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Editor's Note

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As we go about our daily lives in China's biggest cities, it's easy to forget about the incredible development that has taken place over the past few decades.

For this month's cover story, Beijing-based photographer Bruce Connolly takes us back to China in the '90s – a nation that was just starting to grow into what we see today. If you ever wanted to know what your city and favorite travel spots were like 25 years ago, Connolly shares his captivating photos and experiences, starting on page 38.

Elsewhere in the magazine, given all the changes to the shared bike market in a swift two-year period, we update you on the key players (pages 22-23), ranking certain qualities and telling you how to access each service. We also dive into the skateboarding scene in Shanghai, as filmmaker Charles Lanceplaine shares his inspiration for the recently released *Shanghai 6* (pages 12-15). In the Family section, we give you a breakdown on what to do if a snake bites you (page 57).

There's much more to discover in the pages that follow, but I'll leave that for you to discover.

Until Next Month,



Ryan Gandolfo
Editor-in-Chief

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SUPER SKIN, SUPER FOOD

New Set Menu at Waldorf Astoria Beijing Brings Diners a Healthy, Tasty Experience

After the successful launch of the Skin Lab Afternoon Tea, the creative chefs at Waldorf Astoria Beijing have continued to take inspiration from the science of nutrition, which led to a splendid Skin Lab Superfood-themed quarterly set menu. Full of creativity and craftsmanship, the delicacies on the menu are prepared with the highest-quality natural ingredients conducive to healthy skin and are destined to impress diners with an exciting, tasty experience that's also beneficial for your skin.

As a major source of vitamin A and a yellow/orange pigment that gives vegetables and fruits their rich colors, beta-carotene helps to improve skin health and is selected by the hotel's dedicated chefs as the theme of this quarter. With no sugar added to the meticulously selected natural ingredients, this selection of delicacies will leave diners with unforgettable memories of the creative lab-style tableware and the skincare effects delivered without making any compromise on taste.



Guests may also make DIY drinks by using the lab-style glassware and adding any of the five ingredients presented in tubes, i.e. chewy tapioca balls, aloe vera, sweet peas, grapefruits, and coix seed.

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PLATE PERFECT

China Launches Campaign to Reduce Food Waste

By Ned Kelly and Tom Glover

China started a 'Clean Plate Campaign' to reduce food waste, after President Xi Jinping called the amount wasted "shocking and distressing," reported Shine.

Xi highlighted the need to maintain a sense of crisis regarding food security, amid the fallout of the COVID-19 epidemic, which he said had "sounded the alarm."

Despite the fact that China has had consecutive bumper harvests, the worst mass flooding in decades has wrecked farms and ruined tons of produce.

Xi called for the campaign to "enhance public awareness of the issue, effectively cultivate thrifty habits and foster a social environment where waste is shameful and thriftiness is applaudable," as cited by Shine.

Regional catering industry associations responded by urging restaurants to limit the number of dishes served to diners and advocating an 'N-1 policy' – a system where groups must order one dish less than the number of diners. For example, a group of 10 people would be limited to ordering nine dishes. The policy also suggests restaurants serve smaller or half-portioned for lone diners.

Also in the firing line are 'Mukbang' – livestreamers who film themselves eating large amounts of food. China's largest short-video and social media platforms, including Douyin – the Chinese version of TikTok – and Kuaishou, have come out saying they will shut down any livestreams and ban accounts if users are found to be promoting the eating of large amounts or encouraging vomiting to eat more.

"The platform will penalize food-wasting behavior when spotted. We call on our users to treasure food," a Douyin representative said in a statement, as cited by state-run newspaper *Global Times*. Now if users search keywords such as 'eating show' or 'competitive eaters' on Douyin or Kuaishou, a cautionary message will pop up. On Kuaishou, a notice reads, "Please cherish food, and keep a reasonable diet" while Douyin asks people to say 'no' to food waste.

Eating shows may also be losing their flavor with Chinese netizens. In a recent poll by Toutiao News on Weibo, nearly half of netizens said that they don't watch livestreams of people eating because it's 'excessive.'

A 2018 report by the Chinese Academy of Sciences found that the average restaurant diner in China wastes 93 grams of food every meal, contributing to the 18 million tons of food its large cities throw away every year. That amount of food waste is enough to feed 30 to 50 million people annually.

THE BUZZ

RANDOM NUMBER

94.5%

... that's how much gambling revenue in Macao fell in July year-on-year as low visitor turnout continues to plague the special administrative region. Reuters reported that the USD162.89 million in revenue made in July was on par with analysts' expectations. Data released by Macao's Gaming Inspection and Policy Bureau (DICJ) shows gaming revenue has declined year-on-year for 10 consecutive months. For the year-to-date, revenue has dropped by almost 80%. In July, Macao saw around 2,000 daily visitors on average – a significant drop from the 108,000 daily average in 2019.

South China Morning Post reports that analysts are hopeful that tourism visas to Macao could resume this month, with the SAR in talks with authorities on the Chinese mainland to resume tourist travel.

In the meantime, tourism has picked up in the island province of Hainan, as Sanya ranked first among Chinese cities for the number of reservations at luxury hotels. According to a report by Chinese travel portal Qunar, Sanya has become a very popular destination among travelers.



DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

Leo Wu

The young Chinese TV star has been a hit in the latest e-sports drama *CrossFire*, which premiered in China on July 20. The 36-episode web drama is based on a South Korean first-person shooting game of the same name, and garnered more than 980 million views in its first four weeks. Starring alongside Lu Han, Wu wows viewers in his role as Lu Xiaobei, a player trying to carve out a career in e-sports. The timing of the series is perfect, as interest in e-sports is growing rapidly around the country.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH



"Dad, I want to marry you when I grow up"

So read an advertisement on the Shenzhen Metro last month. The floors and walls of a female-priority carriage on Metro Line 1 were plastered with the phrases '爸爸长大的以后我想嫁给你' and '妈妈, 长大以后我想娶你,' which translate to 'Dad, I want to marry you when I grow up' and 'Mom, I want to marry you when I grow up.' A little disturbing to say the least. The inappropriate copy was by 新东方 (New Oriental Education Technology Group), the educational company who ran the ad.

As you can see from the photo, the dusty pink ads had been installed in the metro for quite some time. Shenzhen Metro confirmed they had been up for around a month and as a result of complaints were removed on August 6. They also added that they will review advertisements more closely to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

More Moon Cakes

With Mid-autumn festival right around the corner, you're bound to receive some moon cakes from friends, colleagues, or maybe even the *ayi* who lives on the same floor of your apartment. Maybe you've tried a few moon cakes that tasted a little funky, but there's got to be a flavor out there that you'll enjoy! Aside from traditional fillings like double egg yolk and lotus paste (双黄莲蓉, *Shuānghuáng liánróng*) and five-kernel (五仁, *Wǔ rén*), there are a ton of innovative flavors to try as well. Test out the phrases below on a friend to discover more moon cake fillings.



Which moon cake flavor do you want to try the most?

你最想尝什么口味的月饼?

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Which moon cake flavor is the most unbearable for you?

你最接受不了什么口味的月饼?

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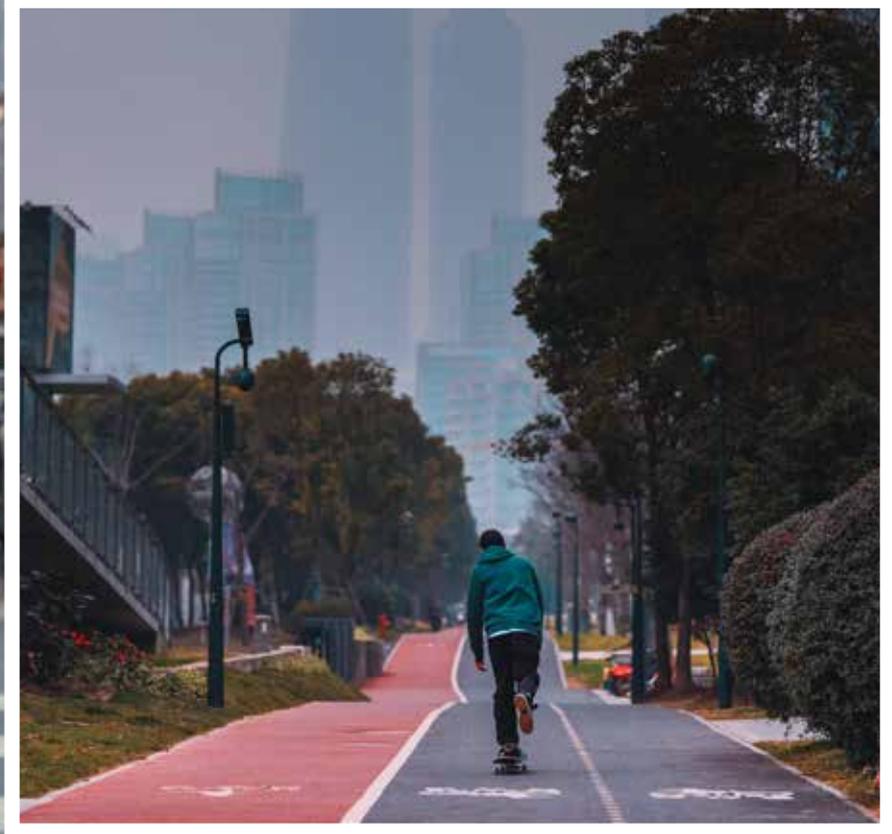


SKATING SHANGHAI

Charles Lanceplaine on His New Skateboarding Documentary

By Ned Kelly

Hailing from a small beach town of 300 people in Brittany, France, Charles Lanceplaine spent 12 years in Shanghai from 2007. Director, photographer and avid skateboarder, he documented the city's skate scene from its relative infancy, producing two documentary shorts, 2010's *Shanghai 5*, and newly released *Shanghai 6*, winner of Best Short Documentary at the Prisma Independent Film Awards.



A girl brought Charles Lanceplaine to Shanghai back in 2007. A girl who lived in Tokyo.

"I was trying to go to Tokyo for an internship but that did not work out, and in the meantime found one in Shanghai, figuring it would get me closer to the lady," he explains. "I had heard that Shanghai had just finished building the biggest

skate park in the world at the time, and was sure I would find a community of skaters there. I did find a great community of skaters, but the relationship with the lady didn't last."

Skateboarding was still a fringe activity back then in China, and the skate scene was small – an 'everybody knows everybody' kind of vibe. But Nike was just starting to get involved in the industry, and Lanceplaine felt like it was the beginning of something, so he started documenting the scene with his very first camera.

"It was literally my first foray into the world of filmmaking; I had no idea what I was doing – no idea about the technical aspect of videos – I just learned it as I went. That's when the work on *Shanghai 5* started happening.

"*Shanghai 5* introduced the scene and the city, which back in 2010 Shanghai was a very different place. It was like the Wild West; amazing skate spots everywhere, no security around to kick you out. Back then, police and security guards were more curious and amused by skaters. It felt like a place where everything was possible."





Those freewheeling days were not to last, however. As skateboarding grew in popularity, the authorities caught up, and started cracking down. Originally having no intention to make a second Shanghai skate film, it was this change in the city's reception of skaters that pushed Lanceplaine to make *Shanghai 6*, a nostalgic look back at what was, and what has been lost.

"For years I had friends joking about making a sequel, but I never really wanted to tell that story again, since I felt that everything had been said. But the past two to three years is when the vibe started changing, and it became increasingly difficult to skate around.

"I felt that maybe it was time to start talking about the changes that the scene is experiencing. For a lot of local skaters, losing access to Love Park (by Shanghai Music Hall) was like seeing your childhood home being torn down. Shanghai is unfortunately no longer a free-for-all skate mecca."

Skateboarding has been included in the Olympics, and was set to debut at the post-

poned Tokyo Games. Lanceplaine sees this legitimizing of the sport as a double-edged sword for skateboarders in China.

"On the one hand, I think it will help skateboarding; we can already see the emergence of more and more skate parks around China. It is great for a lot of people to have access to parks," he says. "On the other hand, it will create more control over the discipline, and, once they have set up skate parks around the country, it will make it increasingly difficult for skaters to practice it on the street."

Shanghai 6 – as with *Shanghai 5* – has a beautiful soundtrack, with two songs featuring the hypnotic voice of Guizhou-born, queen of the Shanghai music scene ChaCha – Am444's 'Lies' and The Exquisite Delegates' 'Ships like Space'.

"I always make playlists of songs that would work well in a project," explains Lanceplaine. "For this one I had tracks I had been sitting on for quite some time, especially those two songs, so when I started working on the video they were top of my list.



Follow Charles Lanceplaine on Instagram (@charliedanger) and Vimeo (vimeo.com/lanceplaine), and watch *Shanghai 6* by scanning the QR code:



"The first track in the video, the orchestral rendition of Cassius' 'I Love U So' by Thomas Roussel and L'Orchestre Lamoureux, felt like a perfect track to talk about Love Park. The theme of the song and the title was like a match made in heaven.

"For a personal project like this one, I want the soundtrack to feel right and timeless. I went through so many iterations of the video until I found the right tracks."

