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A Letter to My Mother...by Bashir Aboubaker, Libya

I am very grateful and thank God all the time that my mother is still alive. I really don't know what I will do when her last day comes. I don't even like thinking about it actually, nor can I imagine my life without her.

It's so true that mothers give everything they can to their children and don't regret a minute of it. It is so rewarding for them to see the happiness in their children no matter what the cost. I never realized how difficult being a parent was until I had my own child.

My mother,

I wish I had known the agony and the exhaustion that you felt at the end of each day. You took care of me when I was sick, even though you were sick, too. You went nights without sleep from worrying. You made sure that every morning I was up and off to school. There are so many more things that I could list, but I would never be able to remember them all. I took up most of your time, leaving you with no time for yourself. What a sacrifice you made to raise me.

Now, I realize and understand that the love that parents have for their children is the most powerful, protective, caring, emotional, sacrificial love that will ever exist on this earth.

My mother,

Having a gracious mother like you is the greatest gift and biggest advantage that God has given me. I look at my wife and children, and it causes me to ponder the warm and beautiful ways you cared for me, my sisters, my brothers...so much love. I must say that you are one of the many reasons I have become the man that I am today. You are a part of my very being, and I am so proud to be your son. All mothers in the world should be like you.

My mother,

I love and miss you so very much and wish that you could be here with us. The miles between us make me sad sometimes, but I remember your strength, your compassion, and love for others and me, then I realize that the miles can only separate us physically as you are with me all the time. Mom, you are in my heart always.

My mother,

I think of you every single day. When I see a beautiful flower, I think of you. When I look at my children, Mohamed and Fatima, I think of you. When I watch my children's mother and see a wonderful wife and a beautiful mother, the woman she has become, I think of you.

My mother,

I thank you for a million of things, small things and big things.
For everything that you have done for me
For your prayers for me to be successful as you wish
For everything you have said,
and for all the times when you just said nothing and just listened
For every second of the day that you cared and raised me to be who I am today
Thank you, thank you, and thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

My mother,

I want you to know how very much I love you, to tell you that you are a phenomenal and gracious woman. I don't know what I would do without you. I want to tell you again and say it many times even after I die that I love you so very, very much, and that I am so proud to tell people that you are my mother.

I thank Allah for you. Be blessed, Mother. Always remember that I thank and love you, more than words can ever express.

Hugs, love, and prayers from your son, Bashir

Newspaper Celebrates Students' Writing

Writing is a difficult skill even in a student's first language. When students write in their second or third language, they are confronted with the use of all their newly learned skills: organization, sentence structure, grammar, spelling, vocabulary, punctuation, and more. Writing for publication also takes some courage. *Spring Views* was created to encourage composition and to give students of every level a forum for their writing. In this, the ninth issue of *Views*, we celebrate our students' expression of their thoughts and ideas.

My Two Schools: Spring and My Host family

by **Abderaawof M. Shaibi, Libya**

I have been here for two months, and I feel as if I have been here for ten years. Everyone whom I have met has been friendly and helpful.

My first school is Spring International language Center. I have learned American English as American people speak. The teachers are very helpful, and you can ask any question any time. You don't need to hesitate to ask them. They are very friendly.

My second school is my host family. I have learned many things about American culture since I have been living with the Alan Reed family, and I am having a really good time with my host family. Thank you, my host family, for your cooperation. I can't repay everything that my host family has done for me.

