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前言

本書是屬於中等程度的英語,以生動流暢的語句,編寫出現代都市社交場合中各種對話,包括探訪、邀請、約會、宴會、慶賀、慰問、看病等等。其中「常用句子」一課,共編入祝賀親友的用語約四十句,熟讀這些句子,使你的英語講得更流利,給人家以良好的印象。

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第一課 介 紹

Lesson 1 Introductions

- A: Mr. Wilson, may I¹ introduce my friend Mr. Lee?
 維爾遜先生,我給你介紹我的朋友,李先生。
- B: I am very happy to meet you², Mr. Wilson.很高興認識你,維爾遜先生。
- C: I'm pleased to meet you too, Mr. Lee.很高興認識你, 李先生。
- A: Mr. Lee is a professor, he is an authority on Chinese philosophy. 李先生是位教授,他是中國哲學的權威。
- C: I had the honour of hearing your name on several occasions, and besides I have read your book on Chinese philosophy in

English.

久仰大名, 我讀過你論述中國哲學的著作的英文版。

A: Mr. Lee came to see you to-day to express his views on Chinese philosophy, and assist you in any way he can for your study of philosophy in China.

今天李先生來拜訪你是爲了提出他對中國哲學的觀點,同時盡他的能力協助你研究中國的哲學。

C: I am happy to listen to anything you say and your assistance is most valuable.

很高興能聽到你對各種事物的看法, 同時你的幫助是極可 貴的。

A: I will leave you two gentlemen now, as I have another appointment at two.

現在,兩位先生,我要失陪了,因爲我兩點鐘有另一個約會。

C: Please do so⁵, and thank you.

請便, 謝謝你。

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A: Gentlemen, may I have the pleasure of introducing⁶ Mr. Wang

to you? Mr. Wang is the secretary of the Musicians' club. Mr. Wang, this is Mr. Clarke of the Amateur Orchestra.

先生們,讓我給你們介紹一下,這是王先生。王先生是音樂師俱樂部的秘書。

王先生, 這是業餘樂團的克拉克先生。

B: I am happy to meet you, Mr. Clarke.很高興認識你、克拉克先生。

C: Pleased to see you, Mr. Wang.高興認識你, 王先生。

A: This is Mr. Dodd of the Tempo Choral Society. 這是 Tempo 合唱團的多特先生。

B: It's a great pleasure to make your acquaintance, Mr. Dodd. 很高興和你認識,多特先生。

D: The pleasure is mine. 我也是。

A: This is Mr. Reed of the Largo Music School.這是 Largo 音樂學校的李特先生。

B: Glad to meet you, Mr. Reed. I have heard your name and of⁸ your splendid work quite often.

高興認識你,李特先生,我早就久仰大名,也經常聽到你 著名的作品。

E: It's very nice of you to⁹ say so, and I hope we will see each other more frequently.

渦獎渦獎, 希望今後我們能更經常地見面。

【註 釋】

- ① May I ··· 這是很常用的、客氣的句型。當你要做某一件事時,很有禮貌地徵求對方的同意就用這種句型。例:
 May I come in? (我可以進來嗎?) May I speak to
 you, please? (我可以和你說幾句話嗎?)
- ② I am happy (glad, pleased) to meet you. 這是初次 跟對方認識時,雙方都說的話。
- ③ on 在這裏的意思是"關於", "論……", 例: speak on finance 演講財政問題; a book on grammar 一本文法書。
- ④ I have the honour of … 這裏 honour 是"光榮"之意, I have the honour of … 原義爲 "我很榮幸……"; 另外, of …hearing的 hearing是動名詞(Gerund),即把動詞不定式(Infinitive)加ing即成。例: I am sorry

