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内 容 简 介

本书由新年贺词、中美关系、祖国统一、中国教育、社会保障与再就业、三农问题和环境保护七个单元组成,每个单元一个热门话题。全书将阅读、口语和演讲三个方面的知识整合在一起,融科学性、趣味性和实用性为一体,语言通俗易懂,力求原汁原味,注重培养学习者的基本技能。

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前 言

我国自 2001 年加入世界贸易组织,尤其是接连成功申办 2008 年北京夏季奥运会主办权和 2010 年上海世界博览会主办权以来,其国际化步伐明显加快。中国更加关注世界,世界各国也更加关注中国。英语作为一门世界通用语言在我国的民间乃至社会高龄人群中,也开始得到大力普及和全面推广,就像汉语学习在美国和世界其他国家和地区的学校和社会团体中开始受到前所未有的重视一样。在整个民族蒸蒸日上、快速发展、日益国际化的进程当中,青年群体作为社会希望和中坚力量,在其实际学习、生活和工作过程中,要想灵活应对和适应新的职业挑战,就必须关心和关注国内外时事要闻,掌握必要的时事英语阅读技能和流利的英语口语及演讲技能。

我们现有的对英语人才素质的评价尺度,往往是看他是否通过大学英语四、六级或专业英语四、八级考试。事实上,这些考试证书并不足以说明持证者的英语实际应用水平,尤其是英语语言的表达能力。生活是现实的,社会的发展对语言的互译要求是全方位的,主要是理解性的和功能性的。通俗地讲,复合型人才在用英语阅读材料、获取信息、日常交往、旅游购物、求职应聘、商务谈判、学术交流等活

动中,不仅要能与外国同行用英语进行自由的交谈,随心探讨各个方面的问题,而且还要能够用规范的英语撰写论文、报告、信函等。显然,目前的培养模式和英语教材已无法适应新型人才的培养需求。我们编写此书正是基于这一现实的考虑。

本书把阅读、口语和演讲三个方面的知识整合在一起,融科学性、趣味性和实用性为一体,突出了基本功的培养。

在内容安排上,本书重点突出了英语阅读和演讲两大基本技能的培养和训练。

第一,突出对英语阅读技能的培养和训练。

英语阅读不仅是英语学习的目的之一,而且是英语学习的主要手段和途径。英语阅读技能不仅是最重要的语言技能之一,也是英语学习必须掌握的学习技能之一。阅读训练能促进一个人其他语言技能的发展。要提高口语水平,对问题要有自己的见解,就离不开平时大量的阅读。通过阅读,我们既可接触到英语的各种语言现象,有效扩大词汇量,掌握更多表达方式,增强对英语的语感,又可以从中了解英语国家人民的生活、思想和感情,以及他们的社会、历史和传统习惯,熟悉他们的道德标准、价值观念等,既有利于提高英语水平,又能增长有关西方社会的文化知识。

第二,突出对英语口语和演讲技能的培养和训练。

演讲是沟通和交流的一种最高境界,是当代社会新型人才必备的基本技能之一。在国际化这个大的时代背景下,社会、经济和文化等领域的交流和沟

通成为了人才全面发展的关键和核心。演讲作为一种强有力的沟通手段,势必贯穿在商务、政治和科研等各种社会活动之中。

演讲是有目的性的,是为了阐明一个事实,提供一种见解,分析一个事物,说服一个群体。这就是演讲所具有的强大的交流和沟通功能。在本书中,我们有意按照演讲的技能培训来安排内容,为逐步培养学习者的英语演讲技能奠定基础。

本书由七个单元组成,每一个单元至少包括二至四篇短文和对话。每个单元的短文自成一体,相辅相成。多数文章后附有短语注释。书后附有参考答案,便于自学。

在本书编写过程中,我们参阅了学界诸多同仁的科研、学术成果,在此一并表示衷心的感谢。

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Unit **1**

New Year Address

新年贺词

1.1 Reading Materials

1.1.1 Passage 1

Hu Jintao's New Year Address

January 1, 2005

Ladies and Gentlemen, Comrades and Friends,

The New Year's bell will soon toll to usher in the year 2005. At this special moment, in saying goodbye to the past and looking forward to the future, I'd like to extend New Year's greetings to Chinese people of all ethnic groups, compatriots in the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions, Taiwan compatriots, overseas Chinese, as well as our friends from all around the world, through China Radio International, China National Radio and China Central Television.