Lanceplaine was so pleased with final version of the film that he entered it into the Prisma Independent Film Awards, the first time he had ever entered a film festival or competition.

"It's always a bit nerve-racking to have your movie judged. It's like having people rate your child, in a way. I felt *Shanghai 6* could be interesting to a wider audience, outside of the skateboarding realm, but in my mind I thought 'It's a skate video, it's probably not going make it that far.'"

It ended up winning Best Short Documentary. "It was cool enough to get the film selected, but to get to the semi-final and then win... Since then it has been selected to appear in a couple more festivals. I'm really curious to see the response going forward. Let's hope it keeps on getting love on the festival circuit."



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YUN ZHANG

Wayuu & Sea

Interview by Phoebe Kut

Inspired by Latin America, and plagued with limited bikini options in China, Yun Zhang set out to create her own swimwear line. Wayuu & Sea officially launched last year in July, and has been popular among expat circles in China. The brand is known for its colorful prints, cheeky cuts and bright bags. Below, we catch up with the budding designer and entrepreneur about the inspiration and mission of her brand.

What is the inspiration behind Wayuu?

I always had the idea to do beachwear in China and have been a beach lover since I was a child. I've also taken multiple trips to Latin America, which have hugely inspired me. My idea was to create a brand for women of all shapes and sizes, to mix and match beachwear and inspire creativity in others.

What does Wayuu mean?

Wayuu is an indigenous tribe in Columbia, who are known for their colorful, hand-woven bags. Each bag we sell is sourced from an indigenous community in Columbia, and takes two weeks to produce.

Can you tell us more about the collection?

The bikinis are inspired by the bright, bold patterns from the Wayuu bags, and meant to complement and match with the bags.



"My idea was to create a brand for women of all shapes and sizes, to mix and match beachwear and inspire creativity in others"

How has the reception been?

My customer base isn't necessarily Chinese, perhaps because the cuts are more Latin style: smaller and sexier. So far I've had about six pop-up events in Shenzhen to target the local community, and to teach people how to style the bikinis. I would like to have a store in Bali as there is more of a market for swimwear there than in China.

Who is your favorite designer?

I'm very inspired by OndadeMar. They have a very tropical feel and I like that they support women's rights and female empowerment as well.



> This interview has been edited for clarity. To check out more of the collection checkout @wayunsea on Instagram or add WeChat ID: wayunsea.



STYLE RADAR

OVERHEARD

“Use leftovers! Use leftovers! Can the most basic respect be given?”

Commented one Weibo user after seeing Uncle Roger’s reaction to the now-infamous BBC fried rice video. Uncle Roger is the persona of Malaysian comedian Nigel Ng, whose roast of BBC’s unusual method of making fried rice went viral last month. The video sparked outrage and debate within the Asian community about the proper method of cooking rice. In BBC’s video, the presenter half cooks the rice then proceeds to rinse the grains under cold water, before slapping it back on a sizzling pan to make fried rice. The result? Undercooked rice flavored with merely soy sauce, not even hoisin sauce! Interestingly, those on Weibo were more amused with Uncle Roger’s Malaysian-Cantonese accent than the horrendous fried rice recipe.



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Dioramour

To celebrate Qixi Festival, also known as Chinese Valentine’s Day, Dior released the Dioramour capsule collection, designed by Creative Director Maria Grazia Chiuri. The collection is an ode to its heritage and focuses on the color red and polka dots. Monsieur Dior called red, “the color of life,” and polka dots were a pattern he was fond of. Elsewhere in the collection, ‘I love you’ in 38 languages is plastered over various bags and accessories in a spontaneous graffiti-like design.

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UNDER THE LENS

Time is Running Out

US President Donald Trump announced at the beginning of August that Chinese-owned short video app TikTok would have until September 15 to sell its US operations to an American company, or else it would be banned in the US. He later revised this to a 90-day deadline in another executive order.

It’s been a rough going for the popular social media app, as of late. Despite gaining popularity worldwide and amassing over two billion downloads for the global and Chinese versions, the app is suffering from heightened scrutiny from multiple governments. After India banned TikTok months earlier, the US could possibly follow suit allegedly due to concerns over user privacy and content censorship.

Microsoft is in discussions to buy TikTok’s operations in the US from its Beijing-based owner ByteDance.

According to ABC News, since TikTok entered the US market in 2018, it has gained 65-80 million monthly active users. Over the past year, it has been downloaded 175 million times. Its popularity spiked during the coronavirus pandemic, as younger generations stuck at home used the app for creative expression.



CITY SNAPSHOT

@yiran_ding

Ding Yiran started shooting rooftopping photos in 2017 and posted them on Instagram. Although it helped him gain a following, he later realized that mimicking this photography style left him unfulfilled. A year later, he left his job as a reporter and photographer to travel the world. Ding now focuses on travel and currently produces photos and videos of his adventures to over 50,000 followers.

When asked about his recent trip to Fujian, Ding told *That's*, "I have heard about these *tulou* since I was young. They are mysterious inward-facing, circular-shaped buildings. I went there with curiosity, hoping to encounter one. This is a photo of a well-known cluster of *tulou* called Tianluokeng. I wanted to shoot them at dawn when they are lit. Since there was a storm in the afternoon, I stood under an umbrella and watched the rain flooding the terrace and fog rising between the mountains."

> For more of his work follow @yiran_ding on Instagram.



MASKING PERFECTION

11 Reusable Masks to Up Your Style Game

Compiled by Rakini Bergundy

Almost all companies that manufacture clothing have also started to design and produce face masks in the wake of COVID-19. Here's a round-up of some reusable masks you can snag in the Middle Kingdom.



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SHARING SUCCESS

The Three Shared Bike Brands Rolling Ahead in China

By Ryan Gandolfo and Phoebe Kut

It's been a wild ride for China's shared bike market, to say the least. In 2016, shared bike startups started popping up in China as street sidewalks were soon infiltrated by brightly colored bikes. The following year, aerial shots of 'bike-share graveyards' started surfacing on the Chinese internet, signaling a gross surplus of cycles. In 2018, Ofo went bankrupt in truly ugly fashion as millions were unable to redeem their RMB200 deposits – as of publication time, more than 15 million users are still waiting for their deposits.

But now it's 2020, and the market appears to have settled down with a few key players still in the mix. Here, we update you on some commonly seen shared bikes still in business around China's biggest cities.

Hellobike

Alibaba-backed Hellobike got started in 2016 in China's smaller cities and towns before pivoting to larger markets. TechCrunch reported that the strategy helped the company avoid fierce competition with Ofo and Mobike in those early days. According to its official website, Hellobike presently boasts 300 million registered users and nearly 19 billion accumulated kilometers traveled. Hellobike is also in the middle of a pivot to electric, with a range of mobility services like shared e-bikes and electric scooter rentals becoming more accessible for users. You can access Hellobike via its app or Alipay.

Deposit: None

Cost: RMB1.5/30 minutes,
RMB25 for 30-day pass

Penalty: RMB5 for docking in no-park zone

Saddle comfort: ouch ouch ouch ouch

Build quality: ouch ouch ouch ouch

Style: ouch ouch ouch ouch



Meituan Bike (formerly Mobike)

Mobike emerged semi-victorious after the bike-sharing bubble burst in 2018. As many companies folded, bikes were stacked up and thrown away; however, Mobike (sort-of) weathered the storm. Shopping behemoth Meituan-Dianping bought the company and began to rebrand the bikes to Meituan Bike, but it's still likely that you'll find the classic orange bicycles around town. Be sure to snag a newer model, as the brakes have worn out on older bikes we've hopped on, and remember to dock the bike in park-free zones. You can access Meituan Bike on Meituan or Mobike apps.

Deposit: None

Cost: RMB1.5/30 minutes

Penalty: RMB5 for docking in no-park zone

Saddle comfort: 🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲

Build quality: 🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲

Style: 🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲



Qingju Bike

Arguably the smoothest ride we've taken on a shared bike, DiDi Chuxing-backed Qingju started in Chengdu in 2017 before expanding to other cities such as Beijing, Tianjin and Guangzhou later on. You can access Qingju via DiDi or WeChat.

Deposit: None

Cost: RMB1.5/30 minutes

Penalty: RMB5 for docking in no-park zone

Saddle comfort: 🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲

Build quality: 🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲

Style: 🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲

Ofo's Obituary

Ofo was a tech darling until the company went bankrupt in 2018. In July 2019, a court ruling in Tianjin determined that the company had "basically no assets." The company was at one time valued at RMB2 billion. Although some bikes remain scattered in cities, the app is still live. Interestingly, the app was redesigned this year with a shopping focus. Instead of returning deposits to users, the company is now offering rebates in its new ecommerce-focused app.





LeoMessi



11-year-old artist Melody Ji

LEOMESSI BRAND TOTE BAGS RAISE MONEY FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN

The LeoMessi Brand is the official premium lifestyle brand of Argentinian soccer legend Lionel Messi, whose chief brand goal is to extend the core of Leo's values, vision, and sportsmanship from the pitch to the apparel.

The LeoMessi Brand is a direct reflection of the qualities Leo Messi demonstrates on and off the pitch: specializing in creating innovative, premium lifestyle clothing with high quality and precision detail in every stitch, striving for excellence, precision and humility in every single detail.

Besides engaging his own fashion career, he also dedicates his efforts to charity. The brand itself and Leo have not been strangers to devoting their efforts to public good; Leo has always been enthusiastic about caring for the less fortunate.

In February, when the pandemic broke out in China, the LeoMessi Brand launched 'Be Strong China' T-shirts immediately, trying to support front-line workers in their fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. They were sold out within just a few weeks, the brand donating all proceeds to Wuhan Union Hospital. And now Leo and his brand are taking their hearts and efforts to autistic children.

Do you know one in every 54 kids suffers from autism? And this number is growing yearly. One can only imagine how this pandemic has affected these kids, as most people are having a hard time coping with the 'new normal'. The LeoMessi Brand is now collaborating



with an 11-year-old artist, Melody Ji, who is studying art in the UK to fundraise for autistic children.

Melody created two paintings inspired by autistic children, and the brand printed them onto beautiful, durable tote bags great for everyday use. The children in the paintings are hardly visible, representing the fact that autistic children do not receive as much attention as they should, as they are relatively invisible in society. They should be offered more love and support.

Now you can help these children just by shopping through the LeoMessi flagship store on Tmall. With every purchase you can get one of these elaborately designed, limited edition tote bags full of innocence and love for free. Part of the proceeds from your purchase will go to the Autistic Children Rescue Fund. Bringing awareness about children with autism is essential for the world to assist more children and families in need. Help make this happen – support Leo!

Scan the QR code with the Taobao app to shop:



Messi Brand x Melody Ji tote bag

MARVELOUS MOON CAKES

2020 Bvlgari Hotel Launches 'Surreal Marvel' Moon Cake Box

On July 27, Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts launched its 2020 Summer Season Immersive Pop-Up Space, along with the 2020 Bvlgari 'Surreal Marvel' moon cake box, offering valued guests a truly memorable summer experience.

Carefree, rejuvenating, and joyful, the 2020 Bvlgari Summer Season is a hymn to a simple and happy lifestyle, an ode to the joy-filled summer. The 2020 Bvlgari "Surreal Marvel" moon cake box perfectly embodies the key elements of the summer season, elevating the season's joyful spirit before golden autumn arrives.

The fantastic dining experience at the Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts provide solace and joy, and Bvlgari is proud to present the 2020 'Surreal Marvel' Bvlgari moon cake box, which has been crafted to satisfy with a perfect combination of taste and delicacy.

The first-ever moon cake box designed by Bvlgari, the floral motif draws inspiration from the Bvlgari Summer Season, with a brilliant contrast of the iconic orange and purple colors creating a lovely summer-filled ambience.

The afternoon tea cup holder is cleverly arranged within the box, while the fastener at the top of the holder is inspired by Fiorever. Bvlgari immortalizes the beauty of flowers, an emblem of Roman elegance and passion, in this

enchanting collection.

Exclusively crafted with an elegant styling, the box conveys the importance of a family reunion, serving as a scintillating celebration of a wonderful life.

Beautifully designed, these moon cakes offer alluringly delicious flavors. Executive Chef Fu Man Biu from Michelin-starred Cantonese restaurant Bao Li Xuan is proud to present two moon cake flavors. One is classic lotus paste, crafted with premium, hand-selected lotus to give a delicate taste. The other is a unique and special flavor of Italian black truffle with egg-custard for a perfect combination of east meets west.

These brilliant pieces of culinary art redefine moon cake flavors in new, bold and innovative ways. The 2020 'Surreal Marvel' Bvlgari moon cake gift box allows you to send your blessings and wishes to family and friends during special reunions.

We treasure time because it passes quickly both in the midst of a hot summer and during a golden autumn. Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts will help you enjoy treasured moments with wonderful experiences and an authentic Italian lifestyle.



