Hello, this is your friend Ken. Here I was in Northern Ireland. In the countryside of a small market town and civil parish called Dromore, in County Down.

Last night, I heard the news that British Queen Elizabeth the Second had died. Even several days ago, the last president of the former Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev also passed away. This marks the end of an era. We millennials are about to take on a greater social responsibility.

The general trend of history cannot be changed by individual power alone. But we can still try our best within the part which we can control. For example, in Queen Elizabeth’s life, by the time Elizabeth ascended to the throne in 1952, the British Empire was already in rapid decline. Prior to World War II, Britain had maintained a vast empire of colonial holdings and a reputation as a world power. At its height, the British Empire held 57 colonies or other territories comprising about a quarter of the land mass of the world. But after teetering(摇摆不定) on the verge of total defeat and emerging into a new world dominated by the United States, Britain found its empire too expensive and difficult.

But she remains proactive and committed to giving her country a decent curtain call. And she has worked tirelessly in philanthropy and has disciplined herself throughout her life to set a good example for her countrymen.

Likewise, the pandemic or recession are the things we cannot control which makes job seeking get extremely difficult. But we can still be persistent and manage our time properly to do self-improvement.

More specifically, in Ireland, during the pandemic, even as a Trinity College graduate with a Master's degree. It took us on average 4 to 6 months to get a job after being rejected by 100 or even 200+ companies. This is why more than 90% of Chinese students decide to return to China. Since I choose to stay in Europe until I find a job, I can't blame the recession or explore why those companies reject me or ignore me. But I have to work on my technical skills and projects. Review and analyze how we answered the questions during the interview and think how I can perform better next time.

Just like Queen Elizabeth, she tirelessly working hard on the things that she can control proactively, instead of regretting why the empire was declining.

Alright, it’s time for us to release the stress and enjoying the Northern Irish Countryside. How’s the differences with your home villages? And what’s your thoughts on Queen Elizabeth? Feel free to put them on comments below and see you in my next video.