Getting to Know Level One

- First, my name is **Hussien Alabbas**. I am from Saudi Arabia. I am from Najran. This is my first time in the U.S.A. Next, my birthday is January 4, 1991. I am single. My favorite colors are blue and white. I am studying English because I want to go to an American University. I want a Bachelor's degree in engineering. My favorite free time activity is playing soccer. I am glad to be at this school, and I hope you have learned a little bit more about me.
- I am **Tariq Al-Belaihi** and I was born in Dammam in Saudi Arabia in 1988. I have lived in Dammam since I was born. I completed all my education in the same city. My city is located in eastern Saudi Arabia. We are ten members in my family including me. My family consists of my father, mother, five brothers, and three sisters. My father is retired and my mother is a housewife.
- My name is **Khalid Alluhayd**. I'm from Saudi Arabia. I am from Aljouf, but I live in Riyadh. This is not my first time in the U.S.A. I came to the U.S. when I was a child, and we spent four years here. My birthday is July 13, 1985. I am single. My favorite colors are blue and white because they are the colors of my soccer team. My favorite sport is soccer. I want to study for a Master's degree in Information Systems.
- First, my name is **Fahad Al-Omair**, but everybody calls me Abu Abdullah. I'm from Saudi Arabia. I am from the city of Dammam. It is a small city in Saudi Arabia. It was my dream to come here, and this is my first time in the U.S.A. Next, my birthday is February 12, 1984. I am married, and we don't have children because we are young. My favorite sport is riding horses. My favorite free time activity is talking with my friend. I am studying English because I want to go to an American University. I want a Bachelor's degree in accounting.
- First, my name is **Manie Attran**. I am from Najran in Saudi Arabia. My birthday is February 21, 1991. I am single. My favorite colors are green and white. This is my first time in the U.S.A. I am studying English because I want to go to an American University for a Master's degree in Engineering. My favorite free time activity is listening to music. In conclusion, I am glad to be at this school and I hope you have learned a little more about me.
- My name is **Uonis Dawood**, and I am from Albayda in northern Libya. It is a mountainous city. My date of birth is June 18, 1973. I am single. I am studying English because I want to go to an American University. I have a Master's degree in Geomorphology. My favorite free time activity is playing ball and exercise.
- My name is **Waleed AIYami**. I'm from Saudi Arabia. My date of birth is July 25, 1990. I am single. My favorite colors are blue and white. My favorite free time activity is soccer. I am studying English because I want to go to an American college for a Ph.D. in engineering.
- First, my name is **Yahya Sughayir**. I am from Najran in Saudi Arabia. This is my first time in the U.S.A. Next, my birthday is January 15, 1991. I am single. My favorite colors are blue and white. I am studying English because I want a Bachelor's degree in Business from an American University. In conclusion, I am glad to be at this school and hope you learned a little more about me. (Cont. p. 3)
- I am **Abdullah Al-Khaldi**. I'm from Saudi Arabia. My date of birth is November 24, 1984. I was born in the city of Dammam. My favorite color is green. I am studying English because I want to go to an American University for a Bachelor's degree in Engineering. My favorite free time activity is playing soccer.
- My name is **Mohamed Al-Marzouqui**. I'm from Qatar. This is my second time in the U.S.A. My birthday is June 24, 1987. I am single. My favorite color is blue. I am studying English (Cont. p. 3)

because I want to go to an American college for a Master's degree in Business. My favorite free time activity is being with my friends.

- I am **Jehad Al-Luhayd**. I am from Saudi Arabia. I was born in Aljouf on March 8, 1985. This is my first time to the U.S.A. I came to the U.S. on February 12, 2009. I have a bachelor's degree in Computer science, and I would like a Master's degree in Information Systems. My favorite colors are yellow and blue (colors of my soccer team) and my favorite free time activity is reading.

Level Two Writes

My Favorite Place

The Park... by Mohammed Ali Al-Atshan, Saudi Arabia

The park in Littleton is my favorite place. In the park there are a lot of ducks, so when I walk in the park I hear their sounds, but sometimes I listen to music on my iPod. I see many children running around the lake and the ducks swimming in the lake. There are chairs in front of the lake, so I always sit there to drink my coffee, and I feel relaxed and comfortable. I love to smell the coffee in the fresh air. There is a bridge to go to the other side, and a library left of the lake.

I love the park because I feel safe and comfortable. In the park I feel relaxed, happy, and thoughtful. I sit on the chairs, wind down, close my eyes and think about my family, my friends, and my future. The park is very special for me because I can get something I can't get in any other place, like fresh air, quiet, and calm. In conclusion, I love the park and it is my favorite place.



Brussels...by Sandra Collet, Belgium

My favorite place is Bruxelles. It's the capital of Belgium in Europe. I choose Bruxelles because I lived there during two months for my work, and I could discover the city's life. It's my favorite place for two reasons.

