

Pingzhong Liquan

In August 1912, Sun Yat sen accepted Yuan Shikai's invitation to Beijing for talks. He departed from Shanghai and headed north along the waterway. On August 20th, he stopped in Yantai to rest and stayed at the Clifton Hotel at the foot of Yantai Mountain. Upon hearing this news, Yantai officials, business representatives, and military representatives gathered in Clayton to hold a welcoming ceremony. Sun Yat sen said in his speech, "China's commercial failure is not limited to Yantai, but everywhere it belongs to a trading port, profits and power overflow. In today's strategy, if we want to prosper, we must start with the manufacturing industry. For example, the Changyu Company in this port, whose industry is no less than that of the French factory, will definitely benefit in the future. Similarly, the glass company, Zhang Jun, who can achieve this great feat with the power of one person, should promote each other and strive for progress. Not only is Yantai one of the prosperous commercial ports in the Beiyang, which is only the foundation of prosperity and strength, but also the concern for the country and the people."

After the meeting, Sun Yat sen took a group photo with officials and businessmen from all walks of life in Yantai at the Clifton Hotel. The hotel (now a municipal cultural relic protection unit located at the northern end of Chaoyang Street in Zhifu District, Yantai City) has also gained great fame due to the temporary stay of the President. On August 21st, Sun Yat sen enthusiastically visited Changyu Brewery Company and greatly appreciated the company's production situation. After tasting the wine from Changyu, he inscribed it with "Taste of Liquan" to show his appreciation.