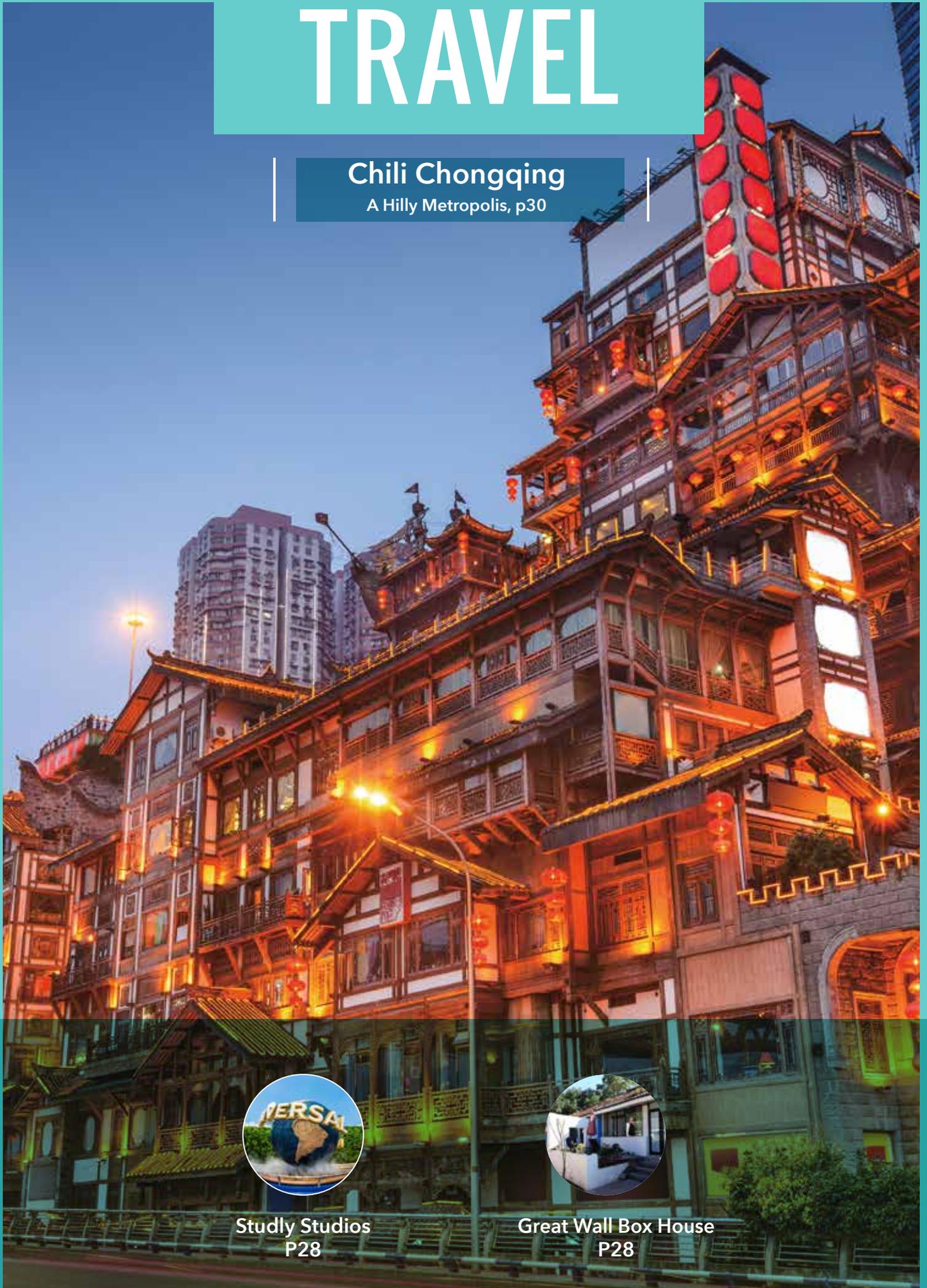
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OSMANJAN MAMTILI

Silk Road Tours Founder

Interview by Ryan Gandolfo

Boasting over 1.6 million square kilometers, the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region borders the countries of Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan. Osmanjan Mamtili, founder of Silk Road Tours, has had the pleasure of taking tourists to view his home region's beautiful landscapes and introduce them to the local culture and cuisine. Mamtili shares with us how he got into tourism in Xinjiang and what the region has to offer.



“Three of my uncles were knife makers, so I would spend my free time in their workshop and that was my first time encountering foreign tourists”

What first got you interested in the travel industry?

I am from a small town named Yengsar in Uyghur and Yingjisha in Chinese, located 70 kilometers south of Kashgar. My town is famous for handmade ‘Yengsar knives’ so tourists who come to Kashgar or on the way to Hotan (Hetian) or Yarkan (Shache) stop at our town to learn about the knife-making process. Three of my uncles were knife makers, so I would spend my free time in their workshop, and that was my first time encountering foreign tourists. I saw the tourists with amused curiosity – the way they dressed and their lifestyle. Most would speak English to bargain or ask questions, even if they were not British or American. So, I started learning English and interacting with tourists. After studying English in college, I started working as a guide at a travel agency before receiving a national tour guide license in 2005. I enjoy my job because I've always liked to read and learn about the culture of Xinjiang and its people, as well as the region's geography and history.

Which areas tend to be popular travel spots for tourists in Xinjiang?

Situated on the well-known Silk Road, Xinjiang has a lot to offer tourists. We have Old Silk Road tours, which mainly focus on the ancient tracks of the Silk Road, starting from the Karakorum Highway

to Kashgar, then to Khotan, crossing the Taklamakan desert and following Marco Polo's path before ending in Xi'an. We have climbing tours and mountain expedition tours in the Kunlun, Tianshan and Altay mountains. Cycling is also a good sport here, and tourists tend to really enjoy these types of adventures.

The north of Xinjiang has beautiful pasture lands, high alpine grasslands and lakes as well as the high peaks of Tianshan and Altay mountains. North Xinjiang is great for adventure lovers and culture lovers alike.

How has tourism changed in the region since you first started?

When I first started out, we would use fax machines and email to communicate. Now we have more convenient ways to access information and customer bases. Also, with more tourists having different interests, we've created new tours and activities, which has provided locals with job opportunities. We've also done better in protecting nature and the environment.

What are some of the challenges with operating tours in the region?

The tourism industry has a problem with ‘high consumption, high emissions,’ which affects the region's tourist destinations. Excessive tourism development also impacts the traditional culture of tourist spots – the commercialization of

traditional customs is distorted and unsustainable. In some rural areas, people would help others for the sake of it without expecting any payment, but now the development of tourism and the opening up of the area has changed this way of life.

Delivering smooth, quality services can be a difficult task because of the weather. Storms, sandstorms, snow and heavy rains sometimes influence the itinerary. Cultural shock and differing lifestyles and understanding can also raise some challenges, and admittedly give me a headache at times.

With Xinjiang cuisine known for delicious meat dishes, how do you incorporate the local cuisines into your tours?

Xinjiang is a big region with different climates and conditions. Some of the most common dishes you'll find include roasted mutton and rice, fish and chicken. But expect many lamb and mutton dishes in the region. Due to Xinjiang's abundance of animal, fruit and dairy products, local areas have various cooking methods with different ingredients. We arrange family visits and cooking lesson tours to different places, so everyone can taste the local dishes and see the cooking process as well.

>This interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

ITCHY FEET

ROLLER COASTER

Study Studios

Beijing will soon be in direct competition with Shanghai for the most epic amusement park in the nation. In mid-August, local authorities confirmed that Universal Studios Beijing theme park would open for trial operations in the spring of 2021.

Beijingers and visitors from around the country can expect seven themed lands, including Kung Fu Panda Land of Awesomeness; Transformers: Metrobase; Minion Land; Wizarding World of Harry Potter; Jurassic World Isla Nublar; Hollywood; and WaterWorld.

According to the culture and tourism management commission of Beijing's Tongzhou district, park amusement rides are currently being installed and tested for thrills! The theme park is expected to welcome over 10 million tourists per year, the commission said. That guest volume would equate to more than 27,000 daily visitors. In 2019, Universal Studios Orlando saw a record-high 10.92 million in attendance – Beijing may quickly surpass that mark.



HOSPITALITY HIGHLIGHT

Great Wall Box House

While hostels are more commonly found within city limits, Great Wall Box House carved out a unique spot to lure tourists away from the hustle and bustle. Located in Gubeikou village, the lodging sits neatly in a traditional but non-touristy Chinese village about 120 kilometers outside of Beijing. If you're looking for some serious tranquility, the views on hand at this hilly hostel will make you smile. The building which houses the hostel is a 100-year-old si he yuan (courtyard), and the east-side-wall of the property is part of the Great Wall.

On Hostelworld, Great Wall Box House has a 9.6 out of 10 rating, with tons of positive reviews highlighting its unique location and quality service. Prices range from RMB140-950, making it a bit pricier, on average, than your typical hostel. However, with epic views of the Great Wall and rolling hills, it's a stay you won't soon forget.



MILE HIGH

China Sesame

The PRC is officially open for business, after the Chinese Embassy in Denmark announced that citizens of the following European countries may reenter China: Albania, Ireland, Estonia, Austria, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Belgium, Iceland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Poland, Denmark, Germany, France, Finland, The Netherlands, Montenegro, Czech Republic, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Romania, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Serbia, Cyprus, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Italy and the United Kingdom. Fears of a second wave of COVID-19 in European countries remain; however, stricter restrictions have been imposed to curb the spread. Daily new cases in Europe have been kept under 25,000 since mid-May. Now the trouble is finding a flight back to the Middle Kingdom, as the CAAC still has strict measures in place for international travel, resulting in ridiculously high flight prices. As of mid-August, a one-way ticket from London to Beijing was going for around RMB15,000.



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CHILI CHONGQING

A Hilly Metropolis

Chongqing sits at the junction of the Yangtze and Jialing rivers, and is the only direct-controlled municipality in Southwest China. Known both domestically and abroad as the birthplace of spicy hot pot, the city hosts over 50,000 restaurants specializing in the cuisine and is sometimes referred to as 'hot pot city.' Chongqing's other monikers include 'the mountain city,' due to the area's mountainous landscapes, and 'the foggy city,' as Chongqing experiences nearly 100 foggy days per year.

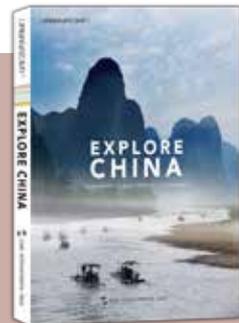
When you take into account the region's misty, mountainous landscape, coupled with Chongqing's towering, modern skyline, it is no wonder the municipality has been featured in several big-budget films, including *Transformers: Age of Extinction*. It's also not surprising, then, that the metropolis' scenic beauty has landed it at the top of the list of the world's fastest-growing cities for tourism.

Formerly the provisional capital of the Republic of China during the country's War of Resistance against

the Japanese Agression, today's Chongqing is home to a myriad of historic sites, making this destination a choice option for history buffs. Outdoorsy types can gawk at the area's stunning karst formations, bask in natural hot springs and wander through the city's botanical gardens.

Nightlife in Chongqing is diverse and exciting. From fancy nightclubs with expensive cocktails to bars specializing in indie music and large-scale EDM festivals, Chongqing accommodates all your 'after sundown' wants and needs. On any given evening, there is an international DJ performance, open mic night or concert happening somewhere in the city.

With a growing international community, celebrated (and numbing!) cuisine and fascinating local attractions, Chongqing is the perfect one-stop trip for visitors to Southwest China. Unfortunately, severe flooding in recent months has taken its toll on the city, so be sure to check for weather updates while planning your stay.



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Hong En Temple Forest Park

For those looking for respite while visiting Chongqing, Hong En Temple Forest Park is a spot worth checking out. Though the park is popular among locals and it is one of the few places in the city that tourists haven't managed to swarm – yet. A mountain within the park hosts a Buddhist temple at its summit, and a leisurely walk to the top will take you past beautiful flowerbeds, shrubbery and trees. We recommend paying this location a visit on a sunny day and sticking around to view the sunset; you won't be disappointed.

Ciqikou Ancient Town

Also known as 'Porcelain Village' and 'Little Chongqing,' Ciqikou Ancient Town is a preserved and restored village that dates back nearly 2,000 years. Once famous for its production of porcelain, the settlement now stands as one of Chongqing's most famed tourist attractions. Ciqikou is home to the grand Bao Lun Buddhist Temple, the entrance to which can't be missed. The town is open daily, and there is no admission fee to explore. We recommend visiting before noon or after dinner to avoid the crowds.



Yangtze River Cableway

The cable car crossing the Yangtze River was once the main form of transport between Yuzhong district and Nan'an district in Chongqing. Nowadays, it has become a popular tourist attraction for those looking to enjoy spectacular river views. Though the ride itself is only 10 minutes each way, it is definitely worth checking off the list of things to do in Chongqing. Tickets to cross the Yangtze River via cable car cost RMB20 (one way), and the ticket purchasing instructions are posted in both English and Chinese. Guests should keep in mind the car's hours of operation: Though it operates as early as 6am every day, the last car crosses at 10pm.

