

启发儿童智慧的奥秘02

It's worth mentioning that besides Su Wan Ting's own interest in learning, her mother's active assistance and encouragement were also key factors that made Su Wan Ting the top "mental arithmetic child prodigy" in Taiwan. Su's mother, Mrs. Chen Hua Dan, accompanied Su Wan Ting to abacus and mental arithmetic classes from the time Su was in kindergarten. In addition, she practiced with Su for more than an hour everyday at home. Over the years, she has kept it going. Her spirit is worthy of admiration, yet Mrs. Su disapproves, saying "It is my wish and responsibility to keep my child company while she grows and give her all my time and love." Without a doubt, Mrs. Su's patience, care and effort are the biggest contributors to Su Wan Ting's achievements.

Parents expect their children to be successful, but many parents believe that all they have to do is to hand over their children to teachers in talent classes. In reality, this concept is incorrect because parents also play a critical role in a child's learning process. It is only with your encouragement and assistance that your child will be able to learn faster and better.

By reading this book, I believe more parents will discover the multiple values and functions of abacus and mental arithmetic and in turn attract more children to learn the practical and fun "two-handed method" for manipulating abacus beads, as well as mental arithmetic skills. Lastly, I hope that Su Wan Ting can surpass herself and take on the challenge to win the world championship and bring honor to Taiwan.

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The people I want to thank Wan Ting's mother—Chen Hua Dan

It has been six years since we hopped on the abacus and mental arithmetic train. I never thought Wan Ting would have the opportunity to be in a book. To be blessed with this honor, I have Wan Ting's teacher Master Tai to thank, and also Nan Ying Vocation High School of Business & Technology's abacus calculation teacher Chen Tsung Ping and my good friend Su Cheng Hui.

On December 29, 1996, they entered Wan Ting in the intercontinental abacus calculation competition hosted by the Chinese Utility Abacus Research Society, giving Wan Ting the opportunity to compete. With contestants from nearly 10 countries competing against each other, Wan Ting was lucky enough to win the highest honor. The

live media report caught the attention of the publishing company, thus enabling Su Wan Ting to become the heroine of this book.

Along the way, I also have to thank Huang Yueh Chu—head teacher at Yonghe City Yongfu Mental and Abacus Arithmetic Cram School. She is just and loyal, and although she is small, she has great ambitions and hosts great competitions; small as the sparrow is, it still possesses all the valuable parts. Her motto is to “be impartial,” and she gives less advanced students equal opportunities for participation and learning. Her unique perspective and open mind were evident to all at the Asia-Pacific Cup and Yonghe Mayor Cup. Besides thanking Master Huang for helping Wan Ting, I also hope that the Asia-Pacific Cup becomes world-renowned.