**Contest Speech The round table**

The most affectionate memory of my childhood is about a round table. ***When I was*** still a little, my entire family would reunite on almost every traditional festival to have dinner. While ***the grownups*** were discussing about something beyond our comprehension, we ***kids* would be scuttling around or even crowd under the table to play, hide and seek.**

**When I got a bit older**, my aunt brought back her boyfriend. A tall and shy man and my grandma joyfully added another seat to the round table. **It seems a little bit more crowded, but we all felt closer to this new family member.**

**When I was twelve,** my grandpa passed away because of cancer. But when the entire family reunite once again, **his chair his bowl and his chopsticks** remain the same, even though his seat was empty，but I felt like that he had never left us.

We all have **a table like this** in our homes, **It is a symbol of a reunion of our families representing our sentiment, and an attachment to our families.**

But as a matter of fact**, in china, almost everything can be solved over a round table.** Then that *marriage bells between a loving couple, the morning of the deceased, the negotiations between business partners and a state banquet* to another president from other country, can all happen on a same round table.

So I start to wonder **what is this round table to us, what it has been doing to us and this true significance starts to unfold in front of me. *The food*** on the table may change with time. ***The people*** sitting besides it may come and go. ***The reason*** why we come together may be various, but the ***sensation*** behind it remains year after year ***the same***.

**And that is our tolerance of different people or willingness to embrace different culture and artistic forms or our care, and love, and respect for not only our family, but also for a community, our nation and even the whole world.**

In less than two months，an annual **epic migration** world take place in china，hundreds of people, men and women, young and old, the rich and the poor the dead like my grandpa and the alive. **Well find a way to go back home and go to the round table to reunite with their families.**

**The power that drives them to do so** has been the power that has been sustaining ***Chinese civilization*** for thousands of years, and ***the lives of us*** or even ***the history of our nation*** has been the stories of looking for or running to the round table to which we belong. **The round table has been a symbol of the Chinese sensation. It was，it is and will always be.**