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Introduction: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Wency, the producer. Today is March 20, 2017 and here is the award ceremony of the FIRST Tech Challenge, one of the grandest robot competitions for students worldwide! The team H.I.I, from Hangzhou just gets the champion in the finals. They did excellent work and impressed everyone a lot. Now, we are honored to interview the captain of H.I.I, Hayley. And Garbo is our interviewer.

Q: Congratulations! You win the Inspire Award in FIRST Tech Challenge! So, how do you feel now?

A: I am really excited! Because I have never imagined that I can get such a prize!

Q: Yeah, what do you think is the most important factor leading to the success?

A: Well, I think the most important factor is the teamwork. Everyone is responsible for different parts of the robot. So, it is impossible to make it without any one of our group members.

Q: Yes, teamwork is really important. And we know that you and your teammates are in grade three in the high school and is facing the college entrance examination. That is a really busy period. So, why do you still spare time to participate in FIRST Tech Challenge?

A: Emm, yes, we are very busy with study. Even though sometimes preparing the competition may prevent me finishing my homework on time, I still enjoyed the process

of robot designing. And I think taking part in the competition can make me relaxed. I have participated in robotic competitions for years and I don't want to give it up. Anyway, I really love robots.

Q: You said that you are interested in robots. We are curious about what first made you fall in love with this technology?

A: When I was in middle school, our school had a robot club. And I joined in it. At first sight, I was deeply impressed by the robot moving by itself following a black line. Then I found it very interesting designing a robot and programming it to finish certain tasks. In this way, I can transform my imagination into reality.

Q: Wow your story with robots has begun since your middle school! That's a long time from now. Can you share a story about robots which impressed you most with us?

A: Let me think. Before the first summer holiday in high school, I got an exciting news from my robot coach that our team was admitted to the Asia Pacific Invitational competition, which was held in Australia. And that was the first time I had got the opportunity to take a competition abroad. During that summer holiday, our teammates devoted most of our time in the lab to design and improve the functions of our robot. And finally, we got the Judge's Award in that competition.

Q: Emmm, wait, what is the Judge's Award?

A: The judge's award is given the team whose performance in every aspect is recognized by the judges. Besides, we are the only Chinese team getting a prize in that competition.

Q: You truly deserve the award! You have won so many champions. But we all know that "Failure is the mother of success." Have you ever failed or had insurmountable challenges?

A: Of course. Last year, it was the first time our school decided to participate in the FTC robotic competition. At that time, we knew nothing about how to design a robot meeting with the competition's requirements, which means we had to start from scratch.

Q: That was a hard time for you. How did you overcome the difficulties?

A: We went to Shanghai and Nanjing to visit several teams in other schools, and learned a lot from them. During the learning process, we would confront lots of challenges. And by searching information on the internet or ask help from other teams, finally, we successfully built our robot.

Q: I think this kind of spirit of defying challenge may help with your life. Do you think studying robots and participating in competitions help with your study or daily life? And which aspects?

A: Yes, as we have no experience in this kind of competition, we have to learn everything such as how to design the structures, and how to write codes to run the robots by ourselves. learning robots design and programming really improves my ability of independent study, which I think will help me a lot with future study and work.

Q: Do you have your future plan? I guess you must want to study further about the robot.

A: For the near future, I'd like to major in computer science in the university. And in the long run, I'm not sure but I guess I will work in the area of robots.

Interviewer: Oh, hope you can get great grades in the college entrance examination and be admitted to your dream school!

Interviewee: Thank you.

Interviewer: Thank you so much for being interviewed.