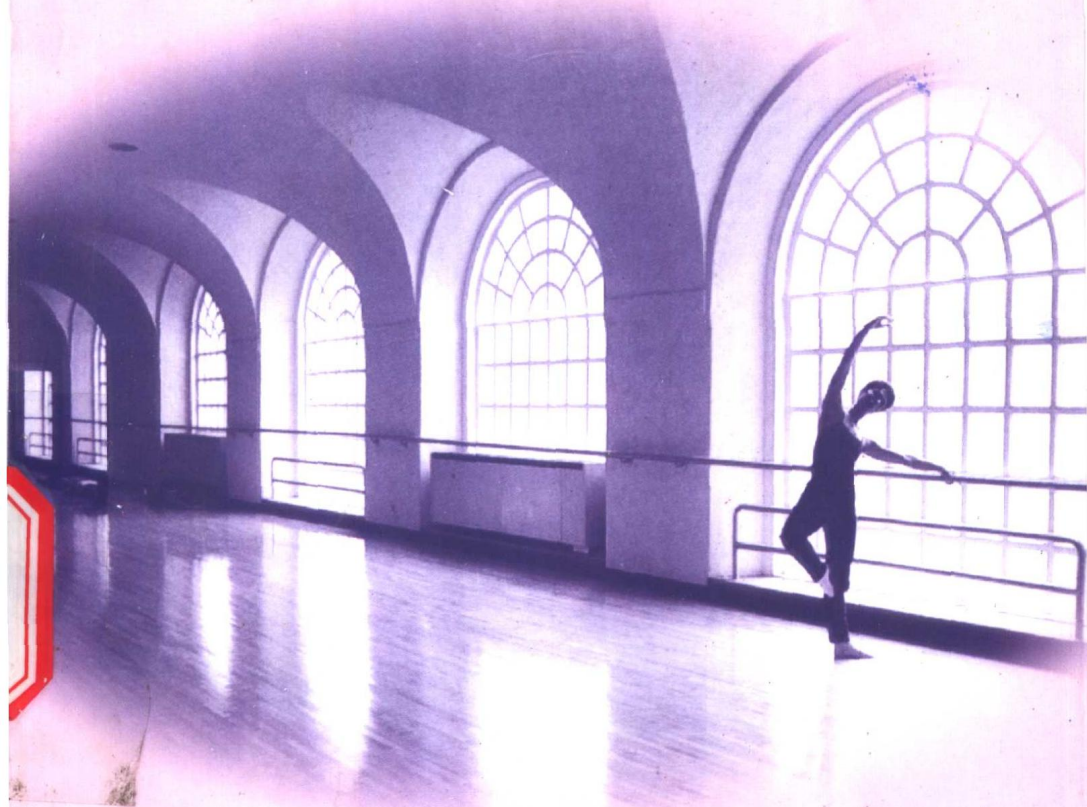


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前 言

随着我国改革开放的不断深入,英语口语在对外交往中的作用日益突出。《大学英语教学大纲》中明确规定:大学英语教学的目的之一是要培养学生具有“一定的说的能力”。而且,从 2000 年起在全国各省会城市将组织大学英语口语考试。这更说明了培养学生运用语言能力的重要性和紧迫性。为了适应 21 世纪对人才的需求,湖北省高校大学外语教学研究会早在 1997 年就决定从口语教材建设入手,逐步探讨学时有限的大学英语课程教学的模式,以培养学生具备通过口头交际,快速、准确地获取或交流国内外最新信息的运用语言的能力。

本套口语系列教材分初级、中级、高级三册,分别供大学英语 1~2 级、3~4 级、5~6 级三个阶段教学使用。《初级口语》以日常会话为主进行编写;《中级口语》以当今热门话题为主进行编写;《高级口语》以需求外语的社会各行业的实用英语会话为主进行编写。全套书由王秀珍教授任总主编。她代表湖北省高校大学外语教学研究会组织全省 10 所高等院校具有丰富教学经验、较强科研能力和良好合作精神的教师共同编写,并负责构思全套书的总体编写计划与实施,确定样篇以及全书的审定工作。全套教材在内容安排、语言难度上既做到了由浅入深、循序渐进,又可各册自成体系,独具特色。