Hongya Cave

One of Chongqing's most renowned historical sites, Hongya Cave is perhaps the most popular tourist spot within the city. The site itself is over 2,000 years old and has been restored time and time again to preserve its beauty. Within the building are shops, cafes, tea-houses, massage parlors, restaurants and more. Hongya Cave overlooks the point at which the Jialing and Yangtze rivers meet, providing stunning views (when it's not flooded).



Guaiwei Can Dou

Translated literally as 'strange tasting,' *guaiwei* is a spice mix popular in both Sichuan and Chongqing cuisines that is relatively unknown elsewhere. You can find this bizarre (yet delicious) combination of nutty, sweet, salty, spicy and sour as a flavoring on dried fava beans all over Chongqing. If all else fails, buy this crispy snack at the airport on your way home.



Sa Jiao

Looking for a traditional Chinese dinner? Look no further than Sa Jiao, which boasts a diverse variety of Chinese dishes. The restaurant is spacious and comfortable, making it the perfect spot to host guests or celebrate a special occasion. While Sa Jiao is a bit pricier than many of Chongqing's family-run Chinese restaurants, the atmosphere makes up for it. We recommend sampling the *mapo doufu*, a traditional Sichuan dish that combines meat and tofu with a spicy sauce.

> 138 Xingsheng Dadao, Yubei District 渝北区兴盛大道 138 号撒椒

Chongqing Hot Pot Street

Mala huoguo, or numb and spicy hot pot, is a Chongqing staple and there is arguably no better spot in town to experience the fiery dish than Chongqing's 'Hot Pot Street.' Located just five minutes from Tangjiayuanzi Metro Station, Hot Pot Street features an entire block of *huoguo* restaurants to choose from. Just close your eyes and 'eeny, meeny, miny, moe' your way to an entertaining night out.

> Starts from 331 Donghu Nan Lu in Yubei District 从渝北区东湖南路 331 号开始重庆火锅街



Sheraton Chongqing Hotel

Sheraton Chongqing is ideally situated on the Yangtze River. As such, the hotel's rooms provide mesmerizing panoramic river views. A five-star accommodation, amenities here include two restaurants, a lobby bar, fitness and business centers and a beautiful indoor pool. Sheraton Chongqing is located a mere 30-minute drive from Jiangbei Airport, as well as near many of the city's central tourist attractions.

> 78 Nanbin Lu, Nan'an District 南岸区南滨路 78 号重庆喜来登大酒店 (86 23 6277 7777)



Home Inn Guanyinqiao

With three locations in Guanyinqiao, a popular shopping and nightlife area, Home Inn is an affordable option for travelers uninterested in five-star pomp. The hotel is a short walk away from bus and subway stations and is only 20-30 minutes from the airport by car. Although the Inn lacks fancy amenities, the rooms are clean, the service is well-reviewed and a buffet breakfast is provided for only RMB20.

> Various locations (bthhotels.com/homeinn)



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New Southeast Asian Treats at **URBAN Café**, The Sukhothai Shanghai

URBAN Café, the award-winning Southeast Asian restaurant at The Sukhothai Shanghai, is a place to explore the breadth of the region's rich culinary traditions, serving an eclectic collection of its specialties. And the good news is that they have just expanded their menu.

While it is possible to order a la carte, we'd advise taking advantage of the sharing menu options as it offers you an array of dishes and works out more economically: Select any three dishes for RMB238; five for RMB358; or seven for RMB458.



Coconut Chicken Soup – Tom Gai Kha – (RMB98) is a Thai classic. URBAN Café's rendition is packed with lemongrass flavor and is a gently warming start to the appetizers we try. Other great starter dishes include the sticky, tender and sweet Chicken in Pandan Leaf (RMB88) and the meaty mouthfuls of the Vietnamese-Style Rice Paper Roll with Beef (RMB88).



Coconut Chicken Soup –
Tom Gai Kha



Lobster Pad Thai

While all the above are great for sharing, the Soft Shell Crab Sandwich (RMB108) is a trickier proposition – and, frankly, on a hungry day why would you want to? Shredded salad, succulent tomato, crunchy onion and delicious curry mayonnaise cementing the flavor combination.

The Lobster Pad Thai (RMB238 a la carte or RMB138 supplement on any set) is the absolute star of the day. The rice noodles come inside a delicate omelette; it's street food, with the salty sweet tamarind and pleasingly greasy texture that give a slight addiction factor. But this pad thai is elevated to something truly special with the addition of the beautifully cooked fresh half Boston lobster.

Another timeless Thai street food favorite is the Stir Fried Oyster Omelette with Bean Sprouts (RMB92), which has a creamy souffle texture and comes with a delicious sauce.

If you are going to opt for the sharing plate option, then do remember that desserts are included, so those with a sweet tooth should prepare to leave room. Desserts include Black Sesame Ice Cream (RMB68), Coconut Ice Cream (RMB68) and, of course, Mango Sticky Rice (RMB78).

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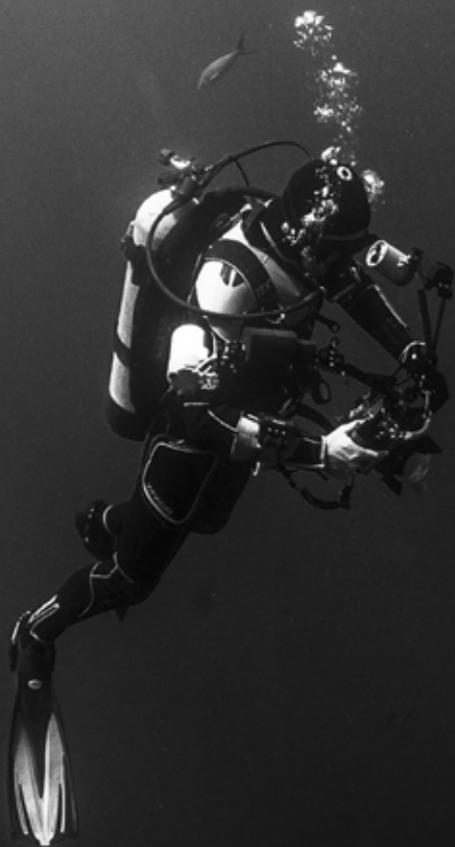
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MANAV GUPTA

Founder and CEO at Brinc

Interview by Ryan Gandolfo

As a serial entrepreneur, investor and technology strategist, Manav Gupta has spent his career solving challenges using technology – and has a proven track record. Gupta and his team at venture accelerator firm Brinc offer funding and assistance to startups ready to make an impact in China and around the world. Below, he shares with us how his firm has adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic, their fascinating accelerator programs and his thoughts on China's entrepreneurial community.

How did you get started working in Greater China?

I came to visit family after college in the US and quickly recognized the wide array of white spaces that were up for grabs. I started with a computer repair business for foreigners in town, then an over-the-phone translation service. After that, [I launched] a food delivery business (well before FoodPanda and Deliveroo days) and then finally a digital marketing and product development firm focused on developing tech-enabled applications for various global Fortune 500 companies. I was definitely not focused when I got in, and tried to get involved in everything. I slowly learnt just how complex that was given how fast everything moved. Many incredible business owners and entrepreneurs were moving just as quickly to build up their infrastructure and create value for customers or businesses. I learnt the importance of priorities and focus and then built from there.

As a venture capital and accelerator firm, how has Brinc had to adapt due to the pandemic this year?

We've had to deprioritize all areas of innovation in our products and services and focus on the basics. Large corporates, institutional investors and stakeholders were not looking for innovation, major creativity or long-term bets



“Chinese entrepreneurs have always had a go-get-it-done attitude and are not afraid to fail by trying”

over the last few months. They were all focused on their own challenges, managing their own stakeholders, delivering value for their customers and employees, and ultimately surviving. As everyone has gotten a grasp of the new normal, the budgets are coming back online, funds are flowing again and most stakeholders have figured out how to navigate the challenges ahead.

Brinc offers accelerator programs for everything from clean energy and food tech to IoT, mobility and more. Which programs are you most excited about and why?

Being a life-long vegetarian and personally very passionate about saving the animals, the FoodTech program we run has allowed me to find the true convergence between my passion and vocation. We back some of the world's leading game-changers who aspire to create a more sustainable food system and also end animal suffering in the process. Our food systems are far from perfect and have massive room for growth and improvement. It's unbelievable just how much wastage and inefficiency there is with only a fraction of the overall energy spent actually ending up being consumed.

We are investing in founders developing solutions in alternative proteins, cellular agriculture, agriculture technology, packaging and storage, food safety, food supply chain and food waste. We're investing anywhere from USD80,000 to USD250,000 per company and have follow-on funds for the teams that demonstrate the traction. We've made over 25 AgriFoodTech investments already in the last few years, in-

cluding companies like Phuture Foods, Avant, Born, Grounded, TurtleTreeLabs and many more.

With the private sector assuming a larger role in China's economy, what are your thoughts on the country's current legion of entrepreneurs?

There is boundless opportunity today just as there was 15 years ago when I first came and started working here. China is moving very quickly at reinventing itself as not only a major exporter but also with its strong domestic economy. Chinese entrepreneurs have always had a go-get-it-done attitude and are not afraid to fail by trying. That has always been the Chinese way since I first experienced China – try, and if you fail, then try, iterate and try again and again until you do. This is also the strategy that has built some of the most successful ecosystems and founders around the world, so I believe we will see more domestic players build strong domestic businesses that will not only scale through the Chinese mainland but also globally due to their strength in product, supply chains and funding as well as brand. I'm excited to see and continue to back the groundbreaking industry-first solutions and applications that come out of the Chinese market – I think the whole world is watching China's businesses and entrepreneurs now.

>This interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

TAKE STOCK

TAP THAT APP

Laowaidrive

Ever thought about driving in China? If not, we understand entirely, having witnessed some pretty remarkable things on the roads (and not good things). But if you enjoy a good adventure and would like to see parts of the Middle Kingdom harder to access via train or plane, a car is your best bet.



The first step to driving in China is to get a Chinese driver's license, which is a relatively easy task if you have a valid driver's license from your home country. Laowaidrive is a free education app that helps prepare foreign nationals for the driver's test required in China for those with valid licenses from overseas. The app offers users a practice exam in nine different languages. In addition, it also gives you a breakdown of how to register for the exam as well as offering applicants a service to get their documents translated and notarized.

Even if you don't have any intention on renting or buying a vehicle, having a license can come in handy in case your friend suffers an allergic reaction while on the highway to Hunan. Laowaidrive will help save you in that more-common-than-you-think situation.

> Laowaidrive is available for iOS and Android users.



CHART ATTACK

Coining Out

Piggy banks are apparently an underestimated tool in finance, as validated by Ms. Wang of Zhejiang province. Last month, Wang exchanged 150 bags of coins equaling four tons at her local Agricultural Bank of China branch, which amounted to about RMB700,000. Following the news, Caijing took a poll on their official Weibo account, which asked users if they still used coins. While nearly half of respondents said they don't even carry cash, 25% said they still use coins for video game machines and public transportation. Around 5% said they would like to, but so few places accept coins nowadays.

Source: Caijing



HIGHS AND LOWS



Highs

- Chinese stock market statistics released in August revealed that more than 2.4 million new investors joined the market in the month of July, a 56.6% increase compared to June. The number of investors in the Chinese stock market has now surpassed 170 million.
- On August 20, exactly one month since the reopening of Chinese movie theaters, more than RMB1 trillion of revenue had been generated and over 33 million tickets were sold. The rebound goes beyond previous industry expectations, and the continued revival of popular movies will likely further boost box office earnings.



Lows

- One of China's largest real estate chains, 5i5j (我爱我家) reported a 30% decrease in revenue and 86% decrease in profits for the first half of 2020, as compared to that of last year. The Chinese real estate industry was significantly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. However, signs of rebound are starting to show, according to the Paper.
- Li Maocai, director of Tencent's blockchain technology department, expressed his concerns for the recent large-scale implementation of blockchain in governmental services. Although bringing many conveniences to both government departments and the people, the premature technology is likely to possess data security issues. Moreover, the fact that some chains have not formed closed cycles is another major concern, given that they may cause the isolation of supposedly open data.

INSPECT-A-GADGET

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BLAST FROM THE PAST



Snapshots of a China Gone Past

Interview by Ryan Gandolfo,
Words and images by Bruce Connolly





Thirty-three years ago, Bruce Connolly boarded a train from Glasgow, Scotland, marking the start of a journey that would take him across the world to Hong Kong. Along the way, he developed a fascination with China – a nation just starting to develop into the marvel it has become today.

The Scottish native has long had a passion for photography, taking his camera when exploring the great outdoors to record the beauty of natural landscapes.

China proved to be a place in which Connolly could further feed his passion. “China was so different, so many complexities and with so much that would obviously change with the drive for modernization sweeping across the country. If I did not capture some images through the lens, the places and structures would be gone shortly after,” he tells us of his early years exploring the country.

Connolly has witnessed and documented the rapid development of a nation over the last three decades. From his

first sighting of Shenzhen in 1987 to the Oriental Pearl TV tower-dominated skyline of Shanghai in the early '90s, Connolly captured photos of a country hell-bent on change right as the gears had started to turn.

