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Z：……About street food, I understand the cultural importance of street food, but we cannot ignore the health risks. Poor hygiene and questionable food quality can pose serious health threats to the public.

J：True, but rather than limiting street food, we should enforce strict hygiene and quality standards. This way, we protect public health without sacrificing important cultural elements.

Z：Like you say, it's a delicate balance. Maybe we should also consider how street food contributes to tourism and local economies. It's not just a health issue, but also an economic one. Exactly, that's why we need a more effective approach. Perhaps, a certification system for street food vendors could work, ensuring they meet certain standards.

Y：You’re right, a certification system sounds good, but who will monitor and enforce these standards? We need a strong regulatory system to make this work.

Z：I think local health departments could play a key role in this. Regular inspections and vendor training programs might help in maintaining these standards.

J：I want to add to what you just said. We also need to consider accessibility. Street food is affordable for many people. Over-regulation might lead to higher prices, making it less accessible.

Y：That's a valid point. Perhaps providing subsidies and support to vendors complying with standards could help keep prices low and maintain accessibility.

Z：It all comes down to finding the right balance. We need regulations, and they must be practical and not hinder the cultural and economic benefits of street food.

J：I agree with you. It's protecting public health while preserving the unique charm and economic value of street food. Cooperation is key.

Y：In addition, I think public opinion is also important. If the majority of people enjoy street food and are willing to accept certain risks, should we limit their choice?

Z：That's a valid consideration. It should be a democratic decision, but with safeguards in place to ensure that the risks are minimized.

Y：Yes. And another concern is the impact on traditional restaurants. If street food is too widespread and unregulated, it might negatively affect traditional restaurants.

J：That's a fair point. Striking a balance between street food and restaurants is significant to maintain a healthy food system. …In some cities, street food is a tourist attraction. How do we ensure that tourists can enjoy it while also ensuring their safety?

Z：I think Tourist-friendly zones with safety measures and clear information for visitors could be a solution. This way, we promote tourism while ensuring safety.

Y To complement you, I think education also plays a big role. Educating both vendors and consumers about food safety is essential.

Z：Absolutely. It empowers people to make wise choices and vendors to operate responsibly.

Y：In conclusion, finding the right balance is paramount. We should explore practical regulations that ensure hygiene and safety while preserving the unique charm of street food. Cooperation, education, and democratic decision-making will play a crucial role in shaping the way forward. That concludes our panel discussion