Table tennis and American culture.

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How to promote Chinese culture and American culture at table tennis

Abstract

Table tennis has played a very important role in the Sino US culture. From the sports level, as the saying goes "sports without borders", table tennis as an Olympic sport, invisibly plays an important role on intercultural communication. From the historical point of view, table tennis diplomacy has painted a thick and heavy color in the history of Sino US diplomatic relations. In today's society, table tennis as a well-known international leisure sports, is integrated into every aspect of people's life.

Keyword

Table tennis, Chinese and American cultures, intercultural communication, the establishment of Sino US diplomatic relations, ping-pong diplomacy.

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Introduction

When we talk about the establishment of Sino-American diplomatic relations, we may remember the 1971 "table tennis diplomacy" firstly. China always take the first place in the table tennis competition, China has repeatedly took up the gold medalist, the silver medalist and the third winner in contest in the Olympic table tennis project. However, table tennis is not originated from China. The name, "Table tennis" originated in 1900, Britain is the birthplace. Its official name is "Table tennis", means "tennis plays on the table ". Named for the issue of "Ping Pang" voice of its hit, in China mainland, Hongkong and Macao areas treat the " Ping Pang " as its official name. However, Taiwan and Japan is known as the "table tennis", means the table tennis sports playing on the table. Evidently, the development of table tennis is a kind of intercultural communication, is the best proof of cultural fusion. However, table tennis plays an important role in Sino US cultural exchanges which is not only reflected in the history of the "table tennis diplomacy" or the Olympic games. With the development of table tennis and the development of globalization, table tennis as a recreational sport project has been accepted by people of all ages from the domestic and foreign, it is also slowly get into people's daily life with the passage of time. Now the table tennis has entered the university physical education curriculum, so that more people have chances to contact and love this sport, including many foreign students. By playing table tennis we can not only get the physical fitness, but also promote the integration of American culture. Table tennis as a sport, has realized its globalization. The further popularization and promotion of table tennis will lead to a better promotion of intercultural communication all over
Body

Chapter one A ball broken the ice

Table tennis, once the Chinese people carry much better memory and emotion. It won the first gold medal for China in world sports competition, it is a sport of China which won the world champion most, it writes legendary in the history of Chinese sports, it stimulates the spirit of unity and struggle from the sons and daughters of the Chinese national, it deserved to enjoy the “country ball” reputation. -- this is the table tennis who with only 3 centimeters in diameter, and who has successfully played the role of an icebreaker in Chinese contemporary diplomatic history.

In March, 1971, the thirty-first session of the World Table Tennis Championships was been held in Nagoya of Japan. The representative of China team hesitated and thought over, decided to participate in. However, was in the middle of the cold war, China and the United States in the state of hostility, Sino US relations is an extremely sensitive political issue, so how to contact with the American table tennis team is a problem.

In March 28, 1971, thirty-first session of the World Table Tennis Championships has been officially opened in Japan Nagoya Aichi stadium. In April 1st, the Chinese table tennis team won the champion. The second day was holiday, the organizing committee arranged players sightseeing. In the yacht, player two countries inadvertently standing together. Firstly, American players praised China players hit the ball well, then they asked with a smile, I heard that you have invited our friends (refers to the Canadian and British table tennis team) visit to your country, what time for us?
America team deliberately expressed that they want to visit Chinese. The leader of the Chinese delegation, Zhao Zhenghong replied: "there will be an opportunities."

The thirty-first session of the World Table Tennis Championships process during the Middle, American contestant Cohen get wrong to the Chinese team's car. The original Chinese table tennis team players Zhuang Zedong recalled: "the representative of China sat in the car, this time, there comes a stranger with long hair, everybody does not know who he is. He looked at everyone is Chinese, turned to leave, but the door has been shuted. At this time, he turned around, we saw the word USA on the back of him."

A car full of China athletes can not help a bit curious with this American, but no one did talk. After the American athlete get in the car about 10 minutes, the carriage is silent, we have a tight string in our heart.