Based in Beijing, Connolly has had his photographs appear in various publications, he's written features for local magazines and recorded a daily outdoor program for Radio Beijing that became known as 'Bruce in Beijing,' which ran for over a decade.

As we've learned, Connolly's experiences exploring everything China had to offer in the '90s are memories he cherishes, which have shaped him into a captivating storyteller. Regardless of whether you're new to China or have long resided in the Middle Kingdom, anecdotes about what Sanya was like before the five-star hotels or Lijiang prior to the flocks of tourists adds a new perspective.

In the following pages, you'll find images of China amid its development in the '90s, along with words from Connolly that add context to the nation that's grown up before his eyes.



Bruce Connolly

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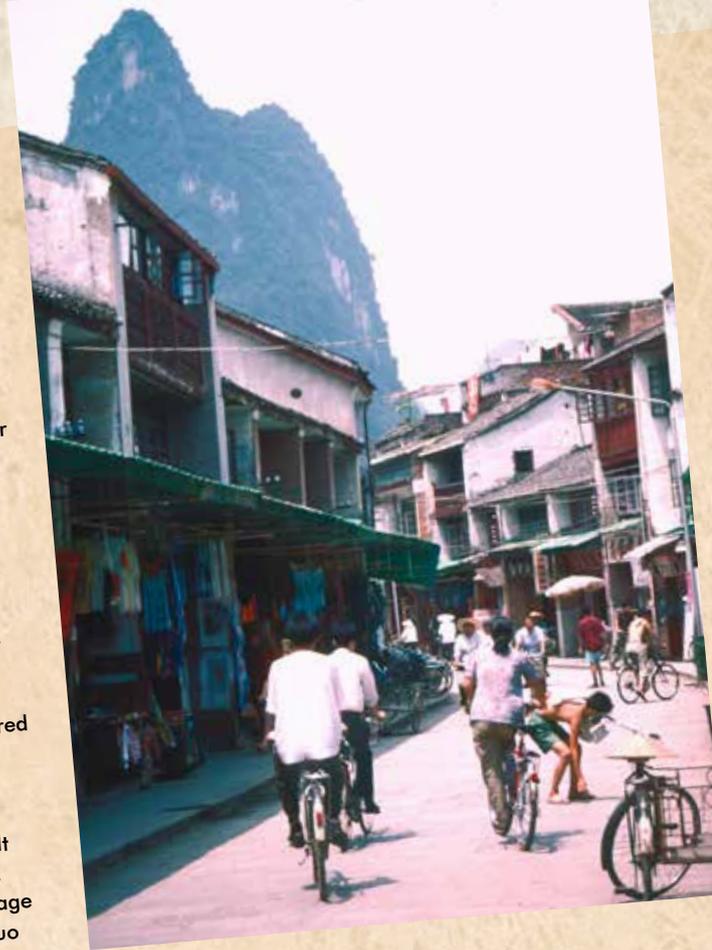
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GUANGXI

AUGUST
1993

After China started opening up in the late '70s and early '80s, Western backpackers and travelers were attracted to some of the country's beautiful, off-the-beaten-track locations in Yunnan and Guangxi.

Yangshuo, alongside the fabled Li River and surrounded by many limestone pinnacles, became one such destination. It had been a quiet market town connected to several other beautiful villages and scenic spots by river transport.

It was a place where travelers could easily spend a month or more. It was unhurried; there were no large or modern hotels, just a few simple, inexpensive hostels and guesthouses. Along West Street (Xijie), where this image was taken, cafes with English menus opened. Such cafes also offered local tours (by bicycle), ticketing services for trains out of nearby Guilin and combined bus and boat tickets to Guangzhou via Wuzhou. It was a perfect place for Westerners, particularly with no Chinese language skills. Why move on when Yangshuo was 'Heaven on Earth'?



WU
ZHOU

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GUANGXI

MAY
1993

Before high-speed rail and extensive expressway construction, rivers were often a significant means of transportation. Stretching sometimes over a thousand kilometers inland, they carried passengers and freight to and from coastal cities.

The West River (Xijiang), which flows into the South China Sea southwest of Guangzhou is part of a major corridor for traffic inland almost to Vietnam's borders. Wuzhou, a bustling river town, is where the Gui (which connected with the Li River) flowed into the Xun River (West River's name beyond Wuzhou). For centuries, the town has been an important water transport hub.

In the '80s and '90s, the town became familiar for Western backpackers, in particular. A boat to or from Wuzhou and bus to or from Yangshuo is how I traveled then.

The larger vessels were the passenger ferries connecting with Guangzhou. As for the smaller, wooden vessels, many were little fishing boats, local cross-river ferries, or houseboats.

There were no fixed quays for docking due to seasonal variations in water flow – larger vessels were tied up at floating pontoons.

SHEN
ZHEN
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GUANGDONG



Until 1978, Shenzhen was a small fishing port and border crossing town to and from Hong Kong. After Deng Xiaoping started the policy of Reform and Opening Up, Shenzhen became a Special Economic Zone that developed a very close working relationship with Hong Kong.

Viewing Shenzhen from the window of a through-train from Guangzhou to Kowloon in 1987, it was so different to anywhere else while traveling south through China. Shenzhen marked the start of how the country would change over the next 40 or more years from 1978.

This image is of the busy commercial downtown in 1993. Since then, the city has expanded massively, and today boasts some of the world's tallest buildings.

1993

GUANG
ZHOU
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GUANGDONG



Guangzhou, historically also known as Canton, has for centuries been a major trading port in south China. It developed where a maze of waterways, such as the West River (Xijiang), converge as the Pearl River (Zhujiang) to discharge into the South China Sea between Hong Kong and Macao.

The city developed rapidly into the modern metropolis seen today after the implementation of Reform and Opening Up.

It was this vast river system that helped Guangzhou's early growth. With so many water channels across the entire delta area, much travel was by boat – prior to the considerable infrastructure constructed over the last 25 years. Vessels such as this one would carry hundreds of passengers to towns and cities scattered across a vast geographic area. For many Western travelers, it was a novel way of reaching Wuzhou in Guangxi for onward bus travel to Yangshuo.

1992



Hearing Guangdong, we tend to think of large cities, economic drive around the Greater Bay Area and so on. However, there is an alternative Guangdong, an area of incredible natural beauty, similar in ways to neighboring Guangxi. Liannan is in northern Guangdong, several hours by road from Guangzhou (no rail connections) – close to Guangxi and southern Hunan.

Compared to southern parts of the province, then it was not developed, incredibly scenic and indeed tranquil. An area that was a photographer's dream.

I traveled up there in early July 1993 to spend a few days.

Much of my time, I would walk around town or through the surrounding countryside, always with my camera ready.

Westerners were rarely seen, and often greeted with amazed or simply curious expressions by locals. This young boy, pushing his bicycle, kept turning around, looking in my direction. I just had to capture that moment through the lens.

LIAN
NAN
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GUANGDONG

JULY
1993

Liannan, also known as Liannan Yao Autonomous County, has numerous Yao villages nestled within a landscape of tall, often precipitous mountain peaks. The Yao people are found across several southern Chinese provinces, mostly within mountainous terrain.

In 1993, tourism was developing slowly so much remained in a natural, welcoming way.

This village of wooden or adobe buildings – spread around a pond – was accessed by a stone path up from the main road.

Welcomed by the village head, a customary dance performance was put on – a traditional matchmaking ceremony. It's so hard to believe that this was in the same province as Guangzhou.



JULY
1993

JANUARY
1993



This scene was typical of older parts of Suzhou at that time. Many buildings were two floors with the lower floor open for commercial purposes. The upper floor, mostly facades of red wood, were generally where people lived.

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JIANGSU

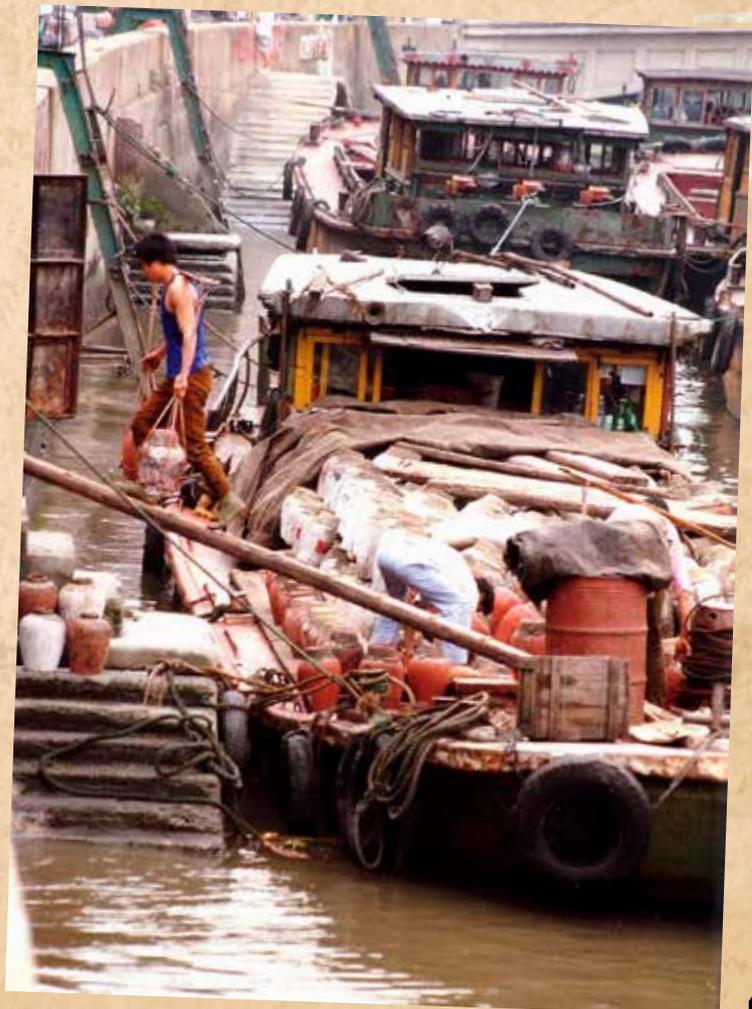
Traveling around the Lower Yangtze (Changjiang) in the summer of 1996, I took the train from Shanghai to Suzhou. At that time, the two cities were vastly different. Shanghai seemed to be in a building frenzy, while Suzhou's pace was much more relaxed and traditional, making for good photography.

With a long history as a walled, water town, Suzhou was where several canals met, connecting the large Taihu Lake with Shanghai, the grand canal, Nanjing and more.

The city's waterways bustled with boat and barge traffic, mostly transporting cargo.

Suzhou provided some fascinating glimpses into another aspect of traditional, centuries-old life in China.

AUGUST
1996



JULY
1996SHANG
HAI

When I was last in Shanghai, this scene had disappeared. Suzhou Creek (Wusong River) in downtown Shanghai has been landscaped, and the former canal traffic is gone. It had connected Suzhou city with Shanghai, joining the Huangpu River close to the Garden bridge. In 1996, waterways were still important for regional travel and freight movement in the area.

JULY
1996

Shanghai, a major port and commercial center on the Huangpu River near its confluence with the Yangtze, was instantly recognizable for its classical European architecture along the Bund. Today, the main skyline is in Pudong district, boasting some of the world's tallest buildings.

In 1996, Pudong was mostly then low-rise, but development was happening. When this photograph was shot, the television tower was becoming a symbol of the new Shanghai. Opened in 1995, it rises 468 meters in total and, until 2007, was the tallest structure in China.

Walking around that part of Pudong, many other towers were then in their early stages of construction.

BEI JING



When McDonald's opened on Wangfujing Street on April 23, 1992, it was the world's largest. It had 700 seats, 29 cash registers, and according to the ledger, served over 40,000 orders on its first day. At that time, compared to normal everyday dining in Beijing, it was seen as a sort of luxury and a place to be seen visiting. It became irresistible for many young Chinese people and for families with children.

It was closed down in 1996 to make way for the high-end Oriental Plaza mall, but relocated 150 meters north, again on Wangfujing Street.

Notice the line of street food stalls – they were removed many years ago in a major landscaping project along Chang'an Avenue.

1994



SANYA HAINAN

JANUARY 1993

During holidays like Chinese New Year, Sanya, on the southern tip of Hainan island, would be buzzing with tourists from across China. In 1993, during the only long holiday, people would go back to their hometowns to spend Chinese New Year with their extended families. Tourism was in its infancy and Sanya had a relatively small hotel scene in Dadonghai. The town grew around a sheltered natural harbor, which became a major base for fishing.

This scene shows bicycle carts and pedicabs waiting outside a vast local market. Some of the cyclists are seen wearing circular bamboo hats – a similar style seen along coastal Guangxi and neighboring Vietnam. The scene, to me, appeared so different even to Guangzhou. It felt like 'real travel' with none of the luxurious trappings of tourism today.

Historically, Beijing was a walled city. Grand watchtowers and gates stood at strategic points around the walls. Today, it is one of the few surviving gates of the strong Ming-era walls.

