Dear Aunt and Uncle,

 Hello!

 How time flies! Another semester has passed and The New Year is coming! In the past year, how was your work? How was your life? I wish you happy New Year!

 Time goes on very fast. I am not an elementary school student any longer and I am now a ninth-grade student. I will graduate from junior high school next semester! Next year, I will face my first challenge, the senior high school entrance examination.

 As a soon-to-graduate student, my life is a little tiring and difficult. I rent a room near my school (note: his school has no board or cafeteria and he lives very far from school). I live there by myself. Every day I get up very early. At noon, I go back to cook my lunch and in the evening I also have to prepare my supper. Sometimes after shower I had to hand-wash my clothes. Then that night I would not be able to go to bed until midnight. Gradually, I did not feel that time was enough. Due to lack of enough sleep, I could not concentrate on my study the following day and felt a little tired. Then one day my teacher advised me that “you should try to find pleasure in such a difficult situation. Then you will find that study is interesting rather than tedious.” After taking my teacher’s advice, I changed my schedule. I told myself that I must go to bed between 9pm and 10pm. If I had clothes to wash, I would put them in water at night and then wash them next noon. After changing my schedule, now I get more sleep and feel much better. Anyway, though it is kind of tough, ancient people’s ten-year-study must be tougher! Whenever I have this kind of thought, I feel relieved.

 Last September in my right foot there grew a little bump. It hurt a lot. After three months, it hurt so much that I went to see a doctor. Fortunately, it was only a callus. This winter break I will go to take a minor surgery to get it removed.

 Thank you very much for so many years’ help! Thank you! With your help and my teachers’ care, I feel very happy! Thanks very much!

Best Wishes!

Wish you happy New Year with happy family life! May your work go smoothly! May all your wishes come true!

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