

Topic: An Interview with a Restaurant Manager

Video Transcript

A: zěn me chēng hū nǐ?
怎么称呼你?
How should I address you?

M: wǒ shì zhè lǐ, zhè gè fàn diàn lǐ miàn de zǒng jīng lǐ, dèng zhì hóng.
我是这里，这个饭店里面的总经理，邓志虹。
I'm the general manager here at this restaurant — Deng Zhihong.

A: nǐ zài zhè jiā fàn diàn gōng zuò duō jiǔ le?
你在这家饭店工作多久了?
How long have you been working at this restaurant?

M: yǒu sān nián bàn le.
有三年半了。
Three and a half years

A: wǒ men qián jǐ tiān lái zhè lǐ chī fàn,
我们前几天来这里吃饭，
We came here and had a meal a couple days ago.

jué dé zhè yī jiā de cài fēi cháng de hǎo chī, fēi cháng de dì dào.
觉得这一家的菜非常的好吃，非常的地道。
We think the food here is very tasty... very authentic.

nǐ men zuò de shì shén me cài xì?
你们做的是 什么菜系?
What kind of cuisine do you serve (cook)?

M: yuè cài.
粤菜。
Cantonese cuisine.

A: nà... zuò de shì shén me fēng wèi ne?

那... 做的是 什 么 风 味 呢?

Then... What specific (regional) style of cooking is it?

M: guǎng zhōu, zhōng guó lǐ miàn de, gè dì de, nèi xiē fēng wèi.

广 州, 中 国 里 面 的, 各 地 的, 那 些 风 味。

The styles of Guangzhou and various places in China...

shì shǔ yú yuè... yuè shì de fēng wèi.

是 属 于 粤... 粤 式 的 风 味。

It's classified as Cantonese style.

A: rú guǒ wǒ de péng yǒu yào lái zhè lǐ chī fàn...

如 果 我 的 朋 友 要 来 这 里 吃 饭...

If my friends come here and eat...

nǐ kě yǐ tuī jiàn liǎng dào tè sè cài ma?

你 可 以 推 荐 两 道 特 色 菜 吗?

Can you recommend 2 specialty dishes?

M: dāng rán kě yǐ.

当 然 可 以。

Of course, I can.

tuī jiàn wǒ men... cān tīng lǐ miàn de zhāo pái cài:

推 荐 我 们... 餐 厅 里 面 的 招 牌 菜:

I recommend our restaurant's signature dishes:

zhāo pái shāo é, hái yǒu hóng shāo rǔ gē.

招 牌 烧 鹅, 还 有 红 烧 乳 鸽。

Signature roast goose and simmer-fried pigeon.

nà... zhè dào zhāo pái shāo é de wèi dào zěn me yàng?

那... 这 道 招 牌 烧 鹅 的 味 道 怎 么 样?

So... what does this signature roast goose dish taste like?

tā chī qǐ lái ne shì: shuǎng, cuì, xiāng.

它吃起来呢是：爽，脆，香。

It's crispy, crunchy and savoury.

A: nǐ jué dé zài fàn diàn gōng zuò, zuì kùn nán de shì shén me?

你觉得在饭店工作，最困难的是什么？

What do you think the most challenging part of working at a restaurant is?

M: yù dào yī xiē kè rén la, tā / tā huì dǎ jià, jiù bǐ jiào nán chù lǐ.

遇到一些客人啦，他/她会打架，就比较难处理。

I come across a few customers who fight – that's quite difficult to deal with.

A: nà... zài fàn diàn lǐ miàn gōng zuò, nǐ jué de zuì kāi xīn de shì shén me?

那...在饭店里面工作，你觉的最开心的是什么？

Then... What do you think the most enjoyable part of working at a restaurant is?

M: néng bāng kè rén diǎn shàng yī zhuō hǎo chī de cài, kè rén chī dé kāi xīn.

能帮客人点上一桌好吃的菜，客人吃得开心。

I can help customers order "a table of good food" and they're happy while eating it.