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On the first day of the 21st Century, at 1900 hours Beijing time, the Eastern Pearl TV tower in Shanghai, China and the National TV tower in Toronto, Canada, began a conversation for the “new century” for over one hour via international satellite.

There is a thirteen-hour time difference between Shanghai and Toronto. At this time, it is night in one city and early-morning in the other.

The Eastern Pearl TV Tower is a Shanghai landmark. It is 468 metres high, which makes it the highest tower in Asia. Since 1994, when it was built, it has been visited by a total of 13 million international tourists. 175 presidents from all over the world have climbed the Eastern Pearl TV Tower.

The Toronto TV tower is 553.3 metres high, which makes it the highest tower in the world. It is also a landmark building in Toronto. It first opened on the 26th of June 1976, and it is visited by at least 2 million tourists every year.

The conversation between the two TV towers began. In the Toronto TV tower, Canadian comedy star Dashan, who is also popular with Chinese audiences, greeted the people of the two countries in both English and Chinese; in the Eastern Pearl TV Tower, the famous presenter Yuan Ming also sent best wishes to the people of the two countries in both English and Chinese.

Next, the CEOs of the two TV towers greeted each through the satellite link. They were very excited to say “although the two TV towers are far apart, we are all part of the Global Village.” They declared on the first day of the new century, the two TV towers would become friendly towers.

Whether in Shanghai or Toronto, the atmosphere in the two TV towers was very warm. Two centenarians in Shanghai and Toronto talked about the different experiences of the two countries over 100 years; students from Fudan University and the University of Toronto talked about the bright future of the new century; an elder of Shanghai told the story of how Doctor Bethune had saved his life; a Canadian woman told the story of why she had lived in Shanghai for 48 years, making it her second hometown...

Finally, people sent each other wishes for a better future!

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