First, I like Bruxelles because I lived with four roommates in a big house near downtown. There were five floors, so it was very big. My roommates were very friendly and very protective with me because I was the new girl, and I was a little bit lost in the new city. With them, I discovered the place where our apartment was. We went out all weekend to dance in bars. It was very fun and friendly because on Friday evening, we played poker together. One time we had to paint the kitchen walls green and living room red. It was different than the other kitchen and living room. Finally, I like this place because I had perfect roommates, and I was very busy.

Second, I like Bruxelles because the downtown is fabulous. Its name is The Big Centre Plaza. It was about in the center of Bruxelles. The Plaza is a rectangle and the middle is empty. With my friend in the summer, we sat on the ground with a beer and looked at the old monuments. When I touched them, the rock was very cold and impressive. The monuments were wonderful because they were old and colorful. There were a lot of sculptures and old drawings. When I strolled, I smelled many kinds of food because there were restaurants next to the place. They often cooked seafood. In this place, I heard a lot of different languages because the Plaza is famous and there are lots of tourists. Finally I liked the Plaza because I always met people and could sometimes speak a little bit of German and English.

In conclusion, Bruxelles is beautiful and very interesting. There are lots of old monuments, and the people are really friendly and everybody is welcome. For me, it was a pleasant life.

The Sea...by Mohammed Al-Jafar, Saudi Arabia

The sea is my favorite place. When I was young, I usually went to the sea with my family. When I go to the beach, it is the best time to make me happy. I play soccer over soft sand. I smell fresh air. I like to lie down on the beach and watch the stars in the dark blue sky. I close my eyes and start dreaming of my life and my future. I like to listen to the splashing sound of the waves. I listen to my favorite song, and I (Cont. on p. 4)

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sing along with it. I just sit alone and forget everything in the world. In conclusion, the sea is the best place to sit with myself and feel comfortable.

Jeddah...by Majed Almarwani, Saudi Arabia

There are many wonderful places in the world, but my favorite place is Jeddah for many reasons. First, there is a sea in the middle of Jeddah and from my apartment I can smell the sea. Second, I hear in Jeddah the sound of prayers because my apartment is next to the mosque. In addition, I hear sounds of cars because I live in front of highway. Third, I see a beautiful downtown and big restaurants on the street. Also, In Jeddah I can taste the fish because the best fish in my country is in my hometown and I was born in Jeddah. Another thing, my hometown has good neighbors, so I love it. I feel comfortable, relaxed and safe in Jeddah. Finally, I love my hometown and I miss everything in it.

My Bedroom...by Tae Park, Korea

My favorite place is my bedroom. I love my bedroom because it makes me feel free and relaxed. First, my bedroom is very quiet because it is on the second floor and separate from other rooms. Second, it makes me feel relaxed and cozy. When I come to my bedroom, two dressers are near the left side of the wall and on top of the dresser is a TV and DVD player, so I like to watch TV and videos in the bed. The next side has three windows and beautiful curtains to decorate it, and in the middle of the other side is my bed and two stands beside the bed. A T-table and two chairs are also next to the bed. My bed color is beige and brown and the curtains are too. Finally, when I go to bed, I'm very comfortable and relaxed. It makes me sleepy. I love to sleep in my bed. My bedroom is my favorite place, and it gives me a lot of energy and it helps me to re-energize.

Shanghai...by Mazhou Gao, China

Shanghai is a very beautiful city, and there are a lot of beautiful places in Shanghai. The Oriental Pearl Tower is a TV tower in the city. It's in the Pudong district, by the side of Huangpu river. A lot of other Chinese people go there because the Oriental Pearl Tower is very famous all over the world. The Bund is lots of different buildings from different countries, so people call it Bund, meaning "small world." Just government and banks can use those buildings. The Bund is in the Huangpu district near the Nanjing road walkway. These two places are the most famous in Shanghai.

Shanghai is my favorite place. I was brought up in Shanghai, so it is my hometown. My family and my friends are in Shanghai and I think I can't leave them. In Shanghai, I feel very relaxed and happy. I don't need to drive to any place I want to go because Shanghai's transportation is very developed. Every weekend at midnight, I always go to the Bund with my girlfriend to listen to the bell's sound, and in that time I'm very satisfied. In the future, I think I will live in Shanghai because I love it there.

