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Tai felt warm while having the meals that Hsu's mother had prepared. Tai and Hsu then spent more time together and gradually fell in love.

Venturing together

One year after Hsu Hsiu-yun started work at the CMA, in April 1985, Tai Chiang Ching started to expand his abacus mental arithmetic education institute to Tainan City. He was too busy and felt tired of the one-hour commute between Tainan and Huwei every day. Therefore, Tai gradually handed the business of the Huwei institute over to Hsu. They had dated for about a year, and then decided to get married. After they got married, they decided to terminate the business at the Huwei institute and set up the headquarters in Tainan.

When they had just gotten married, they rented a place and used half of the living room space as a bedroom. They put one bed in the living room space, and used the rest of the space to store teaching materials. They used the room next to the living room as a classroom, and allowed other staff to access the teaching materials in the living room. Tai and Hsu lived a thrifty life when they had just started their business; even if they ate outside at a self-service restaurant, they wouldn't spend more than \$70 NTD for both of their meals.

Every day before six o'clock in the morning, they got up and went out for exercise. At about seven o'clock in the morning, they began distributing flyers in front of schools. Then they would go back home to have breakfast. After breakfast, they would prepare more flyers with other staff. At about ten o'clock in the morning, the staff would bring those flyers and distribute them house-to-house in the neighbourhood. The couple would distribute flyers in front of schools again at noon and come back in the afternoon to prepare the class to learn abacus mental arithmetic. Tai's wife never complained about the busy schedule, which deeply touched Tai. The couple believed that they could overcome any difficulties if they put in more and more effort and cooperated. After a while, the CMA recruited more students and became more famous.

As the CMA recruited more students, Tai Chiang Ching realised he couldn't handle all of them. However, it was not easy to hire a qualified abacus arithmetic teacher. Training one would take many months. Additionally, after a qualified teacher was trained, he or she would resign after one or two years. However, counter staff were easy to hire and highly replaceable. Therefore, Tai started to persuade his wife to serve as an abacus mental arithmetic teacher. Since he knew that Hsu had a degree in business and had also passed level 2 of the abacus mental arithmetic test, he believed that she could become a good teacher after being trained.

However, Hsu initially wasn't confident in teaching children abacus

mental arithmetic. Tai told her, "If you're willing to put in more effort and receive training, then you can teach children. Most importantly, you have to trust that you have the ability." As Tai kept encouraging Hsu, she finally agreed. Hsu also made a promise to herself to become a qualified teacher, because she knew that teaching children was a heavy and important responsibility.