- for coming late(對不起,我來遲了)。
- ⑤ Please do so 原意為: 請這樣做吧! 但是在對 方提出 要做某件事而需要離開時,另一方說出 Please do so 就 顯得很隨和。
- ⑥ May I have the pleasure of introducing ··· 的意思與 May I introduce ··· 一樣,但前者比較 客 氣 一 點, "pleasure" 意為 "愉快","希望",上 述 短 句 "have the pleasure of ···" 用於很客氣的措詞。例:May we have the pleasure of your company?敬請出席; Will you do me the pleasure of coming dinner with me? 請你來吃飯好嗎?謹備菲酌,敬請光臨。
- ⑦ It's a great pleasure to…意為: 很高興……,這裏 "to"後用動詞。make acquaintance with 意為: 和… 結識。
- (8) hear of 意爲: 聽到關於, 我們經常用 hear about.
- ⑨ It's very nice of you to… 原意為: ……是很好的; 但是我們應該理解為: 感謝你……; 除上述習慣用法之外, 還經常見到: It's very good(kind) of you to …, 例: It's very kind of you to visit me. 謝謝你來探我。

第二課 自我介紹

Lesson 2 Introducing Oneself

A: Excuse me¹ for taking the liberty of² introducing myself. My name is Kwang-chiu Chang from the Wing Tai Insurance Company.

請原諒我冒昧地自我介紹。我是永泰保險公司的張光秋。

B: Excuse me, but³ I didn't quite get⁴ your name.對不起,我不太記得你的名字。

A: This is my card, and I'm Kwang-chiu Chang. 這是我的卡片,我是張光秋。

B: Glad to meet you, Mr. Chang. Have you come here on business⁵? 高興認識你,張先生。你到這裏來是公事嗎?

A: I have come to pay you my respects after hearing your wonderful speech at the City Hall.

我是聽過你在大會堂所作的卓越的演講之後來這裏向你表示敬意的。

B: It's very kind of you to come. Won't you be seated⁶ and make yourself at home?

謝謝你的光臨。請坐, 請隨便。

A: Thank you.

謝謝。

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A: Are you Mr. Ross? My name is Poon.

你是羅斯先生嗎? 我姓潘。

B: Yes, I am Ross.

是的, 我是羅斯。

A: I have brought a letter of introduction from Mr. Davidson of Singapore.

我帶來星加坡大維遜先生的一封介紹信。

B: Oh yes, how is he?

噢! 他好嗎?

A: He is getting on very nicely ⁷. He asked me to give you his regards. He will be up here in a day or two.

他很好。他要我向你間候。一兩天後他會到這裏來。

B: Now, what can I do for you?

那麼, 我能幫你什麼忙呢?

A: I'm looking for⁸ employment, and I'm specially interested in⁹ your company.

我正在找一份工作, 我特别希望在你的公司任職。

B: I see in Mr. Davidson's letter that you are an experienced salesman. What line of business have you been handling?

大維遜先生在信中說你是一個有經驗的推銷員。你熟悉哪一種生意?

A: Iron and steel is my field of business.

鋼鐵方面的生意。

【註 釋】

① Excuse somebody(人) for something (事情) 意

- 爲: 原諒某人某事。例: Excuse me for interrupting you.原諒我打攪你。
- ② take the liberty of 意為: 冒昧。
- ③ but 在這裏只起承接上文作用,沒有其它意思。
- ④ get 意為: 了解, 記住; 例: I can't get you. 我不明 白你的話。
- ⑤ on business 意為: 有事, 有要事; No admittance except on business.非公莫入, 閒人免進。
- ⑥ be seated 意為: 坐下; won't you 是客氣話, "請"的意思。make yourself at home 意為: 像在自己家裏一樣的隨便。
- ⑦ He is getting on very nicely. 在這裏 get on 指生活,
 例: How are you getting on? 你生活得怎樣?
- 8 look for 意為: 尋找。
- 9 interested in 意為: 對……有興趣。

第三課 與外國人交朋友

Lesson 3 Getting Acquainted with a Foreigner

A: I beg your pardon. Are you an American? 對不起, 你是美國人嗎?

B: No, I'm a Canadian. I come from Montreal.不是,我是加拿大人。我從蒙得利爾來的。

A: Montreal, did you say? That's a very nice city. I spent three weeks there in June last year.

你說蒙得利爾? 那是個漂亮的城市。去年六月我在那裏住 了三個星期。

B: Really? Did you have a pleasant time? 真的? 過得愉快嗎?