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Recommender's Preface 1: To carry forward traditional abacus and mental arithmetic education with passion.

I received the book, “Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Expert Master Tai Chiang Ching and International Franchise Pedagogy”, and quickly finished reading it. The main character in this book, the abacus and mental arithmetic teacher Tai Chiang Ching, has spent most of his life teaching children abacus and mental arithmetic not only in Taiwan but also in other countries. He's devoted himself to carrying forward and passing down the thousand-year-old traditional skill of abacus arithmetic.

Based on the stories narrated in this book, the readers will marvel at Tai's persistence in education and will be touched by his diligent, conscientious and dependable behaviour. Indeed, he is a creative entrepreneur with a great sense of humour. For instance, one of the stories that affected me the most was that Tai was not good at studying during childhood and was often punished by his parents and teachers; however, his grandfather's words, “learning abacus arithmetic is better than farming”, affected him. Therefore, he insisted on practising abacus and mental arithmetic. He finally became a teacher and trained many students to reach an advanced level in abacus and mental arithmetic. Further, he established his own outstanding international career in abacus and mental arithmetic education. No one could imagine that Tai had failed in the subject of National Language when he was a child.

I believe the reason that Tai did not study well when he was a child was not due to any lack of intelligence. The main reason was that he didn't have an educational environment that was suitable for him, including a teacher who could understand him, offer an enlightening teaching method or use instructive teaching materials. Fortunately, Tai had a kind grandfather who inspired him to pursue his skills and interests. With the help of others, he kept developing his experiences and knowledge by learning from his own failures and efforts. As a result, we now have an educator who devotes

himself to the abacus and mental education with incomparable passion and outstanding contribution.

This story gives a demonstration and lesson for all teachers and educators: if you want to become a good teacher who can inspire children to reach their full potential and wisdom, you should empower children's potential at the right moment and patiently guide them to discover their own specialties. However, one should not judge a child's achievement by only standing in the position of mainstream education of meritocracy, which can curb the development of excellent children and their futures – this was what Tai faced when he was young.

To me, Tai is not only an educator, but also an innovative scientist and a successful entrepreneur. Complying with the trends of the times, Tai has developed many creative and interesting teaching methods and materials for the abacus and mental arithmetic. He has been reforming his own teaching methods and cases in order to respond to different cultures and levels of acceptance in different countries and regions, bringing Confucius' idea of "teaching students in accordance with their aptitude" completely into focus. Furthermore, Tai's spirit of seeking truth from facts has created a new teaching method that is totally different from traditional methods. Among

them, the "Two-handed Abacus Manipulation" is truly an innovative and incredible pursuit.

His story is truly a learning model for younger generations.

Tai has not only brought benefits to children in Taiwan, but has also expanded his abacus and mental arithmetic education to more than 20 foreign countries. He has helped to empower children's memory, ability in arithmetic calculation and has stimulated their potential. He truly is a successful international entrepreneur. Thus, I believe that Tai is an outstanding teacher in all aspects. I hope the stories in this book on how to pursue a career in abacus and mental arithmetic education can benefit parents, the educational field, entrepreneurs,

and anyone who wants to encourage their children, or indeed seek the best model for their teaching methods and business modes.

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