Deshengmen Gate was also known as 'Victory Gate' and controlled the route to and from Badaling Pass. It dates back to 1437 and was where the victorious armies would march back into Beijing after battle.

This was midwinter in Beijing, with the area around the gate very quiet except for this cyclist.



DECEMBER
1995



Niu Jie (Ox Street) is the main Muslim area of Beijing, centered around historic Niu Jie Mosque.

Around 1995, there were many outdoor snack stalls serving large helpings of grilled mutton and bowls of steaming noodles. It was a fascinating area to watch or take part in older, traditional Beijing customs.

This scene was close to Niu Jie Mosque. Today, the mosque remains and has been renovated, but the outdoor food stalls are long gone.

CHAO
TIAN
MEN
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CHONGQING

Today, water flow levels along the Yangtze (Changjiang) are steadier, with less seasonal variation due to the opening of the Three Gorges Dam in 2010. Previously, there could be considerable fluctuations in water levels, making the construction of landing stages or docks sometimes impossible.

In Chongqing, boats would be tied up at floating landing stages. These were connected to the shore by metal or wooden walkways stretched over pontoons facing up river.

After crossing, there would then be long flights of steps up to street level. Chongqing is renowned for its summer heat, and climbing up would be exhausting!



JULY
1994

Leshan, south of Chengdu, is famed for its Dafo (Big Buddha) sandstone carving. I was on a boat preparing to depart for a two-day sail down the Min River (Minjiang) to Chongqing. Through the mist emerged this local ferry crowded with people, mostly wearing white shirts – common attire at that time. In 1994, there were very few bridges across the major rivers, so ferries would be the only way.

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SICHUAN



JULY
1994

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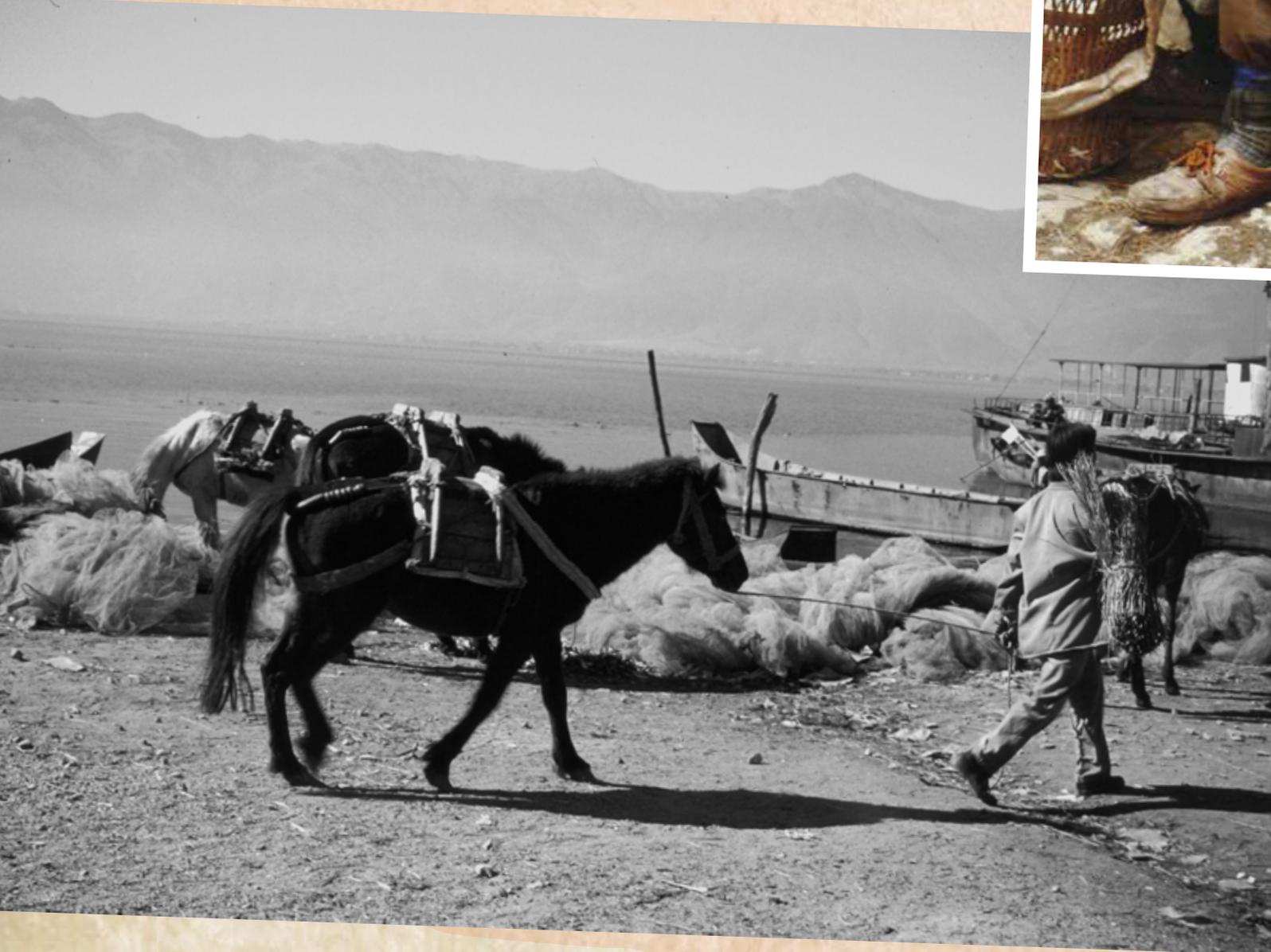
JANUARY
2000

In Dali, I loved to have a relaxing stay close to Erhai Lake.

I traveled across by small boat to Wase, on the other shore – then much quieter than Dali. Today, the expressway and railway run close to the town.

Wase was famed for its weekly outdoor markets where most people wore ethnic costumes such as Bai and Naxi. Packhorses were commonly used.

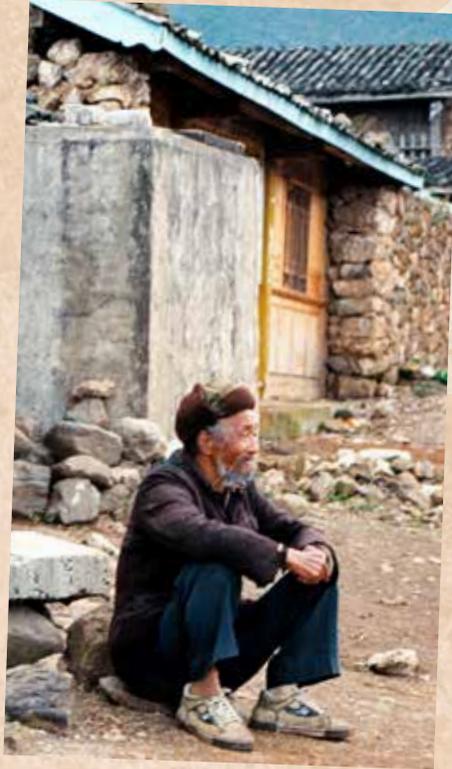
Simple sailboats carried goods across the lake. These horses were being led down to the harbor where boats were being unloaded.





Lijiang was a remote town high amidst the mountains on the 'tea horse trail' from Kunming up to Lhasa. Lijiang in 1995 was mostly pre-tourism then, and streets in the older area of the city bustled with everyday life. Most people were Naxi, wearing their traditional dark blue clothing. Bai and Yi were also present around the market areas.

This couple sat patiently alongside a busy alley hoping for a sale.



1998

LIJIANG
YUNNAN

JULY
1995

Lijiang, in 1995, was a traveler's dream. It felt in a time warp compared to other parts of China, particularly the eastern coast.

Streets were more like narrow, stone-paved lanes. Buildings were two floors with red wooden facades that housed shops and restaurants on the ground floor.

It was amazing simply walking around, or just sitting at a food stall and watch the scenes – yet I knew, in my mind, eventually it would change.

In July 1995, it was a lengthy bus journey, on older buses and narrow roads up from Kunming. By early August 1995, an airport opened – three flights weekly to and from Kunming. Today, thousands of tourists travel to Lijiang by air and by rail from all over China.



Zhongdian (today known as Shangri-la) is on a high plateau on the road up to Tibet. In 1995, the areas had only recently been opened up for western travelers. Access to the plateau was by bus from the valley of the Jinshajiang (Yangtze) - I traveled from Lijiang.

It was an area of grasslands, famed for its flora and areas of grain and corn cultivation. Villages of whitewashed adobe buildings were scattered across the grasslands.

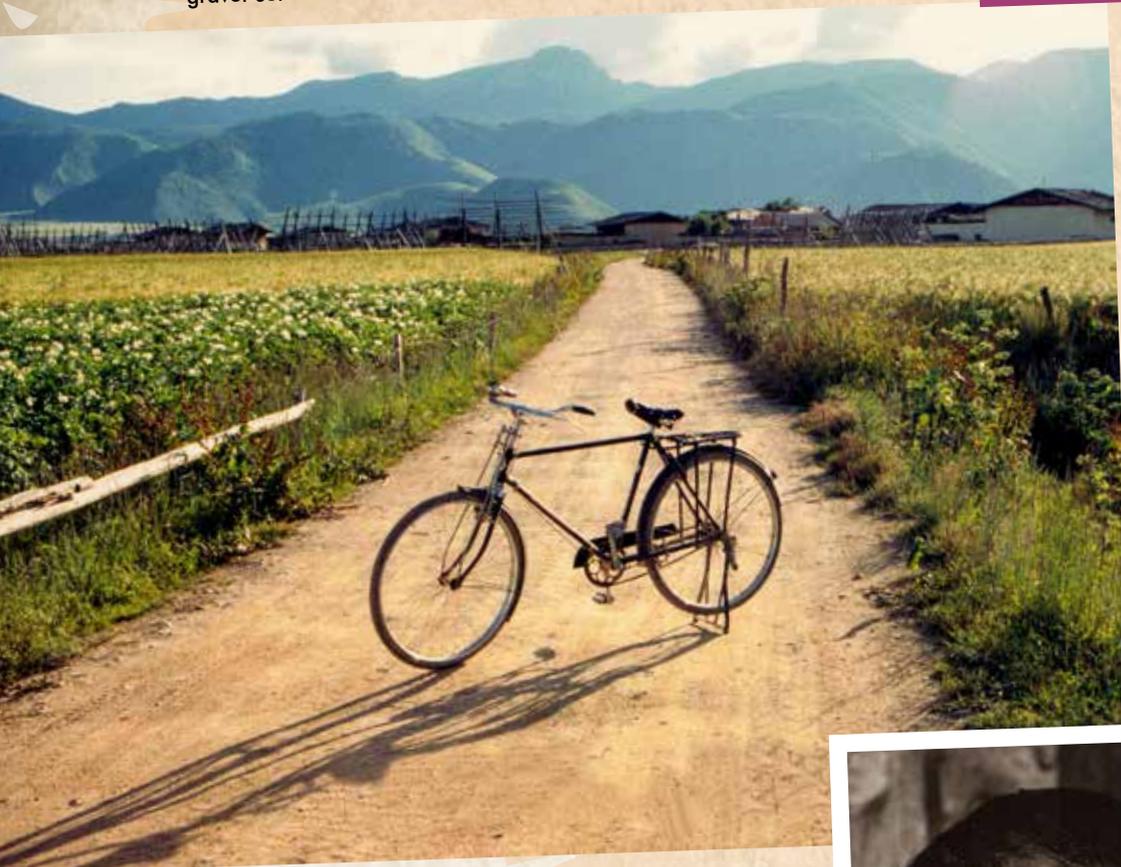
Another attraction, Napa Hai, a shallow lake around which sheep, cattle and yaks grazed.

The best way to explore was by bicycle - hired from the guesthouses and hostels in town.

Cycles were the heavy 'Flying Pigeon' varieties with no gears - had to be pushed uphill followed by fast speeds downhill on the empty, gravel-surfaced roads.

SHANGRI-LA

YUNNAN

AUGUST
1995

The monastery, 5 kilometers from town, is of the Gelukpa Yellow Hat sect of Tibetan Buddhism, dating back to 1679. It's the largest such monastery in Yunnan. Today it is a major tourist attraction.

In 1995, I walked out of town approaching the monastery. At the time, there was no admission charge, so I just walked right in. Some monks saw me and invited me in for milk butter tea in their dormitory. The monk in the photo offered to show me around the buildings and grounds.





1997

This was one of those moments in travel! I was traveling by road up from Lanzhou to Xiahe (Labrang Monastery) and stopped for lunch in Linxia, a predominantly Muslim city. Sitting in the car, I looked in fascination at the street scenes. It was a very bustling place with several outdoor markets. Thankfully, we were moving slowly and I had the window open. Suddenly, sitting outside this large wooden, traditional doorway, we came across these young boys wearing traditional circular skullcaps, except the one standing. They saw me, all looking with amused curiosity. No time to try and set the camera, I fired off this shot, which amazingly came out fine.

It was their expressions and the way they sat, in a line almost sloping according to their height. For me, a magical moment in travel.