《高级口语》以需求外语的社会各行业的实用英语会话为主,共 18 单元。每两个单元围绕一个主题编写。每个单元包括两个对话(two conversations)与两篇短文(two passages)两部分,每部分

都配有形式多样的练习,如:answering questions, role-playing, situational dialogue, retelling, group discussion, commenting, debating, recitation 等,以巩固与操练所学的内容。主编汪火焰副教授除组织实施和不断完善编写计划、拿出样篇外,具体负责第 13 至 16 单元的编写;张昌耀副教授负责第 1、2、7、8 单元的编写;赵兴烈教授负责第 5、6 单元的编写;高章泓、王树清两位同志分别负责第 3、4、17、18 单元和第 9、10、11、12 单元的编写。

本教材配有 4 盒盒式音带,由 Monica Ackerman and David Bryant(美)朗读。音带音质清晰,语音纯正,语速适中,是广大英语爱好者自学模仿不可多得的有声资料。

在编写此书的过程中,我们得到了湖北省高校大学外语教学研究会各位同仁的大力支持,也得到了各高校广大教师的热情关注。武汉大学出版社也给予了积极的支持,将此套教材列为优先出版之项目,为使该套书按期保质出版与发行做了大量的工作。为此,我们谨向各位同仁、出版社领导及各位编辑表示衷心的感谢!

由于时间紧、资料有限,加之编者水平有限,缺点与错误在所难免,恳请专家、同行及广大读者不吝指正。

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Unit One Tourism (I)

Part One Conversations

Conversation One

Key Words and Expressions

sector <i>n.</i>	部门
investment <i>n.</i>	投资
infrastructure <i>n.</i>	基础设施
accommodations <i>n. (pl.)</i>	住宿
spare <i>vt.</i>	节省,省下
walking encyclopaedia	活字典
consult with	向...咨询,求教于
smokeless industry	无烟工业
sunrise industry	朝阳工业
sunset industry	夕阳工业

Talking about Tourism

(Wang Dong, a college student, is reading a magazine in his dorm room when his roommate Li Jiang enters.)

Wang: Hi, Li Jiang. You've come at the right moment, our wal-

king encyclopaedia. I've got a question to consult with you. I can't figure out the meaning of the term "smokeless industry", which I've just come across in the magazine. Have you ever heard of it?

Li: What a coincidence! I just heard of it over the radio the other day. As I understand it, it refers to such sunrise industries as tourism and communications. You know, traditional industries, or sunset industries as they are often called nowadays, like iron and steel production and power generation, produce a huge amount of smoke, but---

Wang: Oh, I see. You mean that an industry that does not give off smoke in the production process is called smokeless industry.

Li: Yea, that's it. As you see it, now our world is seriously polluted. So every government is taking all steps possible to encourage the growth of smokeless industries.

Wang: No wonder there has been much discussion about tourism on the mass media these days. They say it should be developed as an important sector of economy.

Li: Actually, tourism in China has been developing at a greater rate than the other sectors over these years. This rapid growth can be seen as the result of the continuous effort made by our government. First, our government has attached greater importance to developing tourism since China was opened to the world. Second, it has increased its investment in tourist infrastructure such as transportation and accommodations. Third, it is actively engaged in promoting a flow of tourists to various tourist sites with advertising or public relations techniques.

Wang: But I think increased income and changed attitude are ano-

ther two important factors. Now, many Chinese have more money to spare and can afford trips at home and abroad. Besides, they have come to believe that life means more than earning a living. It also means having fun.

Li: You're right. In fact, traveling is not only for fun. You can learn a lot, too, er... about history and culture. Speaking of tourism, I'd like to tell you my plan for the coming summer vacation. Will you join me?