My Favorite Weekend Day...by Abdalla Al-Ali, United Arab Emirates

Sunday is my best day on the weekend. Last Sunday I woke up late. Then I got up and had lunch with my friends. After that I went to a movie with my friends and my roommate. Next, we went to the D&B to play many games. Later we went to a hooka bar. At night I did my homework and drank a cup of tea. Finally, I went to bed at 11:30 p.m. In conclusion I like my weekend day (Sunday) because I can do many things that I want to do.

Study in the U.S.A...by Abdulaziz Al-Mushari, Saudi Arabia

All the countries of the world have universities. However, the best universities are in the U.S.A. When I graduated from high school, I got admission to a university in my country. The admission was in Financial Management, but I want to be an engineer, so I told my family I must go to the U.S.A. because in the U.S.A. is the best in the world. Studying in the U.S.A. was my dream. I am very happy because my dream came true. The U.S.A. has many good universities, so I will be lucky if I graduate from any university in the U.S.A.

My Bedroom...by Sandy Saenz, U.S.A.

My favorite place is my bedroom because I feel comfortable there. When you come into my room, in the middle of the wall is a window, and my bed is next to it. I hate listening to my neighbor's dogs barking in the morning when I'm trying to keep sleeping. My computer desk is next to the right of my bed. I usually do my homework there. On the floor to the right is a basket for my dirty clothes. In the middle of the wall across from my bed is a TV chest, so I usually watch TV all the time. In the corner there is a dresser with a mirror above it. Every morning I stand in front of it to comb my hair or to put on my makeup. Next to my computer desk is a corridor where my closet is and at the end of this there is a door that leads to the bathroom, but I never use this door.

I don't like a mess, so my bedroom is always neat and tidy. My bedroom is my favorite place because there I can do whatever I like to do. My bedroom is special to me because it is my own private space. It makes me feel safe and relaxed. It is the only place where I feel comfortable. Sometimes I feel thoughtful, especially at night when all is quiet and peaceful. Finally my favorite place is my bedroom, and I enjoy being there.

Is It Justified?...by Mazen Ali Al-Maqbul, Saudi Arabia

One word combines eight letters. It is easy and hard to think about. The question is not what this word is. The real question is why this is so common these days. Violence. What does it mean? In fact, there are many kinds of violence in our world, but here are just three of the most common sorts of violence today: conflicts between countries, street violence, and violence against children.



First of all, the biggest problems in the world are the conflicts between countries. One problem is that innocent people get injured or killed for no reason. The second problem is that violence has become worst these days between countries in the world. For example, in Iraq many people have been killed and many other people have become refugees. Even in the past, for instance, World War II affected many citizens.

Furthermore, the most common sort of violence in big cities is street violence. Many people do not feel safe while walking in the streets. There are a lot of questions about street violence. These days, people are killing or hitting each other out in the street for money, sometimes for possessions or, strangely enough, for no reason. Moreover, many people feel that they can't trust each other any more out there in the street. Gangs have done a lot of unacceptable crimes to innocent people and even to each other, killing and injuring to solve their problems at the expense of other people. In addition, racism is a big problem. Some people still hate others because of racial differences. We are all human and everyone should know more about other races. Then we can all live together: Muslims, Christians, Jews, all other religions and all other races in peace with love.

Finally, violence against children is not a small thing to ignore. Children, most of the time, don't know what they are doing. When children do bad things or show bad behavior, we must discipline them in a good way. In other words, we should discipline them without scolding or slapping them. Sometimes shouting at children makes them in a bad temper and scares them, which might influence their personalities. Another problem is shaking children, which can really hurt their brains. Parents must learn more about how to treat their children. They should ask other people who have more experience for help.

All in all, we can live together more peacefully by our choices and thinking before we use unjustified violence to find solutions for our problems. We have to ask ourselves, why can't we live together in peace? Remember, you might gain something by using unjustified violence, but you will yourself for sure.

Education: An Important Element that Influences Our Lives

Eva Prokesova, Czech Republic

The Greek philosopher Plato once said, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life." In other words, education is an important element that influences our lives. Wanting to be well educated, everyone looks for the best schools that can please their expectations. People especially look for good service, quality of teaching, teachers' qualifications, and the activities of the school. However, to find the right school is never a piece of cake.

