

# Still On the Way to Create a Career in a New Country

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Good morning/afternoon, ladies and gentlemen,

Today I am very happy to have this opportunity to share my experience with you all.

## Living abroad, Language is the first

Firstly let me introduce myself simply, I am from China and moved to Finland in 2007 because of my Finnish husband after I quitted my oculist job which I have been enjoyed around 17 years. At the beginning, I couldn't understand any street signs, about buying wrong things, also happened quite often to me, everything is so strange. I couldn't only understand what I saw, but also what I heard. It seemed that I was a blind or deaf. After one week of stimulation, I felt like I lost my way immediately, then I tried to start looking for some ways to study Finnish over internet, but things always went like twice the effort with half the result. Fortunately I got into a language school, my Finnish get better very slowly. In class the teacher only speak Finnish, I can't understand anything, my hubby always complained about my way to learn languages, he advised me to watch TV and read magazines, and play with kids. I tried, but this way didn't work so well for our Chinese people when we

just started. Because our Chinese pronunciation and handwriting has no direct relationship with Finnish or some other European languages. Our reaction and sensitive sense for Finnish are different, comparing other European language talkers. By my own opinion, we should study those basic grammar, accumulate certain vocabulary then practice more reading and listening. Language is a basic tool for living and learning, only having a good language skill, then it's possible to approach your own aim.

### Learning to live happily and study in happy atmosphere

It isn't easy for our adults to study, especially we are abroad. Because we couldn't just think of studying, we need to take care of the family, children. And handle family economic things, social relationships, big cultural differences, different customs, environment and the climate can make you feel more difficult to adopt. From being a doctor to unemployment, brought me a very strong sense of loss. No friends, far from relatives, all these things made me feel more stress, if not learn to release those pressure, couldn't have a happy life, then it's not for sure to get a good efficiency from studying. Being positive to learn and get into local culture, happy mood can be a sort of nice catalyst for an efficient learning.

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Being a doctor is a respected job in the society, I love it. But there might need a long period to become a qualified doctor in a foreign country. So I am thinking of using my special skill to make living as soon as possible, based on my language skill at this moment. After that continue my studying, and get more and more close to my purpose. During my internship period in Finnish hospitals, I get an idea. I am thinking of the recovery treatment probably has a very promising market. Based on my homeland traditional medical special ways, I am preparing my own company, which is concerning the recovery of acupuncture.

In Finland, there are many education opportunities for adults, and those opportunities are fair for all of us, studying environment is very good also, especially we have a lot of work practices. I get a lot of help and support when I am in the course, have to say I am very grateful because of this. I hope I can help other people, and become a beneficial person in the society.

Study is very hard, but it is also very happy. Every little progress, each success, can make you feel yourself improved, also let you feel very young all the time. Knowledge is infinite, Learning is Endless.

Thanks for your listening!