

An Interview with the Prize Winner Chen Cheng

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Chen Cheng speaks excellent English. He won second prize in the HEP CUP National Practical English Speaking Contest for Professional College Students. Currently, he is a junior student studying international trade and is also going to graduate next year. I was delighted when he agreed to do an interview this Sunday despite his busy schedule.

We use A to stand for Chen Cheng, B: Li Yanwen C:Lv Chenlu D: LiJinyan just for convenience

B: Congratulations! You've almost been become a celebrity in our college. How can you be so successful?

A: Thank you. Well, nothing special, the most important thing is whether you will set your mind to work hard.

C: What do you mean by "set your mind"?

A: For example, when you think you needn't get up, you will never get up. When I was a freshman, I was still a boy with very poor English skills, so once I made up my mind to work hard, and promised that I would never let them down. Just as I had expected, I won the prize of Zhejiang province. But I thought that was certainly not enough.

B: So you won the prize of the Nation a year later!

A: Yes. To some extent, I was lucky then. I've never considered that I would win through the election on Internet.

D: You've been so great! And you have been to Beijing, right?

A: Yes, the competition was held in Beijing.

C: How was your trip there?

A: Well, they treated me quite well. I lived there with total convenience. Except the effort made for the competition, there was nothing difficult about the experience. I ate, drank and played, hahaha. Maybe, you too will have the chance to go there

D: Thank you. Did you feel nervous during the competition?

A: Yes.

D: How did you deal with the problem?

A: I could never make effort at the last moment. To deal with tension, the only way is to catch every chance to practice in your daily life. No matter what happens, you have made progress involuntarily.

B: That's a good method. Could you please introduce us some useful material such as a journal or a newspaper?

A: Yes, I can introduce you some. Both *China Daily* and *21Century* are good, and also some websites, like CNN or BBC, and you can also watch the programs of CCTV9 to improve your listening ability.

C: Thank you very much. So apart from the competition, what do you often do on campus or outside campus?

A: In fact I took a part-time job in Starbuck. This really taught me a lot. When the first

time I got there, I found that nearly everybody worked there were able to be polite, or sometimes over polite as I thought. But shortly after experiencing, I discovered that I could also be a polite man. That's quite valuable, and it's good for one to get a part-time job to earn experience. It's good to keep yourself busy.

B: That's right. And what's your plan after graduation?

A: Ah...I'm not planning to work; I want to be an undergraduate, so now I'm trying hard to get ready for the examination of Zhejiang Industrial and Commercial University.

B: So how did you spend Christmas Eve?

A: Well, I stayed up the whole night with my friends in the downtown. Oh, I'm really tired now.

B: Haha, you get to pay for it.

D: That's great! Is there anything you want to say to us or students in our college to share your experience?

A: I hope that everyone can do better than me next semester, and once you set your mind to do something, never give up. That is the way to success.

B: Thank you for your participation. You're still busy, right?

A: Oh, yes. I'm going to work this night. See you then!

BCD: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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