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Chinese Hospitality

China is a hospitable nation because the Chinese attach great importance to making good friends. “Isn’t it a great pleasure to have friends coming from afar?” said Confucius over 2000 years ago on the hospitality of the Chinese, who are proud to have many guests on celebrating occasions.

One example of Chinese hospitality can be seen from banquets. The Chinese like to serve guests with the best food they have. A Chinese banquet is made up of scores of dishes including cold dishes, hot fried dishes, salted dishes, sweet preserved fruit and fresh fruit（果脯）. For a banquet of Manhan Quanxi, or the Complete Manchu-Han Banquet, a total of 108 dishes and 44 courses of dim sum are served. It takes three days and nights to consume it all.

In the countryside, if a man marries, his parents will invite all villagers to a banquet. This kind of hospitality has much to do with the countryside culture and tradition. It is also a Chinese way of making friends.

In the Chinese language, there are many words and phrases associated with making friends. A Chinese proverb says: “The friendship between noble gentlemen is as pure as water.” It means that good friendship is based on mutual interests and a good personality. In the movies, a good Chinese man is ready to do anything to help his friends.

Retelling Outline

1) attach importance to

2) saying by Confucius

Examples:

1) banquets with scores of dishes

2) Manhan Quanxi (the Complete Manchu-Han Banquet)

3) countryside wedding

4) sayings about friends

5) in movies