

The Power of

Dreams

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The photo was taken during my flight to Portugal on 15 July 2017

This picture was taken during my flight to Portugal last summer. I would be staying there for a month in the hope of improving my Portuguese and studying law in Portugal after my secondary school graduation.

I have a dream. My dream is to become a lawyer. Many people might at once say, 'Wow! A lawyer? You're going to earn lots of money!' Well, I want to do something bigger. I hope I can change the world. I hope I can make the lives of the disadvantaged better. I hope I can help defend justice and liberty, protect the weak and punish the wrong. This seems to be unrealistic and you may think I am just another dreamer.

Life is short and we only live once. We have to cherish each precious moment because life doesn't have a replay button. This photo has captured an eternal moment of my life. It marks the beginning of an unforeseeable future. Besides, it witnesses the first step I've made to realize my dream. It is a constant reminder that I still have a long way to go. But it gives me the power to pursue my dream. The future is full of challenges and yet I am not afraid. To me, life without dreams is depressing. I need a sense of purpose; I need a feeling that I'm moving forward. Some people are unwilling

to tell others about their dreams because they are afraid of being mocked and jeered at. Dreams are usually considered to be silly and impractical. I remember watching the movie 'The Imitation Game' several weeks ago. There is a quote from Alan Turing, the father of computer science and artificial intelligence, in the movie: 'Sometimes it is the people no one can imagine anything of who do the things no one can imagine.'

We should never underestimate ourselves. We are young but once. So each and every one of us should have our goals in life. The path to success is paved with obstacles and you may be defeated hundreds or thousands of times. But does it matter? Even if you fail in the end, I believe the sceneries during your journey are always worth your effort.

Let's dream big and fly high in life. If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough. Let your imagination fly higher than the sky and over the clouds. Never forget to live the life you have always wanted. I hope all of you will realize your dreams and one day, you will be making a difference in your lives and in others'. Together we can make the world a more beautiful place to live in.