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Topic: **A useful guide to selfie sticks**

Selfie sticks have been widely used by people when people want to take wonderful photos. Selfie sticks have become an instant hit because people can take photos over the top of crowds and get a better shot of the background with the use of selfie sticks. Below is information about selfie sticks and some tips when using them.

Steps on how to operate selfie sticks

First, you should connect your smartphone to the Bluetooth device cable. Second, adjust the screw mount before placing your smartphone sideways and expanding the brackets so they fit securely around your device. After that, tighten the screw mount till your device feels secure. Next, open your camera application and select the front-facing selfie camera option. Then, extend the handle as far as possible for a better view of the surroundings. Finally, click the camera button located at the bottom to take a picture.

If your selfie stick does not have the Bluetooth Function, you should still mount your phone on the selfie stick and adjust the shooting angle. Then, you should tighten the screw and extend the stick to a desired length. Finally, set the timer of the camera application for approximately five seconds. In five seconds, smile and get ready for your selfie.

History of selfie sticks

Selfie sticks were originally invented by the Japanese photographer Hiroshi Ueda in 1983 and reinvented by the Canadian inventor Wayne Fromm in 2005. It was only in 2013 that the term selfie stick became popular. However, in 2015, several major museums banned selfie sticks for fear of damage to art and artefacts.

Where and why selfie sticks are banned

Selfie sticks are banned in public venues such as sports stadiums, tourist spots and theme parks. For example, selfie sticks are banned in the Palace of Versailles in France, the National Gallery in London and all the Disneyland theme parks worldwide. Moreover, selfie sticks are not allowed to be used in places where there are concerts, firework displays and other performances. It is because if you wave your selfie sticks, you will pose a possible threat to other visitors. More importantly, you will block other people's view with your smartphone or selfie stick.

Selfie sticks are easy to use as it can fit more people into your photos. But don't forget to put away your selfie stick when you finish using it. They are very convenient, but remember to be considerate of others.