LINXIA

GANSU

FAMILY

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CAROLINE TAYLOR

Head of College
Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong

Interview by Ned Kelly

We caught up with Caroline Taylor, head of college at Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong (DCSPD), to discuss the tough school year behind her, and get her reflections on the new school year ahead.

“There is a Chinese proverb that captures many of my thoughts going into the new school year: ‘A single tree does not make a forest’”

How are you feeling going into the new school year?

There is a Chinese proverb that captures many of my thoughts going into the 2020-2021 school year: 独木不成林 Dú mù bù chéng lín – ‘A single tree does not make a forest.’ The meaning of this proverb is grounded in strength. We are stronger when we work together than alone as individuals. I strongly believe that the foundational strength of DCSPD lies within our community, deeply rooted in our shared values. Relationships are nurtured as we intentionally make connections through shared experiences, personal conversations and numerous types of communication.

How did you, as a school community, deal with the challenges faced in 2020?

I am so proud of how the DCSPD staff collaborated with each other and with families in response to the crisis that engulfed us in Terms 2 and 3. I am grateful for each Dulwich family, and I care about the challenges they face as a result of the pandemic. It was the strength of the whole DCSPD community – leadership, teachers, students, parents – working together, that enabled us to persevere through the unfolding viral outbreak.

What positives came out of the challenging times?

During online learning, Dulwich students lived out their values and compassionately responded to the needs of others. They advocated for local needs through the Walk for Wuhan, the Shoebox Appeal and the DUCKS Walkathon. Through Walk for Wuhan, global citizenship teams from Junior School and Senior School united the community in solidarity and support for Wuhan. It was referred to as ‘a simple, yet powerful way to find positivity and

strength in remembering that we are one big Shanghai family.’

Any more examples of resilience in the face of adversity?

One of our Year 12 students, Larrissa, had composed an original orchestra composition that was bestowed the Jenkins Award at the start of the school year. However, the full orchestra performance and award ceremony at the ISCMS Festival was canceled due to COVID-19.

Instead of being crushed with disappointment at the news, Larrissa spent the next 48 hours to compose ‘High in the Sky,’ a new song of encouragement, positivity and resilience. The Chinese and English lyrics showcase love and compassion to those in China and abroad as the outbreak spread globally. This is just one example of many that I could share where great initiative and leadership was shown by our students.

Are there any coronavirus enforced practices that you will keep in place post epidemic?

In the digital space, Dulwich parents gained access to aspects of school life, which they did not previously have like Zoom attendance to assemblies and award ceremonies. We also had feedback that virtual parent-teacher meetings were both efficient and effective. Digital solutions for student assessments were also unlocked by our Educational Technology team, allowing our teachers to offer highly personalized feedback and individual care for our students.

What are the benefits of a Dulwich education?

The benefits and outcomes of a Dulwich Worldwide education are many. We strive to create a culture where every child

achieves his or her very best and where all students reach beyond what they thought was possible. It is my hope that DCSPD will always be a place of strength in community and growth in unity.

Success grows from intention. We work with humility and vulnerability to always hold a mindset of improvement that drives us forward. Together, we strive for excellence through being open to all types of feedback. We can achieve even more in the coming year, as we face the future with courage and generosity.

What takeaways from 2020 were there for the school community?

No one has escaped loss or challenge during the COVID-19 crisis. The challenges faced by teachers and families in China were different from families and teachers who experienced the pandemic abroad. Each individual has a story that includes challenges, grief and also resilience.

By recognizing the commonality of our journeys in 2020, we share in the many successes that resulted from persistence and overcoming. It has never been more important for every one of us to show empathy and encouragement to others. As we work and grow together, we will find profound and lasting success.

For the last 10 years I have been inspired by the Dulwich community. In 2003, two caring parents founded Dulwich College Shanghai to create a school of excellence for their own children. Since then, the College has grown in numbers and achievements and has built a strong reputation as a leading school in the city.

I am confident that the DCSPD community will continue to collaborate to achieve more than we ever dreamt possible. I am looking forward to working together for the success of all Dulwich students in the coming school year and beyond!

LIVING ROOM

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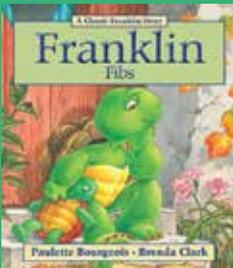
Book recommendations from former *That's* editor-in-chief and 'girl dad' Matthew Bossons.

Ages 3-8

Franklin Fibs

By Paulette Bourgeois

We've all told a lie at some point or another and Franklin is no different. In this classic children's book, everyone's favorite turtle tells a fib and lands himself in an awkward situation. Illustrated by the fantastic Brenda Clark, this book is a great choice for new readers.

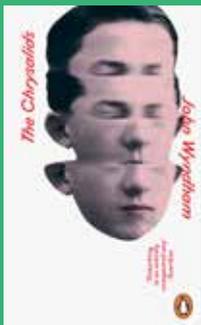


Ages 15+

The Chrysalids

By John Wyndham

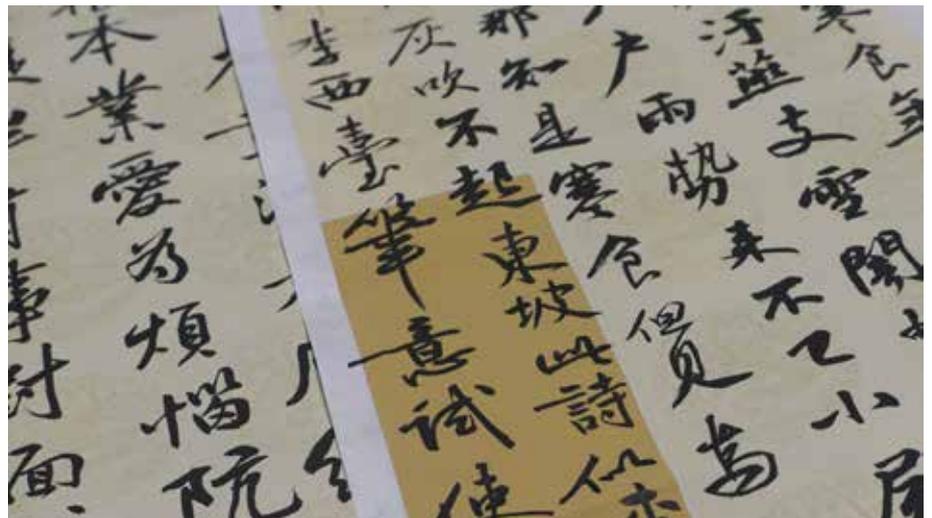
Published all the way back in 1955, *The Chrysalids* is an outstanding dystopian sci-fi novel set in a post-apocalyptic Canada. In a world where people suffering from mental and physical abnormalities are expelled from society, protagonist David and his friends must flee into the unknown after it's revealed they are telepathic.



CLASS CLOWN

Cancel Confucius?

Last month, the US State Department designated the Confucius Institute US Center (CIUS) as a 'foreign mission,' a term that the US government has also given to several China-based news organizations this year. *Global Times* reported that the new designation would require the language teaching and culture program to register with the State Department, provide staff and property information to the US government and obtain permission when buying property. China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said China urges the US to stop politicizing educational exchange programs or interfering in normal people-to-people exchange, as cited by *GT*.



ECO HOME

Soda Maker

Whether you're big on soda or simply use a lot of mixers for boozy gatherings at the apartment, it's easy for those cans and bottles to pile up. With trash sorting regulations now being implemented in major cities, recycling has also become more of a hassle. One way to limit your recyclables is to purchase a soda maker. It's a great replacement that will leave your house with far fewer bottles and cans as well as provide you and guests with a healthy alternative to sugary store-bought soda brands.

> Soda makers are available online and in select supermarkets.



VEGGIE MAMA

Meatless Meatloaf Recipe

Given the difficult travel circumstances for so many around the world, it's easy to get homesick from time to time. But one thing that can help you feel less homesick is making food your mama (or papa) made when you were a kid. In the meantime, next time you do return home, you'll have a fun meal to prepare for the whole family.

For this recipe, Veggie Mama replaced ground beef with a magical mixture of cooked red lentils and quinoa. This stuff can replace ground beef in so many recipes. The recipe can be made gluten-free as well by replacing breadcrumbs or cracker crumbs with chickpea or oat flour.

> Scan the QR code for the full recipe.



Lessons for the Future

XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) Answers Education's Future Challenges

If you were to take a flight northeast of Suzhou over Taicang High-Tech Development Zone in 2022 and look down, you would see the future of education. A 0.33 million square-meter circular landmark development will be Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU)'s Taicang Base, home of XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang).

While its physical opening is still two years away, its first intake of students started in 2019. XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) offers unique entrepreneur degrees, which not only includes a minor in entrepreneurialism but also an imaginative Professional Development Programme (PDP) each summer, providing students key hands-on industry experiences.

The physical infrastructure and facilities of XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) will support up to 5,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students to become the leaders of new industries – industry elites with the requisite skills and knowledge required of the future workforce. This can only be achieved by reimagining the concept of education. By developing industry schools in partnership with well-known businesses, XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) will demonstrate the university's espoused 'Syntegrative Education' philosophy in action, best described by XJTLU's Executive President Professor Youmin Xi.

"Education must be forward-looking and respond to future needs. Artificial Intelligence is developing rapidly, and in the coming decade AI and robots will replace many of the jobs humans once did," Professor Xi says.

"Our new Syntegrative Education programmes will train versatile talents who are capable of driving the development of new industries. They must not only have specialised training and experience but also cross-cultural leadership skills, management skills, and the ability to innovate and to master and incorporate the new

technology and lead the new industry."

The seven co-developed industry-themed schools that comprise XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) are based on future demand and key industry alignment, with a firm focus on new technology. The PDP "syntegrates" industry and education further; industry supervisors will work with the Deans of Schools and business development managers to co-deliver the professional development elements of the plans.

The first cohort of summer PDP students are currently attending workshops, guest lectures, and visiting key industry businesses, and in two cases – AI and Advanced Computing, and the Internet of Things – the summer PDP is being delivered purely by industry partners.

Degrees in Intelligent Robotics Engineering or Microelectronic Science and Engineering or Data Science and Big Data Technology may still sound almost sci-fi – but, as Professor Stuart Perrin, Associate Principal of XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) explains, the skills acquired while earning these entrepreneurial degrees are essential in preparing students to progress in key roles in the emerging industries of the 21st century.

"You can see students wanting to study numeracy-based subjects like accountancy and economics. We are questioning whether traditional education prepares students properly for future careers and we're creating great programmes to help them prepare.

"It's not just about the subjects, it's also about how teaching takes place. We've got student-centered learning and technology-enhanced learning. We're engaging industry into education in a meaningful way as a part and structure of the process.

"Industry is being involved in the development of degree programmes. Industry-based research and tuition from industry experts means industry becomes a key part of everything."

It's a smart response in a world in which the speed of change and disruption is rapidly accelerating. A century ago, the sum of all human knowledge was considered to double once every 100 years; today that doubling-up period has shrunk to a period of less than 12 months. That flood of knowledge, of new data, brings with it new ways of working, new ways of studying, and new careers in industries barely conceived of just a few decades ago.

"There's going to be much more continual upskilling or re-skilling that needs to take place. One way of doing that is through the new XJTLU Learning Mall [launched in May 2020], which delivers through both online and onsite education," Professor Perrin says.

"The other aspect of lifelong learning is about providing the means to enable learning to continue, whatever your life stage or age, and for whatever reason."

Professor Perrin adds that the flexibility afforded through online learning – anytime, anywhere – also challenges the common status or view of learning as being strictly confined to gaining qualifications in the early years of people's lives.

"While you can find aspects of our approach in other institutions within China, it's not being done to this scale or in this combination. There is online education in China, obviously; there is industry-based education; there are entrepreneurial colleges popping up; but we have put them together into a unique blend we believe best serves students who will be the industry leaders of tomorrow.

"This also raises the question as to the role of the physical university in the future."



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To learn more about XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang), scan the QR code or visit www.xjtlu.edu.cn.



Sneaky Snakes

What to Do if a Snake Bites You

By Dr. Stephen Misch

How to Prevent Snake Bites

First of all, a snake bite can be prevented by wearing high boots and long, loose pants when hiking because most bites are on the lower legs. It's never a good idea to go barefoot or wear sandals in snake country. Also, don't reach your hands into unknown spaces or holes and wear leather gloves if handling wood or rock piles. If you see a snake, slowly back away. It's important to teach curious children never to pick up or pursue snakes as well.

Use a hiking stick if walking in brush and rattle the plants in front of you to give the snake a chance to escape (they'd usually prefer to flee rather than bite) – if you step on them or surprise them, they may bite. Stay on the trail rather than venture off because they often will hide in the brush. When crossing a log or stone on your path, step on it rather than over it, in case a snake is hiding behind it. It's important to reiterate that you should never grab or pursue snakes. Many bite victims are snake hunters (even though they're 'professional'). This should also go without saying, but don't walk in the woods or pursue snakes when drinking alcohol as this is another source of bites – one more reason not to drink alcohol as people do stupid things when drinking. Don't ever handle snakes, even dead or seemingly dead ones that can still bite.

