

# 走进新世纪

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Sometimes even on Saturday there come people to school. This time it's because of Xiao laoshi's lecture about cross-cultural relationships. Most of the people who come to listen are Chinese. Some like to study abroad, others like to study English and develop relationships with foreigners. Xiao laoshi tells us that the way of thinking of Chinese people and foreigners really is different. If you like to go abroad or make friends with foreigners, you not only need to be able to speak English, but you also need to study their culture and customs. She told us a story about a Chinese student in the US. She lives there with an American family. They never buy fruit, whereas the Chinese students loves eating fruit. But she doesn't dare to ask them why they don't have fruit. She thinks; maybe they can't afford it? But she doesn't ask them because she doesn't want to let them loose face. That's really a Chinese way of thinking. Eventually she talks with them and finds out they are just not used to eating fruit. The host family is very happy that they now know she likes eating fruit and buy it every day for her.

Although I'm a foreigner, this lecture was useful for me too. Because the lecture was about the differences between Chinese and foreigners, it helped me understand more and more of the Chinese way of thinking.

Christel



有时候连星期六也有人来学校。这次是因为肖老师做讲座关于跨文化关系。大部分来的人都是中国人。有的想出国上学，有的想学英文和跟外国人做朋友。肖老师告诉我们外国人和中国人的想法真的不一样。所以你想出国或者跟外国人做朋友，你不仅需要学好英语，而且也需要学好他们的文化和习惯。她举了一个例子：一个中国学生在美国上学。她住在一个美国家庭。他们从来不吃水果。那个学生很想吃水果，可是她不敢问他们为什么没有水果。她觉得：可能水果太贵？可是她不问他们因为她不要让他们丢面子。这是中国人的想法。终于她跟他们说话，然后才发现他们就不习惯吃水果。他们很高兴现在知道她很想吃水果。现在每天都给她买。虽然我是外国人，这个讲座对我来说也有用。因为讲的是关于中国人和外国人的不同，让我更了解中国人的想法。 安可悦



12年前，我来到新世纪当老师。培训老师告诉我，新世纪的教学方法是：老师说25%，学生说75%。开始教课了，我很快发现，应用这个原则不是一件容易的事。怎么问问题才能让学生多说呢，什么样的例句才是使用一个生词最恰当的情境呢，哪些情境是对学生来说最实用的呢？我不断寻找着这些问题的答案，令人惊喜的事情发生了！学生不但能多说，而且能表达很深的想法！我的学生说：“我知道我说的很慢，谢谢新世纪的老师耐心等我说完。”第一次听到学生这样说的时候，我真的特别开心。

我相信新世纪的很多老师都常常听到学生这样的反馈。学生们的鼓励对我帮助很大。真正的老师不是高高在上的，而是会通过鼓励和支持跟学生一起成长。如同一个身体上的各个肢体，各有特点各有用处，需要配合。我喜欢我的工作，因为我在这里学会互相理解互相支持。

感谢每一位支持新世纪的朋友。感谢您耐心阅读我们的月刊。这是我们通过邮件发出的最后一份月刊了。今后我们将把月刊内容通过网站呈现给大家，我们的网址是 [www.newcenturytianjin.com](http://www.newcenturytianjin.com)，欢迎关注。

肖老师

Twelve years ago, I came to New Century to work as a new teacher. The teaching training required new teachers to follow such a principle while teaching: the teacher speaks 25% and the student speaks 75% at class. I felt hard to do so when I started to teach. How could I make the students talk more? What situations should be the most proper and functional ways for the students to use the new vocabularies? My students surprised me when I was exploring the answers of these questions. They started to not only speak more but also express their deep thoughts. One of my students said: "I speak too slow but my New Century teachers let me finish my sentence. I am thankful for their patience." I was so happy when I first heard this!

I believe many New Century teachers have heard about this kind of feedback. The students really encourage me a lot. A good teacher is not a dictator but a partner who can encourage, support, and explore together for everyone ought not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think but to think soberly. Just like we have many members in one body and all members have not the same office but they can cooperate. I like my job because I am learning to understand and support with each other.

Thank you for all your support. Thank you also for reading our newsletters. This was our last emailed newsletter because we are going to put our news on our website since next month. Our website is [www.newcenturytianjin.com](http://www.newcenturytianjin.com). We look forward to sharing more with you all.

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