one person could stand. Showing votes with marks on whom you chose is forbidden and against the law, otherwise you will be fined thousands of NT dollars and sent into prison. Electorates were well received by heads of towns. They guided which room electorates from different towns should go to, taught them the procedure of voting and accompanying children whose parents might be voting and away from them. (Those who have no right to vote are banned from entering the voting room.) It seemed to be an ordinary day no different from any one before. People were still busy working in markets, or took the chance of a holiday for voting to go on an excursion. It was not until staff in ballot stations opened the ballot boxes and counted them that people started to get tense and fixed their eyes on television in fear of missing updates. We were roaming about Ningxia night fair when TV media were live telecasting the progress. Delicious food and snacks sold on the night fair could no longer capture our appetites but the results. We had our meal, which consisted of sashimi, sushi and many more, in a hurry and rushed home to watch TV. Keeping track of the updates, we were delighted to see Ma Ying-jeou and his running mate at last won the general election in our anticipation!

"How lucky we are that we didn't come back in vain at cost of my time to make money!" My dad said contentedly and was exhilarated. I as well got relieved as my family, most of which live in Taiwan, and I can temporarily enjoy another four peaceful years.

Next general election in Taiwan will be held the time when I will be qualified to vote, the same time when I am probably studying for both sides of the straight.

Background

A final result came out to terminate the campaigns which had lasted for months, demonstrating what most people truly trusted in when the Central Election Commission of Taiwan declared that the incumbent leader of Taiwan Ma Ying-jeou together with his running mate Wu Den-yih, the incumbent “prime minister” won the election with 6891139 votes, 51.6024% of the ballot. It was a slight gap between Tsai Ing-wen’s group and them, who obtained the supports at 45.6301%. James Soong Chu-yu and his partner got the fewest votes which occupied 2.7676%.

Ma Ying-jeou passed the primary at the KMT easily, and soon invited the incumbent “premier” Wu Den-yih to be his deputy. They held a political vision that Taiwan should be opened to the outside world in confidence, progressing in justice, developing with innovation and creating a peaceful developing and happy ten years. Most importantly, they reasserted the existence of 1992 Consensus, and repetitively reminded people of the peaceful living and working environment they had created across Taiwan Strait with Mainland, China.

“Chinese mainland is willing to further a new prospect in peacefully development across straits on joint base of objecting independence of Taiwan and insisting on 1992 Consensus.” China’s Taiwan Affairs Office announced through the Xinhua News Agency.

Before Ma Ying-jeou and Wu Den-yih are sworn into office officially on May 20th, the inspection and supervision on the government have already begun.
Guizhentang, To Be or Not To Be

These days, Guizhentang Pharmaceutical, one of the China’s largest bear bile producers, has drawn much attention since it intended to go public to Chinese Growth Enterprise Market. The event makes the company face a great deal of pressure from both animal protection activities and people of different fields. The opinions vary from person to person. What’s your point of view? Support, oppose or remain neutral?

Almost all the people feel sorry about the bears that are boxed in a small cage and being extracted whenever people need their bile. To forbid Guizhentang’s coming into the market cannot solve the problem, because there are still a number of companies that making their profits on the bear bile productions. What’s more, no law can prohibit these evil productions reasonably and thoroughly.

However, the most important reason for the existence of producing bear bile medicines is man’s selfishness and vanity. Although it has been proved by experts that some herb can totally take place of bear bile and work well too, people’s first choice will be bear bile if they are heavily sick; and much of the bear bile is made into health care products, which is not used as medicines but a gift that shows giver’s wealth, so the companies act as medicines but a gift that shows the bear bile is made into health care products, which is not used as medicines but a gift that shows giver’s wealth, so the companies act.

From the very beginning, the objecting voice sounds louder than others. The opponents mainly have the following three reasons. First, the deed that extracting the bear bile is cruel and inhuman. Second, the process, during which a tube must be put through some parts of its body and stretch into its gall bladder, may contaminate the bear. Third, they believe that there are some substitutes which can replace the bear bile in medicine.

I admit the cruelty of such a process, but after all it’s better than slaughter them for meat and fur and ultimately for money. At least bile-extracting on the whole has promoted the bear breeding industry and expand the quantity of bears. More and more bears can be saved and fed up. It’s a process of win-win. What’s more, the bear bile has not been understood thoroughly by researchers so that which components are at work while curing human beings still remains unknown. So from my point of view, people should not analyze the event simply or oppose the deed blindly. In essence, people wish to live harmoniously with other living beings on the earth. People had better not just express their dissatisfaction as there is not any other ways reasonable at the moment. What should be focused on is how to make the condition better. That is the urgent affair.

Whoever can stand his bile being extracted for lifetime is the very one that has a reason to support the validity of extracting bear bile. Bears have no pain in extraction and find no inconvenience with extremely heavy iron equipment on the body and needles and tubes piercing through his skin, then why don’t humans do it themselves? They can even trade in bile, which is pretty much like drawing blood among humans. However, most people may consider it not humane and those cunning enterprises may be mindful of narrow personal gains and losses as they have to exchange bile with notes. You should have noticed that they don’t need to pay those bears any cent and just give a little food and a fixed small cage where they live lifelong regardless of their growth of bodies.

