

Kun Leng



White scented blossom
Translucent December dream
Dripping in the rain

Kūn Leng

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Given Name: Kun

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Horoscope: Scorpio

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Motto: If I Rest, I Rust!

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Education

- Xichang No.1 Middle School, 88 Di Shui Yan, Xichang 615000, China
Grade 10 - present (09/2004-now); rank: top 3%
- Xichang No.1 Middle School, 88 Di Shui Yan, Xichang 615000, China
Grade 7 - Grade 9 (09/2001-06-2004); rank: top 3%
- Xichang No.9 Primary School, 54 Tu Cheng Xiang Lane, Xichang 615000, China
Grade 1 - Grade 6 (09/1995-06/2001); rank: top 1%

Course List

Grade 9

English
Chinese
Mathematics
Physics
Chemistry
Politics
History
Geography
Music
P.E.
Art

Grade 10

English
Chinese
Mathematics
Physics
Chemistry
Politics
History
Geography
Music
P.E.
Art

Grade 11

English
Chinese
Mathematics
Physics
Chemistry
Politics
History
Geography
Music
P.E.
Art

Grade 12

English
Chinese
Mathematics
Politics
History
Geography
P.E.

Talents

Musical

I play the guitar, the keyboard, the flute, and the harmonium.
I waltz. I sing R&B and hip-hop.
I compose music and write lyrics.

Artistic

I draw sketches, caricature, and traditional Chinese painting.
I do engraving, woodcarving, and pottery.
I am good at calligraphy and photography.
I love making videos.

Literary

I write poems, news reports, fictions, reviews, and screenplays.

Linguistic

I speak, write and read Chinese and English excellently.
I speak and read Japanese, French and Spanish well.
I read Latin and German.

Athletic

I play basketball, volleyball, baseball, golf, badminton, and table tennis.
I do well in running, skating, biking and jogging.
I especially like swimming and yoga.



Activities

30 Volunteer Activities

(These activities are really non-award: I didn't receive anything from participating them. Perhaps nobody would ever know them if I didn't mention. But they are not non-rewarding. You might consider them insignificant, but I believe they are memorable and worthwhile. I haven't been any significant leader like other applicants: living in a backward ethnic region in West China makes those clubs and societies dreamlike. Nonetheless, I cherish my experiences growing up here, and I believe these activities will definitely become a previous chapter of my life.)

1. I often visit the underprivileged Yi villages and give them some aid.
2. I learn Yi language, Miao language and Li language to interact with the ethnic groups. I have established a bridge of communication and understanding among the Yi, the Bai, the Dai, the Hui, the Miao and Tibetans.
3. I celebrate festivals with ethnic groups: the Yi Torch Festival, the Dai Water-pouring Festival, and the Zhuang Horserace Meeting.
4. I learn to cook ethnic meals and teach ethnic families how to cook the Han dinners.
5. I read Chinese mythologies to ethnic children and teach them to speak Mandarin.
6. I have organized 20 classmates to visit the Old People House and perform for the old lonely people twice a week.
7. I am a representative of my school to send aid goods to nearby Yi schools.
8. I give ethnic students lessons in summer.
9. I publish lots of articles on international forums telling people about Chinese minorities.
10. I make audiotapes and CDs of ethnic music and VCDs of ethnic dances in order to educate the international community.
11. I collect old computers and distribute them to a Yi village and a Mosuo village and teach villagers how to use them.
12. I send piles of my children's books to illiterate ethnic children and teach them to write Chinese characters.
13. I teach woodcarving learned from the Yi group to the Han community and the international community.
14. I lead a team of 7 Yi children and 8 Hui children to clean streets.
15. I am the vice president of Eagle Project and organize a large number of students to perform for the community twice a week.
16. I spend time with disabled students in order to help them gain confidence.
17. I teach the old people English in my community every weekend.
18. I have built the Heart-to-Heart Line with the help of City Psych Center that provides free telephone services to students who meet problems.
19. I have run a Health Hub around my community to instruct people how to stay healthy.
20. I led 15 classmates to do free bicycle-washing during Winter Travel Festival.

21. I volunteered as a tour guide during Winter Travel Festival in my hometown this December.
22. I held an exhibit in the downtown displaying pictures of western foods and vehicles during Winter Travel Festival.
23. In November I volunteered to propagate *20/20 Movement* (a display of creative inventions by Singaporean students) in Singapore as a Chinese visitor. (8 hours/day)
24. I volunteered to clean the house of an old Singaporean widow.
25. I built an organization of 40 students this summer to raise funds for drought-stricken areas in Sichuan.
26. In early 2006 I volunteered as a nurse for children at Xichang No.1 Hospital.
27. In summer 2005 I organized a team of 50 volunteer classmates to publicize protective measures against AIDS and Bird Flu.
28. In spring 2005 I led a team of classmates to plant trees by Anning River in Xichang City. I made good friends with local residents.
29. In spring 2003 I started to organize classmates to take good care of elderly people around the community and continued until spring 2005.
30. I hiked into mountains and shot lots of pictures of the ethnic people to publish in *Guangzhou Morning Post*.

Jobs taken to help defray living expenses:

1. Worked at an Indian restaurant; learned to make Indian cakes.
2. Sold software in Suntec City; learned some Cantonese.
3. Worked at an Islamic restaurant; learned to make Nasi Lemak.