In the face of a car of Chinese people, Cohen nervously standing at the door. At this time, Zhuang Zedong who was sitting in the last row is not calm. "I think at that time, Premier Zhou speaks to us, this time you go abroad to carry out the policy of playing the friendship in front of the competition. If they are on our car, we should be polite and ceremonies."

An ideological struggle, Zhuang Zedong regardless of his teammates of the block, resolutely stood up and actively talk to the American athlete, and shake hands with him, and gave him a brocade of Hangzhou as a souvenir.

More than ten minutes passed quickly, when the car arrived at the stadium, Zhuang Zedong and Cohen became the focus of sensitive reporter.

The second day, Cohen deliberately so early waiting on the key road that the Chinese team will though. "The second day he was there for me, take a gift to me, a jerseys with an American
commemorative medal. Soon, the newspaper was printed. The third day, American deputy head Harrison came to Chinese resident request to meet, when he come into the door, he said that during these two days he was infected with the friendship between China and the United States athletes, so he put forward a bold vision to China table tennis, table tennis world champion can also invited American to visit china, is it right? " Zhuang Zedong recalls.

Chairman Mao know about American’s thought, and after repeated consideration finally decided to welcome the American team to visit china.

A world-famous "table tennis diplomacy" has been triggered by the chance of getting the wrong car.

In April 10, 1971, the new China finally have the first batch of guests from USA. These lucky America table tennis athletes, each of them carrying a camera, and stared at the curious eyes, they want to put this strange country, unfamiliar people shooting into the camera, loaded into memory.

American athletes in accordance with the Premier Zhou Enlai personally arranged schedule, visited the Great Wall, Tiananmen, the Imperial Palace, the Summer Palace and other places of historic interest and scenic beauty, and friendly compared notes after the match with Chinese table tennis team and Chinese athletes. On April 14th, Premier Zhou Enlai met with the America table tennis players’ visiting.

The news that Zhou Enlai meets with U.S. table tennis team has quickly caused a sensation in the world, the news spread to the United States in 10 hours, President Nixon made a statement that announced five new measures which including the visit visa issued to improve the relationship between Sino US to the China.
In April 17th, American table tennis delegation left china with the friendly feelings of the Chinese people. After returning home, the American pingpong regiment Stine Huo Wen can't wait to go to the White House and answer the invitation of President Nixon, send Nixon the Chinese manufacturing table tennis that he accepted from Chinese table tennis team. Then Nixon sent a telegram to show his acknowledgements to China.

After eight months later, USA table tennis delegation's visit to China, Nixon's visit to China. It is during this visit, the two sides issued a joint communique in Shanghai, and China US relations opened a glorious and resplendent new chapter, which due to a diameter of only 3 cm of the small ping-pong ball.

Chapter two Chinese table tennis coach America

session

Lily Yip, Ye Ruiling not only Chinese communities in New York is very famous, at the same time in the American mainstream sports it is a one of the boys. In 2004, Lily participated in the vice president America Table Tennis Association's campaign, and finally to the votes is elected, becoming the first Chinese America history Women Table Tennis Association vice chairman, laid the foundation for the America mainstream sports status of chinese. She said: "Chinese actively participate in sports activities USA, can attract more people to pay attention to the China, table tennis."

Lily is now in USA National Women's junior table tennis team coach, for many years she in addition to cultivate a small player, her two children are more is playing the essence and the genetic Lily, have in the USA domestic and international games played good grades. Recently
held in the Chinese press cup table tennis tournament, her 17 year old son Adam newborn calves are not afraid of tigers, face danger fearlessly, victories, and eventually won the championship. To study the ball 7 years Adam is America 18 years old the following table tennis championship last year, has successfully entered USA national team, and participated in the forty-seventh session of the world table tennis championships, and the international master a spell level. (2005, American times)

Li Yuxiang, the former Chinese national table tennis team, everyone called him coach Lee, is a witty and humorous person. In addition to a table tennis game, let a person be convinced beyond reason, his passion and aggressive personality but also he is able to have many friends.