Additionally, if there is no need for bear bile as a medicine in prescription, there will be no market corresponding business interests, either. It has been generally proven that it’s wrong that what organ you eat will nourish yours. If it’s not the reason why some consumers of bear bile purchase the product, I will defend that what nutrients in it is able to be found in certain herbs, too. The consumption of bear bile is just a groundless convention of traditional Chinese medicine. Just as a well-known slogan of a commercial goes, “No trade, no massacre”.

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It is known to us that recently in China, a company named Guizhentang used living bears to take bear bile. However, when the details exposed, people began to reprove it in no time, for the process of taking bear bile is so cruel. The majority of people insist that such events should be forbidden, while some experts point out that the usage of bear bile is unique and it’s also necessary to the development of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

But I believe there must be a way which can solve it. I hope in the nearly future, scientists could invent a new technique to synthesize bear bile rather than use living bears. And I’m happy to that it has made headway. According to a medical professor from Hangzhou Traditional Medicine institute, the main ingredient of bear bile has been synthesized. It means the encounter of bears has come to an end!
Beijing Love Story: Say Goodbye to Painful Youth

Su Xiao

A Chinese TV-series Beijing Love Story is on the show setting off a rush to talk about the real life of Chinese post-1980s. This generation is facing the problem of marriage and survival. With the average salary in big city like Beijing or Shanghai, they are fighting for their positions, especially for those who seem to be the outsiders of this ruthless city. Obviously this story has deeply touched the Chinese, including those who are facing the same deal and even the post-90s began to worry about if their hard-living reality coming soon.

I think a lot while watching it. In one sense, life is harder than we could ever imagine. No one can predict precisely the outcome, but we can make right choice before things go wrong. The TV-series gives us a lesson: When you chase something wrong, you will never get the right response. Wu Di, Cheng Feng and Lin Xia, they hold their belief about love and life, and somehow managed to achieve it. But Xiao Meng and Yang Zixi made a foolish choice at the very beginning and have gone too far to get back. Eventually they paid for it, some cost too hard to bear.

This is not a fair world, and we should know who we are and what we can do to find the peace. Happiness can be truly simple: getting somebody to love, having something to work on it, and still carrying the hope of any possibility. Material desire should be released in a proper way and we must be clear that something is always more important than money. It seems as if we came back to the kindergarten, the things we learned very early and forgot gradually, which turned out to be the real fortune for living a happy life. That’s why so many people share similar feelings about this series.

Hugo—About the Dream

Liu Zhiyao

The 84th Annual Academy Awards has just concluded with a perfect ending. There was an outstanding film that won Best Cinematography, Art Direction, Sound Mixing, Sound Editing and Visual Effects and it totally deserved all this awards. The movie was Hugo.

The story began in the crowded train station of Paris. The little boy Hugo with a pair of curious blue eyes, always took care of the big clock. But in his spare time, he would fix a robot. He was wily and resourceful and he discovered a secret left by his father in the robot. However, he was caught by Georges Méliès when he was stealing tiny parts. Méliès found out he was fixing something and appreciated his talent, so he offered the boy a job. Through this way, Hugo got to know Méliès’s daughter Esabel, and they got the robot back to work together. It was surprised that what the robot drew wasn’t a message from Hugo’s father but a picture signed with the name of Méliès. When Méliès saw this picture he was out of control. So Hugo was determined to figure out Méliès’s secret. It turned out that Méliès once was a famous film maker, but World War One destroyed all his accomplishments. Somehow the fixed robot was his specialinvention and inspired him again. Thanks to Hugo, Méliès got back his dream and began to make films again.

For Hugo, he finally had a safe and loving place he could call it home.

The beautiful scene of Paris and the old-fashioned settings can place oneself into the film, and there are a lot of features of characters’ facial expressions that makes it vivid and emotional. The film is about dream, especially the dream of all the film makers. The boy in it said, “Everyone lives for a purpose.” Yes, we all live for a purpose means that we all have a dream, and the film maker is the one to transform our dream into a real world by fantastic scenes, funny dialogues or different characters. Georges Méliès was once lived, made dreams and helped to improve the development of film industries. So it’s not only a wonderful film that cheered up the audience, but one with sincere respects to Georges Méliès, to the film industries and encouragements for us to own a dream and work hard for it.

Films that Hugo Shows Respect for

1. Safety Last!
2. Employees Leaving the Lumière Factory
3. The Kiss
4. Kingdom of the Fairies
5. The Great Train Robbery
6. The Eclipse: Courtship of the Sun and Moon
7. The Arrival of the Mail Train
8. Freedom for Us
9. Le Mélomane
10. Le voyage dans la lune
11. Zéro de conduite: Jeunes diables au collège