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Chinese Spring Festival finally came to an end and I started working after a ten-day holiday. Although the Chinese New year tranditionally ends on the fifteenth day of the first month of Lunar ~~Calendar~~ (year) in China, we have to start work one week earlier than it ~~by~~ (because of) the notorious labour law which is widely condemed ~~around~~ (among) considerable number of employees. Advisers in the central government of China still satisfied with their clever arrangement by forcing workers to work at weekends to ~~get~~ (exchange) a longer vocation. Many are absolutely exhausted after constantly working for seven ~~days~~ or even nine days before or after a so-called longer holiday.

On the other hand, since I was grown-up, I was not so eager to celegrate ~~this~~ (the) most popular holiday as when I was a child. If my memory serves me right, my paternal grandfather always bought fireworks for me and my younger brother [so we were exhilarated when setting off firecrackers in the bitterly cold winter evenings]. I felt a pang of nostalgia when I was writing something about him (Who is him? Is he My brother or grandpa?). In addition, children could receive read(red) packets ~~, in which money was put,~~ from their elderlies; that (money) was a substantial amount for ~~us~~ (children) in the 1990s. Unfortunately, we had to hand it over to our parents and ~~only~~ could [only] keep ~~a little of it~~ (a minute amount of it). Whereas, we still felt thoroughly exhilariting [because] not only ~~because~~  could we ~~could~~ buy candies, biscuits and firecrackers, but also we could play on crowded streets or on secluded wild land without worrying all the miserable obstacles ~~in the world of adults~~ [in the adult world].

***Improved by me***

The longest vocation of a year, the Chinese New Year, finally came to an end and I had to start work. Although it should be ended on the fifteenth day of Chinese Lunar Year, we were forced to come back to offices by the notorious labour law which is widely condemed among considerable number of empolyees.

By the way, the founder of Alibaba, Jack Ma, even paid tributed to the trend of “996”, which is a term coined on the Internet to refer to that working from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. six days a week. The think tank of Chinese central government deceitfully carried out a manoeuvre by forcing employees to work at weekends to trade for a longer holiday. Apparently, these elites treat ordinary people as the dumpist livestock by encouraging them to work hard overtime with ridiculous low salary. If you read a novel entitled “Animal Farm” written by Geroge Orwell, you could understand what I have said.

Whereas, I should enjoy being with my families during the Spring festival even though I was not eager to celebrate it when I was grown-up. If my memory serves me correctly, my paternal grandfather always bought my younger brother and me two or three sets of firecrackers. We set off them at night with the sound of fireworks coming from other places at intervals.

The most unforgetable thing in the Spring Festival is Children can receive red packets with small amount of money in it from our elderly relatives. Though we had to hand in most of them to our parents, we were still happy because we could buy candies, toys and various kinds of firecrackers. Every child is thoroughly exhilarating since we can play on crowed streets or on secluded bleak wild land in winter and don’t have to worry about miserable obstacles which are faced by adults.