

● **Shilin District/Zhang Zhe-Hao, Zhang Zhi-Ping and You Yang -Different Culinary Culture**

Hello judges and everyone! We are a happy trio from Kaifeng. I am You Yang, and these two are my children, Zhang Zhi-Ping and Zhang Zhe-Hao. Has everyone heard of a painting called *Along the River During the Qingming Festival*? There is an attraction in my hometown, Kaifeng City, called Along the River During the Qingming Festival. During this festival you can walk with people dressed in ancient costumes and experience the culture of the Song Dynasty. It is as if you have traveled back in time!

This summer I finally had the chance to go to my mother's hometown and experience the culture of the ancient capital. Kaifeng, also known as the eastern capital, is located in eastern Henan, and it is called the ancient capital of seven dynasties. The attraction and historic sites include Longting (Dragon Pavilion), large installation art (the leaning iron tower), Daxiangguo Buddhist Temple, Kaifeng court, as well as the Song dynasty canal replica and other buildings that are continually built. The pace of life in Kaifeng is completely different than the fast pace of Taipei City.

On the day we went back to grandpa's house, grandpa prepared a table full of food. There were two dishes that were very special. My brother, mother and aunt all enjoyed these two dishes, but I was afraid to even touch them. You must be curious to know what they were! Let me tell you: they were two large plates full of caterpillar and cicada corpses...oh dear! My brother was taking bite after bite unable to stop, and he kept on saying that it was delicious and crispy. Grandpa said the insects are high in protein but low in fat, and they can assist with weight loss. Nevertheless, I thought they were really scary. Seeing them consume those two plates of bugs was like watching a horror movie!

Speaking of crispy, I like Taiwan's Tamsui Fried Fish Crackers. Also, if I want to have more protein, then I'd rather eat Taiwan's egg yolk shortcake or pineapple egg yolk shortcake! My mother actually knows a lot about these Taiwanese specialties.

Every time she goes back to China, she will make boxes of egg yolk shortcake and pineapple egg yolk shortcake to give away to family and friends back home. Anyone who tastes them praises them, and they will ask her to bring them more next time she comes. Mother's skill is like the pride of Taiwan! Mother says that her expert baking skills are all thanks to the vocational training provided by the Taiwan government to new immigrants.

Kaifeng is also a famous place for books and painting, and it is the home of plays and music. When you walk along the river at night, you can even hear *hehanzhuizi* and the Yu opera playing. We all like Taiwan's environment and food, and we like the culture and lifestyle in Kaifeng. You are all welcome to come to my hometown and visit! Thank you !