In 1976, as a boy Li Yuxiang got Chinese national table tennis singles championship gold medal. The next few years, he has participated in the world and the other world table tennis match. In 1985, he came to Japan, took part in the table tennis team of Japanese occupation, have achieved excellent results in the occupation league. Also became the first player Chinese abroad occupation table tennis, is a senior player, the characters in Chinese abroad. Over the past 20 years, Li Yuxiang traveled to every corner of the world, he said: "I and my table tennis footprint throughout the world."

Coach Li is very strict. The students, he taught one by one. In addition to teach children how to on the table tennis table technique, coach Li also attach great importance to the training of basic skills. He said: "the basic requirements to practice a ball game is the first academic apprenticeship, unreasonable, science is not fine." His years of ideas and experiences so unreservedly passed on to the development of the teenagers in tennis. Coach Lee said, he hopes to be able to do some of their own strength, the development of table tennis career, let more people know, this sport contact. He
said: "sports without borders." Coach Lee the wish of many, in addition to cultivate more young golfers, he also wants "to the Friends Club" love table tennis, know more friends in New York, let the China country table tennis ball to popularize in overseas.

Chapter three  

Table tennis into the University Curriculum

Table tennis has entered the university physical education curriculum, so that more people contact and love of the sport, including many students. In the physical fitness at the same time, but also to promote the integration of American culture.

At present, it has important significance of the times and actively carry out the table tennis sports in universities, schools, sunshine sports is to improve the specific implementation of the national physical quality, is an effective means to create a harmonious society and harmonious campus, is promoting the development of campus culture, the promotion of an important part of advanced cultural construction of socialism, is the powerful measures to promote the development of table tennis specimens the ball movement balanced world and treatment. In order to further promote the Hubei Province University Table Tennis fitness campaign, need through the establishment of special organization and functioning, to speed up the table tennis sports venue construction and scientific management, the sharing of resources, enhance the Hubei Province universities to improve the rate of table tennis curriculum and teaching quality, many ways to raise funds, the actual operation mechanism in Colleges and universities various measures such as regular table tennis competition to build a suit. (construct the era significance and operation mechanism of college table tennis fitness movement development -- Taking universities in Hubei
province for example Tang Dongyang once lotus root element)

Table tennis ball into the university has extremely important meaning of course:

1 to carry forward our national ball

Table tennis is China country ball, Chinese teenagers have the responsibility and obligation to carry forward the table tennis. Therefore, the related knowledge of learning table tennis system and proficiency in a game of table tennis skills is particularly important. With the development of globalization, many students from all over the world to China to learn, this is also a chance we will table tennis to the world stage, let more foreign friends contact and understanding of table tennis.

2 physical fitness (such as strengthening the students endurance, strength)

Table tennis as a recreational sport, can enrich our after-school life, to promote the friendship between classmates. But, also formerly in we learn skills and fitness. Endurance, flexibility, table tennis on the body, strength and great requirements, often playing table tennis can make the function of our bodies stay healthy.

3 the net school table tennis master

In China, from children to the elderly, there are tennis master. Continuous improvement in learning and practice, in constantly refine on mutual exchange.

4 cultivate team spirit

Table tennis is a multiplayer campaign, divided into singles and doubles. Can cultivate people's team spirit of cooperation to promote the exchanges between people in motion, make more harmonious cooperation, make the game more intense, make life more colorful.
Conclusion

Table tennis came from the United Kingdom, but is played well in China, this process itself is the witness of cross-cultural communication. In 1971, the "ping pong diplomacy" had painted the thick and heavy color in the Sino American diplomatic history. Table tennis as a sport, has been globalized, the further popularization and promotion of table tennis will make more promotion in the cross-cultural exchanges around the world. In 1979, Deng Xiaoping visit USA and started the Sino US bilateral relations in essence. This prologue is to stimulate the domestic enthusiasm for table tennis. Until now, Chinese table tennis has been won the Olympic Games for so many times, and at the same time, the Olympic Games promote world cultural exchange. Chinese table tennis coach teaching in USA is also a collision between Chinese culture and America culture. under this trend, Chinese culture and American culture will be much more easier to understand in the promotion of table tennis. The table tennis classes have entered the university physical education curriculum, so that more people contact and love of the sport, including many foreign students. It not only improve s the physical fitness, but also to promote the integration of American culture.