

## Mr. Zimmermann's Work and Life --Interview with German Landscape Designer Mr. Zimmermann

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A couple of days ago I interviewed with Mr. Zimmermann, a German landscape designer working and living in the Valley. Mr. Zimmermann is a typical European, or to be specific, a typical German, with big height, robust build, gentle-look, easy-going and smart nature. You could never judge from his occasional child-like smiles that he is the right father of three children and of a 16-year-old daughter.

Coming to landscape design he explained with easy assurance and favor the similarities and differences between European and Japanese garden-courtyard styles in terms of flowers and grass grouping and shaping, bridge, pavilion and stream matching. His clear and logic narration on the flexibility in decoration design, freedom in concept demonstration and bold attempt in difficult technique impressed and enlightened me much. His wisdom and professionalism are well reflected in numerous projects implemented in Germany, Shanghai,

Beijing, Ningbo, Baotou and many others. Various aesthetic and smooth 3-D and hand-drawn blueprints on the thick work album, especially the bidding sample of surrounding landscape for 2008' Beijing Olympics left me a deep impression.

He came to his life here after the enthusiastic professional elaboration in an easy and natural manner. He told me he had learned hundreds of Chinese words during the half-year from his arrival this March. To improve Chinese he hired a Chinese teacher to give a lesson on Pinyin, reading and writing once a week. He said he enjoys Chinese dishes much and there are many Chinese restaurants in Germany though most taste quite differently and less tasty and original than those here. He was a frequent patronage to Chinese restaurants in Germany and now is quite excited about his life here cause he can taste original Chinese cuisine anytime he wants.

When coming to his current life here he complained about some little daily inconvenience, that is, the difficulty to find suitable clothes and shoes of his size which is quite normal for German people. He could hardly find any suitable shoes for his size which few Chinese have.

He expressed he was quite delighted and satisfied with his life here though many differ with those in his country, and that it was a great help for him to work and live here as there were so many opportunities to understand Chinese culture, make Chinese friends, experience different geological features and customs.