Wang: Well, it all depends. What are you going to do in the summer vacation?

Li: Pay a visit to Beijing. What would you say to my plan?

Wang: A wonderful idea! I've been dreaming of going to Beijing to see the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. I'm afraid it will be no easy booking train tickets, though.

Li: Don't worry. We can go on a package tour with a travel agency, which will make all arrangements for you, including transportation, accommodations, sightseeing and other entertainment. So all you have to worry about is money.

Wang: So let's find a part-time job and save up for the trip.

Li: Ok, that's settled.

Notes

1. What a coincidence! 真是太巧了!
2. As I understand it, it refers to such sunrise industries as tourism and communications. 按我的理解,它是指像旅游和通讯这类朝阳工业。
3. That's it. 正是如此。此表达方式用以肯定对方的话或推测。
4. No wonder there has been much discussion about tourism on the mass media these days. They say it should be encouraged as an

important sector of economy. 难怪近来大众媒体对旅游进行了大量的讨论。大家都说它应该作为一个重要的经济部门加以鼓励。no wonder 或 it is no wonder 引导一个从句。

5. Speaking of ... 此表达意为“谈到...”，用以引出一个新的话题。
6. It all depends. 这得看情况。也可以说: That all depends.
7. What would you say to my plan? 你以为我的计划如何? What would you say to 用以征求对方对某事的意见。
8. a package tour 是指旅行社负责包揽游客吃住、交通、游玩的旅游。
9. That's settled. 就这样说定了。

Exercises

1. Directions: Listen to the conversation twice and then answer the following questions orally:
 - 1) What does “smokeless industry” mean?
 - 2) Why do governments encourage the growth of tourism?
 - 3) What does Li think of tourism in China? Why?
 - 4) What does Li plan to do in the summer vacation?
 - 5) What are they going to do for the trip?
 - 6) What kind of tour are they going to take?
2. Directions: Practice the conversation in pairs, and then role-play it before the class.
3. Directions: Work in groups to exchange your most interesting experiences on a trip.
4. Directions: Work in pairs to talk about the following topics:
 - 1) What do you think of the educational role of tourism?

2) How do you feel when you are close to nature?

Conversation Two

Key Words and Expressions

pamphlet	<i>n.</i>	传单
inbound	<i>a.</i>	入境的
outbound	<i>a.</i>	出境的
discount	<i>n.</i>	打折
compensation	<i>n.</i>	赔偿
cuisine	<i>n.</i>	烹饪
stipulate	<i>vt.</i>	规定
be beside oneself with excitement		激动不已
apart from		除...之外
internal /domestic travel		国内旅游
the Palace Museum		故宫博物馆
the Summer Palace		颐和园
get one's money's worth		钱花得有价值

Arranging a Package Tour

(A few months later, Wang Dong and Li Jiang are walking on a street, looking for a travel agency.)

Li: I remember once passing by a travel agency around here. I'm wondering if it's been moved.

Wang: I thought you were sure where it is, but you —

Li: Don't worry. There is more than one agency on this street.

Wang: I'm not worrying. Just that I'm so excited that I can hardly wait to go to Beijing. Indeed, I'm a bit beside myself with

excitement. You see, all that I know about Beijing is from books and TV. So I can't help getting excited when I know my dream will come true soon. Imagine that I will be walking on the Great Wall, which was built more than 2000 years ago. It is said that the Great Wall is the only building that can be seen from outer space.

Li: Yes. I can imagine that you will be running and shouting at the top of your voice, "I'm a real man." As one old saying goes, "If you fail to reach the Great Wall you are not a man." Apart from what you said of the Great Wall, it is considered as one of the ancient wonders of the world Look over there. Don't you see the placard that reads "China Travel Service," do you?

Wang: Yes, I do. Thank God, we've finally found it Here we are. (They enter the agency.)

Clerk: Welcome. Can I help you?

Li: We'd like to take a trip to Beijing. Could you give us some information?