The year 2004 witnessed the Chinese people's incessant

efforts to build an all-around well-off society, and push forward the socialist modernization drive. In this year, guided by Deng Xiaoping Theory and the important thought of the "Three Represents", we have established and implemented the conception of people-based, comprehensively coordinated and sustainable scientific development. We continued to further reform and opening-up policies, and promote development, maintain social stability, and the National economy keeps a momentum of good development. New successes have been made in the construction of socialist political and spiritual civilizations. There is a new development in various social undertakings, and people's living standards have been further improved. The Communist Party of China held the fourth Plenum of its 16th National Congress, examining the experience of its governing over the past year, and mapping out an overall guideline for strengthening its efforts to improve its governing capability. At present, Chinese people of all ethnic groups are joining their hands and striving to realize the country's prosperity, the nation's rejuvenation, and society's harmony as well as people's happiness.

In this past year, we held high the banner of peace, development and cooperation, adhered to our independent foreign policy of peace, and the road of peace and development, worked hard to maintain world peace and promoting common development, and played a constructive role in a wide range of major issues concerning the security and development of the world and regions, and promoted the friendly exchanges and practical cooperation between China and the various countries of the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Comrades and Friends!

The year 2005 is the last year when China fully realizes its Tenth Five-Year Plan, and a crucial year for the country to promote the all-around construction of a well-off society. We will earnestly implement the scientific conception of development, and keep economic development as our central task. We will continue to strengthen and improve macro-economic control, and speed up the economic restructuring. We will work hard to promote reform and opening up and stable and fast development of the economy, enhance the construction of political and spiritual civilizations, work hard to build a harmonious society, and push forward the construction of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

We will continue to adhere to the policies of "One Country, Two Systems" and the high autonomy of Hong Kong people in Hong Kong and Macao people in Macao. We will also continue to stick to the basic laws of the Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions, support their chief executives and governments in exercising their legal powers, enhance economic and trade ties between the mainland and Hong Kong and Macao, and maintain the long term prosperity and stability of the two SARs.

We will stick to the basic principals of peaceful reunification and "One Country, Two Systems", and the current eight-point proposal for developing cross-Straits relations and pushing forward the country's peaceful reunification process, to promote human, economic, and cultural exchanges across the Taiwan Straits, and to continue to seek the realization of peaceful reunification with the utmost sincerity and the grea-

test efforts.

We are willing to resume cross-Straits dialogue and negotiations based on the "One China" principle. However, we will never allow anyone to separate Taiwan from China in any way. Once again, I call on all Chinese people, including Taiwan compatriots, to unite to oppose and contain the so-called "Taiwan independence forces" and their activities, and strive for an early reunification of the country.

Ladies and gentlemen, comrades, friends!

The current international situation continues to undergo profound and complex changes. Peace and development remain the dominant trends of the times. The development of a multi-polarized world and economic globalization is gathering momentum at a rapid rate. Science and technology are developing at a great speed every day, bringing new opportunities to every country.

However, the influence of factors of instability and uncertainty is on the increase. Problems such as territorial conflicts, terrorism, the gap between North and the South, the deteriorating environment, and trade barriers are posing serious threats to the peace and development of mankind.

Maintaining world peace and promoting common development are the common wishes of peoples of all countries. The Chinese people are willing to work with peoples of other countries to establish a fair and reasonable international political and new economic order, promote democratization in international relations, respect world diversities, create new concepts of security, and realize the balanced and sustainable development of the world economy.

The Chinese people feel deep sympathy for other peoples in the world who are plagued by war, conflict, hunger and poverty. We hope that they will soon be able to embark on the road of peace and development, and we are willing to provide all the assistance we can.

We believe that as long as people of all countries and their leaders work hard and with foresight for mankind's future and common interests, cooperate to achieve peace and development, and join hands to conquer difficulties, then we will be able to create a bright future for mankind.

Finally, from here in Beijing I wish you all the best for the New Year!

Notes

1. Chinese people of all ethnic groups 全国各族人民
2. compatriots in the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions, Taiwan compatriots, overseas Chinese 香港特别行政区同胞和澳门特别行政区同胞,台湾同胞和海外侨胞
3. China Radio International, China National Radio and China Central Television 中国国际广播电台、中央人民广播电台和中央电视台
4. to build an all-around well-off society 全面建设小康社会
5. the socialist modernization drive 社会主义现代化
6. Deng Xiaoping Theory and the important thought of the "Three Represents" 邓小平理论和“三个代表”重要思想
7. to establish and implement the conception of people-based, comprehensively coordinated and sustainable scientific development 树立和落实以人为本、全面协调可持续发展的科学