A first impression can have influence on your final decision. As an international student in Denver, I was like many others searching for an ESL school or institute to learn English. According to all of my requirements, I finally found five schools from which I had to choose. Next, I started making phone calls to these institutes to ask for some information about the schools. To my surprise, it was not a pleasant experience at all. First, I was waiting for almost 15 minutes for someone to pick up the phone. Then, I was told to call again and then again because no one had the time to speak with me. Moreover, the worst experience was when a secretary advised me to read a brochure instead of asking her questions because she did not know the answers. I was miserable and did not have any hope of finding a good school.

After all was said and done, I called Spring International Language Center. My call was responded to immediately. Every question I asked was answered with willingness; besides, I got some extra information and an invitation to see the school and their program. Compared to the other schools, I was looking forward to going to Spring and learning everything about the institute. Their professional and pleasant greeting made me choose Spring School for my future educational success.

Spring International offers highly qualified, experienced, and friendly faculty and staff. From the secretary, the executive assistant, the instructors to the director himself, I could count on everybody's 100 % assignment. Long and problematic paperwork of law and visa issues are nightmares for every international student. Compared to other schools, I did not have any trouble at Spring. Everything was taken care of by the Executive Assistant, who also helped me with other applications. Similarly, my personal experience with the instructors was very favorable. All of the instructors from Spring are qualified and have substantial experience. The instructors always try to find students' weaknesses and then make progress with them even during their free time. Even though the teachers there take their jobs very seriously, they bring a positive atmosphere to the class with their funny jokes. Using creative methods and games, Spring teachers make the class interesting. For instance, reading circles, computer work, making videos, conversations with native speakers, and other very useable activities help the students learn English. They are also patient and willing to help every student with problems that are not just concerned with school. The teachers' attitudes make students respect them and do their best. Consequently, both sides have a very nice relationship.

As a result of the various programs that Spring International language Center arranges every term, students have the opportunity to adjust to American culture and learn English in an enjoyable way. A colorful palette of activities, such as the International Dinner, ice-skating, ski trips, rafting, shopping, sports activities, and many other programs put students together. Students then meet other students from different cultures and make new friends. They can see teachers from untraditional angles and learn about American culture. My favorite activity was the International Dinner, where I tasted all kinds of food from many corners of the world. Another type of program that Spring offers is the Student Council. Every Wednesday, students and teachers meet and discuss topics that they enjoy and celebrate dates that are big in each culture; for example, Chinese New Year, St. Valentine's, etc. Students have a chance to speak and introduce their countries. The best side of Spring is that even for the many differences in cultures, religions, and people's behavior, the school always tries to please and to treat everybody in the same way.

I agree with Plato that education is very important to our future. To be well educated, we need a good school that can satisfy our needs. Luckily for me, I found Spring International Language Center, which matched my imagination and expectations. I made a smart choice that will me prosper for the rest of my life.

Teachers Should Abolish Grades...by Samuel E. John, India

Once upon a time when the present educational system became popular, educators introduced grades for children. This was used to measure their position and level academically. It was also used to promote children according to their knowledge of the subject. Now, curriculum and teaching methodology have completely changed according to relevant modern science and technology. According to an article from Manitoba University, "Grades are the currency of the teaching learning process" (Brown 1). Nevertheless, there is a widespread debate in the world whether school children need the so-called grades or not. Although grades were once used to judge a student's level, now grades should be abolished and promotions can be made by alternate methods.

There is a cry everywhere that grades should be abolished. At present, many students are working hard for the grade, not for acquiring knowledge. Knowledge can help them to choose their career path. On certain occasions, grades isolate children from others (Aunchman 2). Children often feel shy and receive negative impressions whenever they get lower grades than others, so they may be affected psychologically. If they get low grades continuously, they may feel they are incompetent. Some students leave school when they get failing grades. Finally, this attitude leads them towards frustration, dissatisfaction over studies and less involvement (Brown 1). For example, at one of the schools in Bangladesh, a particular child committed suicide due to a failing grade. In order to overcome, these hazards, we have to abolish grades.

Secondly, if grades are abolished how will we evaluate children? The answer is simple. We can evaluate their growth in their studies and their position with the help of different parameters. For example, we could analyze their involvement in their studies, time taken for completion of homework, and their participation in classroom activities. Teachers have to closely evaluate student creativity and enthusiasm for studying, and consider this part of their grade. Further, the teacher could insist that the child participate in all classroom activities to help the teacher evaluate them. On an experimental basis some schools in India and the Middle East have adopted this system of education with success.

