The Teacher Fighting for Girls’ Education

The person who I admire most is Zhang Guimei, the headmaster of Huaping Senior High School for girls in Yunnan Province. She devoted herself to the fight for girls’ education and enlightened thousands of girls’ dreams and new life.

46 years ago, Zhang was sent to remote area to support education with her husband. In numerous home visits, she saw a lot of girls dropping out of school due to poverty. Zhang was shocked and heart-broken. With the help of government, she started a girls-only school with no fee to help girls, because apparently one educated women could end the inter-generational transmission of poverty and change destinies of generations. Therefore, she determined to create the high school for girls or free to light up the dreams of kids in the poverty stricken areas. Since then, Zhang has been working hard to train and help students, even though sick, penniless and childless. More than 2000 girls are admitted into colleges and delightedly, most of them now are helping others and passing down the kindness.

I admire Zhang Guimei for her deep love to the country, her selfless devotion to her students and her persistence for the education career. As Albert Einstein once said: “Try to become not a man of success, but try rather to become a man of value”, a person should follow the national calls and tries to make contributions to the society. During the process, no matter how hopeless or hard the situation seems, we should insist on doing and never give up.