发展观

8. to further reform and opening-up policies, and promote development, maintain social stability 深化改革、扩大开放、促进发展、保持稳定
9. to keep a momentum of good development 保持良好发展势头
10. the construction of socialist political and spiritual civilizations 社会主义政治文明、精神文明建设
11. various social undertakings 各项社会事业
12. to realize the country's prosperity, the nation's rejuvenation, and society's harmony as well as people's happiness 实现国家富强、民族振兴、社会和谐、人民幸福
13. a multi-polarized world 多极化世界
14. economic globalization 经济全球化

1. 1. 2 Passage 2

President Jiang Zemin Extending 2003 New Year Wishes

January 1, 2003

Ladies and Gentlemen, Comrades and Friends,

The New Year bell shall ring for the year of 2003. At this moment, I am glad to extend, through China Radio International, China National Radio and China Central Television, my new year wishes to the people of all nationalities of the country, to compatriots of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Macao Special Administrative Region, to Taiwan compatriots as well as overseas Chinese, and to friends of all countries around the world and in all the regions.

The year 2002 is of major and deep significance to the de-

velopment of China. The Communist Party of China successfully convened the 16th National Congress. This congress set the important thought of "The Three Represents" together with Marxism and Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, and Deng Xiaoping Theory as the guideline that the Communist Party of China must adhere to for a long time. The congress systematically summed up the basic experience of our Party in leading people to build socialism with Chinese characteristics. It put forward the objective of building a well-off society in an all-round way. It made a comprehensive deployment for the various tasks of building a socialist economy, politics and culture with Chinese characteristics. It realized the smooth transition from the old generation of party leaders to the new. Now the various nationalities of the Chinese people are closely united around the Central Committee of the Party led by General-Secretary Hu Jintao. With high spirits and in unity, they shall strive to build an overall well-off society and create a new chapter in the history of socialism with Chinese characteristics. I firmly believe China is sure to usher in an even brighter future.

The year 2002 is a year in which China continued to explore and advance in its reform and opening up as well as its socialist modernization drive. We adhered to the policy of increasing domestic demand, implemented the proactive fiscal policy and stable monetary policy, carried out the strategy of revitalizing China through science, technology and education and the strategy of sustainable development, promoted strategic economic restructuring, strengthened the fundamental status of agriculture, deepened state-owned enterprise reform,

enhanced ecological protection and construction, actively promoted development of the western region, strived to create employment and promote reemployment, perfected the social security system, and consolidated the construction of the socialist legal system and culture and ideology. Accordingly, we maintained a sustained, rapid and sound development of the national economy, promoted overall progress of society, and further improved the people's standard of living. Today, China is thriving with a good government and a united people.

We adhered to the opening policy in promoting reform and development and brought reform and opening up to a new level. China strictly abided by the rules of the World Trade Organization and honored its commitments by continuing to open its markets and improve the investment environment. China has now become one of the most attractive countries on the planet for foreign investment. China's development is indispensable to the world and the world's prosperity is indispensable to China. China's development is conducive to world peace and development.

We upheld the policy of "one country two systems" and strictly followed the basic law of Hong Kong SAR and the basic law of Macao SAR, thus maintained the socio-economic stability of Hong Kong and Macao. We actively developed relations across the Taiwan Straits by adhering to the basic principle of "peaceful reunification and one country two systems" and the eight propositions for developing cross-straits relations and promoting peaceful reunification. The contacts between the people across the straits and the economic and cultural exchanges have constantly been enhanced, so has the will of the

Taiwan compatriots for peace, stability, and development.

We have all along pursued an independent foreign policy of peace, and have, together with people of all the other countries, adamantly promoted world's peace and development. We conducted an all-engaging diplomacy, played an active role in handling major international and regional issues, further enhanced economic cooperation and communication with other countries, and actively promoted cooperation in international anti-terrorism under different mechanisms including the United Nations. The friendship between Chinese people and the people of other countries have constantly improved.

The year 2003 is the first year in which the Chinese people shall strive for the grand objective laid off by the Party's 16th National Congress. Chinese people shall walk along the road of building socialism with Chinese characteristics. Through more than 20 year's of reform and development, China has made achievements that attracted worldwide attention. We truly believe that with another twenty years' efforts, the industrious and brave Chinese people shall, with their own hands, create new wonders on the land of China. By then, China shall be richer and stronger and it shall make even greater contribution to mankind.

Here I'd like to extend in particular to the 23 million Taiwan compatriots my wish of health and happiness for them in the New Year. I firmly believe that through joint efforts of all Chinese people, including Taiwan compatriots, the complete reunification of the motherland can surely be realized at an early date.

At present, the international situation is undergoing pro-