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Maker Faire Experiences

I was very proud to be one of the volunteers of Maker Faire last weekend, which was located in the New York Hall of Science. This is my second time to come to Maker Faire. I felt the big power of science, and people were really interested in the new things after joined the work of Maker Faire.

Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. It's a venue for makers to show examples of their work and interact with others about it.

I was deeply impressed by joining in the Maker Faire. I was in touch with many different children and their parents, which came from all over the world. Their interested area were different because of they had the different backgrounds of family and culture. One Chinese boy was standing in front of us and asked, "Was it a toy? How to play it?" I explained step by step for him in patience. Another American boy was also near us and asked, " How did it work? What's the principle of the thing? Why did it make the sound like this?" I was shocked when he asked. Why did he ask those questions? He had so different thought from the Chinese boy. I was thinking when I came back home. Perhaps it's because of the different way of education and background. It mentioned me education is really important to children.

Around the whole Maker Faire, the really clear feeling to me is curiosity does push technology develop a lot. In the Maker Faire, many projects were amazing. If makers didn't have their fresh ideas and curiosity, they couldn't finish such perfect

projects.

I observed the projects, which could attract children's eyes immediately as well. Different projects attracted different ages of children. In general, children, whose age under 10 years, were interested in the surface of stuff. They didn't see the function and materials of objects, but pay close attention to the colors and shapes. Children, whose age between 10 to 16 years, were more interested in the interactive parts. They usually asked how it does work.

However, the good project must have the attractive surface first. I associate with my site development idea. I need a website, which could attract people when they saw the first time. When they look into the site, people love our website more, not to be bored.