**My Green Banana**

Different places have different cultures, even in China, the north and the south can be completely different. For me, I am a person who grew up in the south and I have never lived in the north until I went to college.

I learned about the difference in table culture between north and south at one dinner. I still remember that the professor invited a group of students to dinner that day, some students are from the north and some are from the south.

First of all, only southern people wash dishes with hot water before eating. The reason why I say this is because of the reaction of my classmates. After the waiter brought the tableware, I tried to wash the dishes with hot water. Some students in the north were shocked because no one in the north would do it, and they only saw someone do it in a Hong Kong movie.

The use of bowls and plates is also a different table culture between north and south. The reason I would say this is because of a sentence from my classmate. When I started to eat, my classmates noticed that I was eating with a bowl, they were surprised because they use a plate to serve the meal. Besides, someone found that my bones and trash were on the plate while their rubbish was on the table. This habit has made me think that bowls are for eating and plates are for bones.

This meal made me understand that people from different places have different cultures. For example, I never think that people can use bowls and plates in this way. This is something I have never thought of, but it has been around for a long time and is waiting for us to explore.

Different cultures are like different people with different characteristics, so everyone should respect the habits of others. Likewise, we don’t have to be shy about our habits, as long as it doesn’t disturb others. In fact, these differences are exactly what makes this world wonderful because it makes people learn to tolerate and appreciate each other.

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