

Politely refuse to be granted the title of marquis

Patriotism is the driving force behind Zhang Bishi's "industrial prosperity" and one of the important reasons for his successful career. During his youth, Zhang Bishi made a grand wish to serve the country. He once said, "A great man should not be devoted to literature, but rather to fame and family. He should also break through the waves, build faraway places, create industries, bring color to overseas Chinese, and enhance the glory of the Chinese nation...". Zhang Bishi devoted his entire life to the development of industry and the country. His life can be described as a life of entrepreneurship, but also a life of patriotism.

After Zhang Bishi rose to fame, he once donated a huge sum of money to obtain the official title of "Third Class Jingtang", but he remained indifferent to the colonialists' so-called "enfeoffment and nobility". The British and Dutch colonial authorities had planned to grant Zhang Bishi an official position, but he refused. At that time, the British and Dutch government intended to appoint Zhang Bishi to a certain position because he had opened up wasteland in Nanyang, established commerce, increased government revenue, and made great contributions to the local area. However, Zhang Bishi politely declined. People who don't understand him ask him, "Why don't you accept such a good thing?" Zhang Bishi said very calmly, "I am Chinese, I believe I will serve my country!" This shows Zhang Bishi's dedication to serving his country with his fists, which is admirable.