

Illuminating My Chinese Dream

My name is ABDULRAZAK, from Somalia. I am a young person who loves Chinese culture very much. A Chinese proverb says, "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." In November 2015, when I set foot on the land of China, I saw a bright future. At that moment, in an active, spectacular and dynamic environment, the bustling crowd attracted my attention, and I was shocked by the richness and beauty of China. When I deeply understand China's language, infrastructure, scientific and technological level and so on, I can't help saying "if you want to start a career, go to China!"



Now, I have been in Jiangsu University for three years. I am proud to say that these three years are very rich and meaningful. Jiangsu University has taught me to cultivate my critical thinking, cooperation ability, communication ability and creativity, and release my potential.

I like Chinese characters very much. Chinese characters are like exquisite paintings. They accumulate rich and profound Chinese culture and are fascinating. In order to learn Chinese well, I have made a lot of efforts. In the process of learning Chinese, I found many interesting Chinese characters. For example, with the approach of the lunar new year, many Chinese families hang the word "Fu" upside down at the door of their home. Chinese friends told me that the word "到" means "arrive", and "到" is homonymous with "倒" (reverse), so reversing the word "Fu" means "Fu is here"! The meaning of happiness in Chinese culture is spiritual satisfaction and the pursuit of a better life. Chinese characters are so interesting.



I found that as long as we try to pay attention, we can learn a lot about Chinese history and culture. Gradually, my friends around me began to call me "China expert", because I learned a lot of Chinese characters with my curiosity and love for China. Now I can even use Chinese as the language

of daily life to communicate with Chinese friends.

Read ten thousand books and walk ten thousand miles. I deeply agree with this sentence, so I plan to travel around the world in my spare time, especially in China with beautiful scenery and profound history. I take trains, planes and even buses to many cities, including Shanghai, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Qingdao, Yiwu, Nanjing and so on. When I see beautiful scenery everywhere and buildings with thick cultural atmosphere, I feel admiration. I can't even find suitable words to describe their beauty. I felt the unique charm of China among pavilions, buildings, mountains, rivers and trees. China accepted me with its vast body of 9.6 million square kilometers. From then on, a wisp of soul from distant Africa found spiritual sustenance in a foreign country. China is my second hometown.



People often say, "no pains, no gains." Learning is to pay and gain. I am very happy to be awarded scholarship after serious study, which further encourages me to pursue outstanding academic achievements and improve my personal ability.

I also participated in the fourth annual medical seminar. The scientific research paper on "influenza vaccine" written by our team won 2nd prize.

When I came to Jiangsu University, I dreamed of leading the medical student community to cultivate teamwork spirit through diligent and selfless service. In the first year of school, I served as a volunteer of IMSA (International Medical Students Association). The next year, I became a member of the IMSA organizer committee. Last year, the third year, I was elected vice president of IMSA, during which I organized and participated in a number of activities.

In addition to the above activities, I am also honored to participate in CCTV's Spring Festival interview in 2018; CCTV's interview is about foreigners' understanding of China's Spring Festival. I have the honor to brief you on the customs of the Spring Festival. I also participated in the classic reading activity of Shiyezhou in Zhenjiang and shared with you my first Chinese story "wandering son Yin";



I also participated in many volunteer services, including fire drills and voluntary blood donation. The colorful campus life is like a beautiful dream, like colorful shells on the beach, which not only adds colorful colors to my life, but also allows me to exercise and increase knowledge in practice.

After graduation, I want to have my own hospital and draw a smile on the patient's face to fill their hearts with happiness. At the same time, I want to be a cultural envoy, a bridge connecting China and Africa, and establish a strong cultural exchange link. One of my favorite Chinese proverbs says: give roses and leave fragrance in your hand. I also understand that helping others is a win-win situation! Not surprisingly, my dream will take root in China.