The solutions to using other evaluating standards instead of grades are very simple. We have to change our old traditional system of grading to give some positive, complimentary words such as "very good," "excellent," or "well done." Moreover, we can give younger children smiling faces or a few chocolates for good work in class. These are solutions that can surely help the teachers instead of using grades. Since children's mental growth is very tender up through fifth grade, teachers have to give full promotion to each student who makes an effort.

Ultimately, the student community will be happy if teachers abolish grades. We can develop a brotherhood among students rather than developing enmity and competition because of grades. In this way, students would seldom turn angry or violent toward other students because of lower grades. Student involvement in studies and school activities would increase significantly. Regular attendance, their creativity and willingness to learn would change tremendously. Aristotle once said, "Curiosity is human nature." According to this statement, students can decide what they want to be. Let the abolition of the grading system flourish throughout the world with greater speed than it has until now.

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My Three Stages of Cultural Adjustment to the U.S

by Jinwoo Ahn, South Korea

People who live abroad, regardless of their purposes, go through certain stages because of cultural differences. The extent or time of the stages foreigners go through can differ according to where they are from and what they are like. As for me, I've been here in the U.S. for two and a half months, and I'm going through stages in my adjustment to American culture. The normal stages people who stay abroad have to go through are the honeymoon period, culture shock, and acceptance and integration.

The first stage of culture shock I experienced was the honeymoon period. I was really excited to learn about the English language and American culture and to make foreign friends. I studied English even when I was doing military service that is mandatory for all Korean men. Because there was no opportunity to make conversation with native speakers, I was always longing to speak with Americans. Not only was I interested in their language but I was also interested in their culture, especially Hollywood movies and various sports events. I was thrilled to watch the latest Hollywood movies ahead of my friends in South Korea. I could also watch good movies that were not going to be released in Korea. I also liked to go to sports events, such as basketball and baseball games. I couldn't believe I could watch the real sports events that could only watch on TV before. I questioned the school about what nationalities made up the classes before I chose the school, so I had already known that there were very few Koreans in the school. To me, opposites attract, so I was really excited to make friends who were totally different from me.

The second stage was culture shock. After I had been here a few weeks, American culture seemed more different from my culture than I expected. The biggest difficulty I understood was that Americans speak directly. They say exactly what they want, not going around. I was astonished about their reaction to the food they didn't like. When people were offered the food, they didn't like, they said, "No, thank" outrightly. In our culture, we're supposed to take a bite even if the food is not to our taste, especially if the person offering it made the food. It was really hard for me to say directly what I felt. I was also surprised that many Americans didn't respect their parents. When I went to the Denver zoo, at that time my host family mother didn't want to drive because she was under the weather. She asked her son to drive; in spite of her continuing to ask him, he impolitely refused to drive. It shocked me because I think he lacked politeness toward his parents. I also felt like an idiot because of the language barrier. I was confident about my English because I started to study at level 5 as soon as I came to the U.S. In real life, however, the speed at which people talked was much faster than I had thought. I didn't understand what they were talking about most of the time. I felt as though I was isolated from people many times.

The last stage of culture shock that I experienced was the stage of acceptance and integration. I'm now adjusting myself to American culture and the speed at which Americans talk. My English is getting better the longer I stay in the U.S. I have made a lot of effort to improve my English, such as making friends with Americans and watching TV. I also have tried to spend most of my time interacting with my host family and writing down new expressions that they use. Now that I have more confidence than before, I can talk in English in public equally as well as when I'm in class. When I suffered from culture shock, I hardly ever gave my opinion. It's hard for me to make myself understood, but now I can say almost everything I want to say. After getting used to the language, I have started to feel comfortable about the culture. I don't think I totally understand the culture and the language, but at least I don't feel nervous anymore when I go to the store.

I think living in a foreign country is not easy for anyone. At first, everything seems to be fine and favorable. As time goes by, however, it requires a lot of patience, sometimes involving someone in a very bad situation because of his or her lack of language proficiency or understanding of a different culture. I think if people make an effort to really understand a foreign language and to adjust themselves to a foreign culture, their perseverance and efforts will pay off in the near future.