Clerk: My pleasure. We organize trips of different lines and prices to Beijing. Well, here is a pamphlet, and I guess it is to your convenience to look it through first. If you're not clear about anything, please don't hesitate to ask me.

(Wang Dong and Li Jiang begin to look through the pamphlet.)

Li: Miss, what does it mean — an international travel agency?

Clerk: It means that our agency is qualified financially and professionally to handle international travel, or more exactly, to organize tours for inbound and outbound visitors. Of course, we can organize visitors on trips in our country. On the other

hand, a domestic agency is permitted only to handle internal or domestic travel, that is, to organize tours just within our country. Most important of all, our agency can offer first-class service to customers because we have well-trained professional tour guides and a reliable network of connections at home and abroad.

Wang: Does it also mean that you charge more than other agencies?

Clerk: Absolutely not. On the contrary, our prices are lower because we have a lot of business. As you know, big sales cut down the cost. Besides, we provide different types of tours that meet the needs of different income groups. If I guess right, you are college students and want to travel to see the world. So I recommend a package tour of economy type to you: a 5-day stay in Beijing which includes visiting the Great Wall, the Palace Museum, the Summer Palace and other major tourist attractions in Beijing. It costs 720 *yuan* each.

Wang: It is a great deal. Any discount for students?

Clerk: Sorry, sir. Our tours of economy type are operated at a low profit. But we guarantee satisfactory service and I'm sure you will get your money's worth, traveling to various tourist sites on our charter bus, enjoying a variety of entertainment activities, living in a comfortable hotel and getting a good taste of Beijing cuisine. In case anything should go wrong on our part and cause you any trouble, you could have a claim to compensation as stipulated in our contract.

Li: I hope nothing will go wrong. I just hope it is worth it and we will enjoy a wonderful trip.

Clerk: That's for sure.

Notes

1. As one old saying goes: "If you fail to reach the Great Wall you are not a man." 俗话说: "不到长城非好汉。"
2. ... it is considered as one of the ancient wonders of the world. 它被认为是世界古代奇迹之一。
3. "an international travel agency" 和 "a domestic travel agency" 分别指 "国际旅行社" 和 "国内旅行社" 两个类别或级别的旅行社。
4. Most important of all, our agency can offer first-class service to customers because we have well-trained professional tour guides and a reliable network of connections at home and abroad. 最重要的是, 我们能给顾客提供一流的服务, 因为我们有受过良好训练的专职导游和在国内外有可靠的(业务来往)关系网。
5. So I recommend a package tour of economy type to you ... 因此我向你们推荐经济型的包团旅游...
6. a charter bus 是指旅行社为旅游团包租客车, 也可以说 a chartered bus. 同样, 还有 a charter ship 和 a charter plane.
7. In case anything should go wrong on our part and cause you any trouble, you could have a claim to compensation as stipulated in our contract. 万一出现任何差错, 给你造成麻烦, 你有权按合同规定索赔。
8. I just hope it is worth it. 我只希望钱花得值得。
9. That's for sure. 那是肯定的。

Exercises

1. Directions: Listen to the conversation twice and then answer the following questions orally:
 - 1) Which travel agency are they looking for?
 - 2) How does Wang feel about the trip? Why?

- 3) What do they say about the Great Wall?
 - 4) How does the clerk describe the service and business of her agency?
 - 5) How long will they stay in Beijing? What will they visit there?
2. Directions: Listen to the conversation once more and explain the following terms orally:
- 1) Inbound visitors and outbound visitors
 - 2) Domestic travel and international travel
 - 3) Tourist attractions
3. Directions: Practice the conversation in a group of three, and then role-play it before the class.
4. Directions: Work in pairs to make a conversation. One acts as a tourist and the other as a travel agent to arrange a trip.
5. Directions: Give a free talk about the following topics:
- 1) Do you like to travel with a travel agency or independently? Why?
 - 2) Do you like to travel in a group or alone? Why?