

Belarusian restores contact with Chinese pen pal after 50 years

By Yang Jiafeng

With the help of alumni at Central China Normal University, Svetlana Gregoryevna Svetkova was able to find her Chinese pen pal Lan Zongyu after 50 years.

The story began with a Belarusian student Brezhnev asking his Chinese friend, Zheng Shan, to post a message via Weibo saying he was looking for a pen pal from 50 years ago on behalf of the mother of one of his Belarusian friends. A lot of information was lost over the years, she only remembered that her pen pal's name was Lan Zongyu and he was a student at the Department of Foreign Languages at Huazhong Normal College (today's CCNU).

Zheng's post immediately sparked heated responses among CCNU alumni, with a lot of them joining in the search.

Staff at CCNU Archives and former professors of the Department of Foreign Languages, through information comparison and



Svetlana Gregoryevna Svetkova



Lan Zongyu

checks, confirmed the enrollment of Lan at CCNU. Alumni in Guangdong Province managed to find out from which company Lan had retired, his current address, and telephone number.

On January 9 the CCNU Alumni Association Shenzhen Branch visited Lan and his wife, after which they shared the couples' pictures and current living conditions with his old pen pal.

At present, Brezhnev has

contacted Svetkova, bringing her the good news that Lan had been found. According to Svetkova, it was Lan who initiated the connection between them, which was followed by letters at intervals of two or three months. The correspondence between them continued for three years until 1963 when she received the last letter. Since then they have been out of touch.

Svetkova is delighted to know that Lan is doing well.

College junior as fashion designer

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Zou Beiwei, a junior at Wuhan International Culture University (WICU), finished her internship days ago and became a formal designer of children's wear with a Shenzhen-based company, earning a monthly salary of over RMB 10,000.

Zou, 20 years in age and currently a fashion design major at WICU, began her internship at a company in Shenzhen several months ago. Thanks to

her outstanding performance, she was sent by the company to a further training class at Fudan University, from which she successfully obtained the course-completion certificate.

Zou said she had developed an interest in costume design during her high school years. She loved to draw wedding dresses, keen on studying painting methods and skills. She also bought cloth, scissors, and accessories online

and tried clipping and making costumes herself using fashion books.

During her internship, she assisted designers in drawing designs and negotiating with sample-making workers and purchasing staff, learning how to choose fabrics and how to supervise workers in completing projects. During the busiest times, she often worked till midnight and sometimes even spent the night at the office.

Academy to record 1000 residents' lives

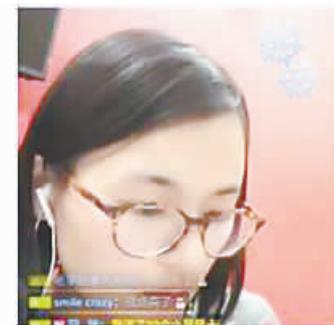
By Wan Ling

Ergeng Academy, a domestic original short video education brand, opened its Central China Branch in Hanyang Cultural and Creative Industry Park on January 11.

Ergeng Academy plans to record the lives of 1,000 Wuhan residents in the next five years through short video clips. Some of the finished works have received favorable feedback from viewers. One such short clip is about a senior Japanese man, Shimada Miyata, who teaches Japanese for free in Wuhan. The video has accumulated 40 million online hits in only three months after its release. The settlement of Ergeng Academy will hopefully make Hanyang a cradle of talent on convergence media and video production in Central China.

Teacher live broadcasts final exam review

By Yang Jiafeng



Screenshot of Li Min's live broadcast

Li Min, a teacher from the School of Mechanics at Wuchang Institute of Technology, issued a notice on Jan. 6 to her students on QQ Zone that she would help them prepare for the final exam via live broadcast. There are over 170 students attending Li's class of Mechanical Engineering Testing. Many of them have left for home before the examination since class lectures have concluded. Trying to find a way to help students review what they have studied in the class, Li thought of using the live video platform. She reviewed the material from the class and answered students' questions during the broadcast. More than 200 students watched the review session which had over two thousand likes and netted a hundred plus new followers.