Building a garden in the ocean

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In the beginning of March, Yang Xinglong, a 34-year-old frontier guard, began experimenting with a new project. Yang was born and raised in Haizhou, in Jiangsu Province, in the eastern part of China. He said that he has always been close to the sea and dreams of being able to live in the ocean. Yang's idea of raising vegetables in the ocean originated from his longing for the ocean. He was fascinated by the sea and its endless possibilities. He wanted to create something unique and meaningful that would reflect his love for the sea.

Yang's idea rapidly gained momentum and support from his colleagues and superiors. They believed in the potential of this unique project and were eager to witness the results. The project was approved, and Yang started preparing the necessary equipment and materials. He built a small aquaponics system and started planting seedlings. The system was designed to allow the plants to grow in a symbiotic relationship with the fish, providing the plants with natural fertilizers and the fish with fresh water and oxygen. This system was both innovative and environmentally friendly, as it reduced the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Yang worked hard to ensure the success of his project. He spent countless hours researching and experimenting, adjusting the conditions of the system to create the optimal environment for the plants and fish. His dedication and hard work paid off, and soon the garden started to grow. Yang's vegetables were fresh, delicious, and full of nutrients, and they became a highlight of the Spring Festival festivities.

The garden was not only a source of pride for Yang but also a symbol of the frontier guards' commitment to their mission. They understood that the ocean is a shared resource that must be protected and cherished. By growing vegetables in the ocean, they were demonstrating their respect for the environment and their commitment to sustainable practices.

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