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Aspired to be a boss since he was very young

One story that can be told was that Tai Chiang Ching had ideas about “becoming a boss” and “making a lot of money” from childhood.

When Tai Chiang Ching was ten years old, he went to a fishery at Huwei downtown with friends. That was his first experience seeing such a large-scale fishery. The customers had to pay for fishing every four hours. As a child, Tai thought the owner must be very powerful because every customer had to pay him in order to stay in the fishery. He thought that the job was really good. In contrast, his grandparents and parents had to work hard on the farm every day, and only got paid after harvesting and selling the crops. Additionally, they had to wait for at least half a year before they could harvest and sell the grown livestock, and only then could they have money to buy daily necessities or something they wanted. However, Tai’s classmates who lived in Huwei downtown had quite a comfortable life. They could have almost anything they wanted. Sometimes their parents would take them to school and pick them up afterwards. However, Tai had to walk for one hour on his own to Li Ren Elementary School in Huwei downtown every day. He envied them greatly and often daydreamed about making a lot of money in adulthood.

After Tai saw the large fishery downtown, he started to dream that, if he could also operate a large fishery when he was grown up, he could then make a lot of money so his parents wouldn’t need to work. Therefore, he started to observe how a boss of a fishery received the payments, managed the fishery, and what kind of customers would come buy from him. He even tried to find a “suitable space that could open a fishery” anywhere. He would go to a vacant plot of land and start to dream: “How do I build a large fishery here? How big should I build it? What kind of service can I provide to customers so that I can make a lot of money?”

Whenever Tai remembered this part of his memories, he felt that he was so naive at that time, because if he wanted to have such a large

plot of land, first of all he needed hundreds of millions of dollars to buy and operate such a large fishery. However, based on this story you can image that Tai had had a “great” and “daring” level of ambition since childhood, which set him apart from other people.

Tai Chiang Ching later expanded his career in abacus and mental arithmetic education to foreign countries. A similar ambition, albeit on a different method of earning money, had been in his mind since childhood.