14 Awarded Activities

1. In December 2006 I made a headline in *21st Century Teens* (Issue 254) for my contribution to spreading Chinese ethnic culture to the world.
2. In September 2006 I was elected a translator for Liangshan Prefecture government. I was the very first out of 50,000 high school students to work as a formal translator for the local government. I received a praise letter from the mayor. (28hours/week)
3. In August 2006 I was invited to Beijing Teen Journalist Camp held by *21st Century* because I won Young Journalist Award. I worked as an editor-in-chief for two weeks and won two T-shirts. (35hours/week)
4. In July 2006 I signed a contract and began working as a part-time art editor of *Crazy English* until July 2007 (the only nationwide English magazine in China). Every year thousands of readers apply for such a job and I am among the best five chosen this year. My job is to design cover art for each volume and collect pictures contributed by other students. (20 hours/week)
5. In June 2006 I started working as a part-time school correspondent for *21st Century teens* (the only nationwide English newspaper in China). I competed with millions of high school students around China for such a job and I stood out. (20 hours/week)
6. In January 2006 I began to publish my albums of Chinese ethnic life and culture, available at <http://www.lulu.com/roseleng>.
7. In July 2006 I began to write, edit, and publish my own magazines, *The Real China*, on the Yi people's culture and life, available at <http://www.lulu.com/roseleng>.
8. In winter 2005 I attended the school field and track team. I was elected the team leader in December 2005. (17 hours/week)
9. In fall 2005 I won a medal in cheerleading.
10. In fall 2005 I enrolled in the school mathematics team. I led my team to first prize in the city math competition. (10 hours/week)
11. In summer 2005 I joined the Culture Camp for Teens in Beijing. I won Teenager with the Greatest Potential Award. (37 hours/week)
12. In May 2004 I began to work as a part-time editor of *Boys and Girls* (a nationwide teen magazine) until May 2005. I received a badge from the editor. (17 hours/week)
13. From 2004 to 2006, I was an official English interpreter for the Yi Torch Festival Opening Ceremony. I received three praise letters from Liangshan Prefecture Government.
14. In July 2004 I worked as a TV visual art assistant at Liangshan Television Station. The staff and I together made a video on anti-corruption during the First National Anti-corruption Cartoon Competition. It is rare in Liangshan to choose a teenager to participate in the work of a TV station. I mailed my cartoons to the staff and they called me. So our cooperation began. (35 hours/week)

18 Prizes and Honors

1. A national headline in *21st Century Teens*, a national English newspaper under *China Daily* (Issue 253). The deputy director interviewed me about my magazines and wrote a long story. Now many students in China know about Kun Leng. (December 2006)
2. Third prize in *Experience UK 2006* held by British Council (July 2006). I was the very first one ever in Liangshan (out of 50,000 high school students) to take part in such a large competition and win a prize.)
3. Young Journalist Award by *21st Century Teens* (July 2006). I won this award after working less than one month. It is rare to offer such an honor to a beginning journalist, given that I faced ten excellent correspondents from Shanghai and Beijing.)
4. The Best Debater of the School Award by Xichang No.1 Middle School (March 2006)
5. Second prize in Winter-traveling Speaking Competition held by the local government, out of 100 excellent speakers (February 2006)
6. First prize in *Best of CE Contest*, held by *Crazy English* magazine, out of thousands of artists (January 2006)
7. First prize in the First National Naolingtong Cup Composition Competition, out of 1,000 peer students (2005)
8. First prize in the National English Proficiency Competition for Senior Two, out of millions of senior high students (December 2005)
9. The Best Short Play Actor Award in the Students' Performance Festival by Xichang No.1 Middle School (December 2005)
10. Second prize in the preliminary contest of the Fourth 21st Century-Shenzhen Daily Cup National High School English Speaking Competition, out of millions of students around China (November, 2005)
11. Champion in the City Volleyball Contest out of 4,000 students (September 2005)
12. Winner of the National Creative English Composition Competition, out of millions of excellent English learners all over China (August 2005). I was the first one ever in Liangshan Prefecture from out of 50,000 students to take part in such a contest and won a good prize.
13. The Best English Movie Poster Award in the English Movie Poster Contest held by Xichang No.1 Middle School (May 2005)
14. First prize in the Ancient Chinese Literature Research Competition held by Xichang No.1 Middle School (March 2005)
15. The Most Creative Artist Award in the National Cartoon Competition held by *Crazy English*, out of thousands of teenage artists all over China (January 2005)
16. First prize in the National English Proficiency Competition for Senior One, out of millions of senior high students (2004)
17. First prize in the Tenth Applied Physics Competition for Juniors, out of 5,000 students in Liangshan (2004)
18. The Top Student Scholarship offered by Xichang No.1 Middle School, out of 1,000 peer students (2004)

Discovering the Real China

--Kun Leng's Art Portfolio ^_^



Title of Painting: A Yi Girl

Medium: Watercolor

Completion: Independently

Date of Completion: 09/2006

Title of Yi Woodcarving:
A Yi Family

Medium: Wood

Completion: Cooperation with a Yi
artist

Date of Completion: 08/2006





The Yi Embroidery

Completion: Independently

Date of Completion: 03/2006



A Yi Necklace

Completion: With the help of a Yi artist

Date of Completion: 11/2005



A Cloth Doll of a Yi Girl

Completion: Independently

Date of Completion: 12/2006



A Yi Wine Bottle

Completion: Under the guide of a group of Yi artists

Date of Completion: 02/2006



A Yi Bag

Completion: Independently

Date of Completion: 07/2006

(All the artworks displayed here are done by Kun Leng)