My name is Tseng-Bo-Kai. Often people call me the three first alphabet of my name, TBK, which carries with the connotation of Truth, beauty, and kindness, and this has always been the purpose of my life to bring forward the truth, beauty, and kindness across the world.

I came from a middle class family. My father for the present takes up the position as an engineering manager, and he is also the alumni of National Taipei University of Technology (National Taipei Institute of Technology the old name) at which I am now studying. My mother is teaching art education. Owing to her profession, my home is always the most colorful and pleasant one around the neighborhood. In many ways she had inspired me and aroused my affection in painting, poetry, calligraphy, and diversity of literary pursuit. Never did she intend to impose the mainstream ideology or her points of view on me but rather let me opt the way for myself. From her I learn to appreciate the difference and value one’s intrinsic nature. It is this family background that provides me with the soil of creation and endows me with the power of imagination. And it is also this upbringing that drives me to study in the collage of foreigner language and sets out to explore the exotic culture.

As it has been told, I am fond of variety of art forms and yet, more than that, I have been making my own pieces of art work for the past decade (for detailed see the attached portfolio). In spite of the fact that I receive certain degree of English education and foreigner language training in the college, the quality of traditional humanism, especially Confucianism and Zen, is essential to part of my life. I always believe only through the mother culture can a people establish their distinctive character, and only through the mother culture can a society, a nation, be bound together. Therefore, I intensely take part in the extracurricular cultural lectures during the past three years, such as Feng Yuan (奉元社) the sinology society of National Taiwan University. From the knowledge of those ancient classics, I open my mind to different ideas and cultures instead of narrow discrimination, and meanwhile, I manage to seek for common ground between east and west rather than judgmental criticism. With these excellent understanding, I am certain to succeed in making a great cultural exchange.

Of course the culture is indispensable to my life, and I do take regard of the academic performance as well. Apart from my accomplishment of senior research project “The Old Testament of Goddog,” which is well received by the faculty, I also passed the translation evaluation of Linguitronics company(萬象翻譯公司). As the work of senior research project went to an end, for the time being I am able to pay adequate attention to the study in the exchange school. Indeed the university has equipped us students with all kinds of knowledge that should be acquired in our specialties; nevertheless, it is from the society of Bliss and Wisdom that I see the true value of life, and it is from here that I learn the way of happiness. For the first time I realized that the true happiness does not come from any worldly pleasure, nor does wealth or status but simply from being humble and thankful, and being kind with everyone on good intentions. Though young and mediocre so far, I am determined to bring forth the peace and share the happiness wherever I go!

Not only do I spend time on study in the university but also traveling, seeing it as part of my self-exploration. One of the most unforgettable journeys to me is the visit to Henan Province, Mainland China. On this journey, I had been to some world-famous historic sites and cities, such as Kaifeng the ancient capital, Longmen Grottoes, Shaolin Temple, and so on, and all these places showed up before me so genuinely as if they popped up alive from the dull pages. Aside from touring, I benefited greatly from the communication with the Chinese undergraduate students. I am very much surprised by their huge volume of knowledge and capability to put things into practice. From this journey, I see there is still a long way for me to go, and everything needs experienced and understood so that I can make some changes on the old way. Life is always intended to be fully lived, and now I am ready to push my life beyond the limit!