

Hello, My name is Seo Kang. I am currently studying 4<sup>th</sup> year of Education at Adelaide University. I am studying this degree to become a Chinese teacher. Today, I am going to introduce myself briefly, and why I want to become a Chinese teacher and what I will do as a Chinese teacher.

When I was in year 11 that was the time when I decided to continue studying Chinese in University. The reason was from valuable experience that my Chinese teacher gave me. In 2009, when I was in year 11, my Chinese teacher, Ms Jin introduced the Chinese competition, 'Hanyuqiao' and I fortunately won the competition in Australia and had a chance to go to China for the World Chinese competition. In China, I did not win the competition, but having experience meeting friends from all over the world and Chinese culture in reality were the most meaningful and learning time for me. That one month in China just changed my life and was a turning point, I became desperate to learn more about China. Already 5 years have passed, and had a thought if I did not participate the competition would I be standing here right now in front, doing this presentation? And would I have continued to study Chinese? Also I want to thank Ms Jin for giving a spark in my life. To be honest if I did not have Ms. Jin as a teacher, story could have been different.

Through the Practicum held on May I have learnt diverse factors. I taught Japanese, as well as, Chinese. All the students who participated had their own thinking and conception, therefore, there were times where it was hard to control and times where everything went smoothly as scheduled. One of the things that I realized was, when I as a teacher, respected the student's first, students tended to be more desperate and participate more in class. Although I've taught and tutored in institutions since the first year of my university, however, the place called school was a completely different place. At first I started to teach the content through basic words and grammar, however, I've learnt that it wasn't the right way to do it. Also using different resources was a way to make the lesson more interactive between teachers and students. As there is no student who wants no attention, they want teachers to listen to their part of the story first. Accordingly, hesitating to encourage students or showing no interest should not exist.

I always think that, to become a Chinese teacher, in fact when I am a Chinese teacher learning should never stop, as humans cannot be perfect I reckon we need to at least try at our best in order to become perfect. As I am from a Korean background I will need to try extra hard to stand equally with the students who are from Chinese background and by doing this it will help me to teach at a high standard.

Like Ms. Jin I mentioned before, I want my students to feel exactly the same as what I experienced in learning Chinese. I wish more students to realize how interesting and exciting Chinese culture and language is. I want to become a teacher that give students the little spark which will never die out and become compassionate about their bright future. Thank you