How to Treat Snake Bites

If a snake bites you, it most certainly is a medical emergency, so get to a hospital as soon as possible. Antivenin is the definitive treatment and can only be given in a hospital by injection, so call 120 or get there quickly. If bitten in water or tall weeds, some people may not know that they are actually bitten. Some bites will have two puncture marks, redness, swelling or intense pain around the wound. Wash the wound with soap and water if possible.

Some bites are 'dry,' meaning that no venom was released and you just have a puncture wound. If venom is released, then there are two main categories of venom. Some affect the nervous system, causing many different symptoms from

dizziness or nausea to death, while other venoms affect our blood, predisposing us to internal bleeding.

Remove rings or jewelry immediately after you've been bitten as it may become tight if the bite area swells up. If vomiting, the victim should lie on their side so the vomit can drain out without choking them. Try to remember the snake's appearance or take a picture of it from a distance; however, the type of snake can often be diagnosed from the symptoms so it's not so important. Better not to pursue it and risk another bite. Sometimes it's recommended to immobilize the leg to prevent blood circulation from spreading the venom. If you're close to transport, then this is ok, but if not, it's better to figure out the fastest way to a hospital and get there, even if it means walking on the bitten leg. Time is essential, and you don't want to wait to see if you get worse.

As for what not to do? Avoid using a tourniquet! These are more harmful than doing nothing and can result in the leg (or arm) needing to be amputated later. Do not cut the bite or attempt to suck out the venom with your mouth or snake kits. Avoid folk remedies, ointments or 'snake stones' (which are meant to neutralize venom, but are not useful). Avoid drinking alcohol for pain relief because it can cause more trouble with blood flow, and don't take pain medicine with anti-inflammatory action like Fenbid (ibuprofen and this whole family of medicines). Only acetaminophen (paracetamol or 'Tylenol') is ok for pain. Lastly, don't use ice or electric currents on the wound.



Venomous Victim?

It's important to note that you should seek medical attention for any snake bite. But while it can be difficult to tell the difference between a venomous and nonvenomous snake bite, the puncture marks are an indicator. A bite from a venomous snake leaves two clear puncture marks, while nonvenomous snakes often show two rows of teeth marks. Nonvenomous bites can still lead to skin infections and necrosis, so don't take any chances.



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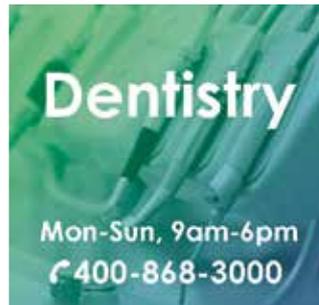


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Executive Club Lounge at Four Seasons Hotel Guangzhou Reopens Its Door

The Executive Club Lounge, located on the 99th floor of the Four Seasons Hotel Guangzhou, will reopened its doors on September 1. The lounge offers exclusive services and benefits. Guests with Club Lounge access are entitled to dining, meeting and personalized business center privileges in the contemporary and tranquil Executive Club Lounge which feature floor-to-ceiling windows offering a panoramic view of Baiyun Mountain and the city's spectacular skyline.



Marriott International Celebrates Sheraton Guangzhou Panyu Grand Opening

On August 30, Marriott International announced the opening of Sheraton Guangzhou Panyu, one of the first international hotels to open in the city's vibrant Panyu district. The aesthetics of the hotel are inspired by the luminosity of jewels and gemstones, and features 274 guest rooms and suit rooms, three signature restaurants and bar and 1,375 square meters of event space. Sheraton Guangzhou Panyu is the world's gathering place that warmly invites conversations and connections for both work and relaxation.



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Whether traveling with your partner or the whole family, it is time to take a break from your hectic lifestyle and enjoy true relaxation. Enjoy exclusive service tailored to your needs with The Ritz-Carlton Elevated Experience. From RMB 2,000*, enjoy a one-night accommodation in a renovated Pearl River View Room with Club access, complimentary food and beverage privileges in the new signature Club Lounge, customized welcome amenities and RMB300* Food & Beverage credits. (Price does not include tax and service charges.) For reservations or more information, please call +86 20-3813-6898 or email rc.canrz.reservation@ritzcarlton.com.

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The Ritz-Carlton, Tianjin Welcomes Autumn with Delightful Tianjin Eats

The Ritz-Carlton, Tianjin Tian Tai Xuan's Tianjin Cuisine Master Chef Zhang Weijin selects nutritious seasonal ingredients to craft luxurious delights reflecting the inspiration of autumn. So what are you waiting for?

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A Contemporary Cantonese Cuisine with Caviar by YUE

YUE Chinese Restaurant presents classic Cantonese cuisine delicacies with luxurious caviar. Sheraton Grand Beijing Dongcheng Hotel's Hong Kong-based Chef Cheng is the master of combining the finest ingredients with traditional Cantonese culinary techniques and exceptional flavors. Renowned for fresh ingredients, distinctive cooking style and meticulous knife work, these expertly prepared authentic Cantonese delights are set to be a sensation on the palate.

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RuiKu and Lucie's Atelier Present 'Phoenix Afternoon' Pop-up Event

Wanda Reign on the Bund held a brand event 'Phoenix Afternoon' in partnership with Lucie's Atelier (LA) brand at RuiKu for the opening ceremony of Lucie's Atelier Pop-up event. LA products will be displayed in the lobby lounge on the first floor of the hotel. At the event, Mr. Nikolaos Chatzipetros, general manager of the hotel, and Wanda Hotels and Resorts management, witnessed the opening of Lucie's Atelier Pop-up event together with guests.



InterContinental Beijing Sanlitun 'Girls Time' is a Wild Deal

InterContinental Beijing Sanlitun, in collaboration with AIMER, a leading underwear and lifestyle brand, has created 'Sanlitun Girls Time' room package, conveying a trendy urban lifestyle and upgrading staycation fantasies at this landmark icon. This package is priced from RMB2,888 per room (max three persons), and includes a one-night stay at Sanlitun Suite, classic afternoon tea set, Bee Brunch three-Course, AIMER pajama experience and much more.

A Vibrant Summer with Zesty Fruit Tarts at Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund

Celebrate the season's best fruits with Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund's Zesty Fruit Tart afternoon tea. Sample the flavors of summer from sensual berries and sweet melon to fragrant mango and elegant fig. Served alongside the sweet treats are savory delights, such as foie gras with truffle mousse and asparagus tarts with Oscietra caviar, all cut into bite-size portions for a sensational afternoon tea. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact +86 (0)21-6322-9988.



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Confucius Themed Afternoon Tea at Sheraton Shenzhen Nanshan

From now until the end of September, Hotel Pastry Chef Tony Zhao has skillfully crafted a variety of afternoon tea items based off the popular character Hello Kongzi, a cartoon Confucius.

Enjoy a splendid afternoon at the stylish and sophisticated Sheraton Shenzhen Nanshan, nibbling on a delicate fusion of Chinese traditional desserts and western sweets.

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ISA Tianhe's Open Day was a 'Difference Maker'

ISA Tianhe hosted their Open Day on August 27. It was a great opportunity for students and parents to feel the difference of ISA Tianhe and find out how they support students in an inclusive international environment.



JW Moon Cake Collection 2020

Celebrate the season of reunion with a selection of unique and exquisite moon cake gift boxes and hampers. This year's collection for JW Marriott Hotel Shenzhen Bao'an is Ferris wheel-themed in honor of the 128-meter high Ferris wheel under construction in Binhai Cultural Park.



ISA Science City Partner with United Family Hospital

ISA Science City International School is proud to announce that Guangzhou United Family Hospital has been selected to provide health care services within the two health centers at their school. This partnership was established after multiple field visits and a comprehensive evaluation of service benchmarks. Guangzhou United Family Hospital adheres to JCI standards and its comprehensive medical system meets the school's stringent health and well-being requirements. In line with ISA Science City's pursuit of excellence in quality, the School Health Center, in conjunction with Guangzhou United Family Hospital, will fulfill the wide-ranging medical and well-being needs of the community.

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AISG 2020 Summer Enrichment Program a Success

AISG recently wrapped up its Summer Enrichment Program, which offered both on-campus and online courses to Pre-K through Grade 11 students. Both were well attended with a total of 570 students. The Summer Enrichment Program was a free program offered to AISG students as an extension to their learning in response to the school's closure due to the pandemic. The Summer Enrichment Program offered many diverse and interesting courses, such as STEM Challenges, Storytelling, Language Arts, Art, Behavioral Psychology, Studio Art, Business Studies, Writing and Editing and Innovation and Design.



CIS Opens Campus for 2020-2021 School Year

Canadian International School welcomed everyone back from all of their summer activities for the start of a new school year. Students and teachers got back into the routine of school and the hard work that follows. CIS is happy that all students will have face-to-face learning with their professional Alberta accredited teaching staff.

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Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong Staff Return

Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong is looking forward to commencing face-to-face teaching for the 2020-2021 school year. Each DUCKS and Junior School class will be led by experienced, caring teachers face-to-face in Shanghai. Classes in the Senior School will be led by highly qualified teachers, approximately 90% of whom will start the school year in Shanghai.



Wellington College International Shanghai Graduates Break Record

Wellington College International Shanghai would like to congratulate its 2020 graduates on surpassing a school record with this year's IB diploma examinations. Pupils achieved an average score of 37.5 out of 45 points. One-third of them scored 40 points or higher, placing them well above the global average score of 29.9.

FOSHAN



EtonHouse Foshan Score Big on IGCSE

EtonHouse International School in Foshan is absolutely thrilled to announce this year's IGCSE results. The first cohort of students sat IGCSE's through Cambridge this year in five subjects: Chinese (as a foreign language), Math, Physics, Economics and English (as a second language). The grades were all A* to B – an outstanding result for the school, and, of course, for those hard-working students.



LEH International School Foshan Announce New Partnerships

LEH Foshan is excited to team up with Sodexo and JLL to provide a reliable catering and a safe campus environment for all students. Sodexo, a world-renowned catering group, has accumulated decades' experience in providing solutions to international schools within China with a focus on providing fresh ingredients and balanced nutrition. JLL, another reputable partnership, provides professional facilities management service involving security, environmental health, campus landscape and other related aspects to the whole LEH community. With these leading partnerships, the school assures a safe, green and wonderful environment with state-of-the-art facilities for students to study and live.



NAS Foshan Celebrates Founding Year Anniversary

July 31 was the day it all began for NAS Foshan. And through the years they've certainly learned how to celebrate, holding a grand anniversary ceremony in InterContinental Foshan. At the ceremony, National Principal Ms. Julia Li and International Principal Mr. Willem van der Sluis not only reviewed the past year, but also placed expectations for the future.

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BIBA Musicians 'Bring Down the House' at Music Fest

On August 9, the international young musicians of Beijing International Bilingual Academy (BIBA) visited the Danish Cultural Center to give a wonderful musical performance at 'The First Danish Children's Music Festival in China in 2020.' The festival was supported by the Danish National Children's Music Center, the Danish National Children's Drama Center and the Danish Cultural Center in Beijing. BIBA has 14 art clubs and bands, including students who 'bring down the house' with some of the best musical performances north of the Yangtze.



AP Capstone Diploma Program at AISB-Hope International

AISB-Hope International is excited to announce that beginning this year, the school will offer the AP Capstone Diploma as an option for their grade 10 class. As a premier AP school in Beijing, the AP Capstone Diploma program allows their students to develop the skills that matter most for college success, such as research, collaboration, and communication. AISB-Hope International looks forward to a fantastic start to the 2020-21 school year.

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Horoscopes

Finally, a horoscope that understands your life in China.

By Larold Davidson



Virgo

8.24~9.23

With Mercury in Virgo for most of September, this could be a great time to get out and try something new, even if it's just something simple like Subway's avocado-filled nuggets.



Libra

9.24~10.23

Stop outsourcing your work to your WeChat groups. Sure, your friends are happy to help, but when you've been asking for ideas to pitch to your boss for the tenth consecutive month, that's on you.



Scorpio

10.24~11.22

Apartment smelling funky and you can't find the source? It's time for a deep clean and, while you're at it, call over a *fengshui* master and let them do what they do best.



Sagittarius

11.23~12.21

Even though you can go out and party with your friends, it doesn't mean you always should. Take time to rest every now and then and maybe apply a face mask, and detox to give that liver of yours a rest.



Capricorn

12.22~1.20

Be prepared to lose something important this month. Yeah, we know, it sucks to hear, but you'll learn from it and grow. Just keep an extra close eye on your phone, passport and wallet (for those who still carry cash).



Aquarius

1.21~2.19

Exciting changes will be happening this month! But just like the early years of the Obama administration, not everyone will be receptive.



Pisces

2.20~3.20

You've done your time quarantining and practiced social distancing like a pro athlete. With the NBA playoffs nearing the end, it's only fitting to crown you the 'COVID Champion.'



Aries

3.21~4.20

It may be time to start thinking about what your plan is after you leave China, if you're a foreign national. While China is great, you don't want to put your dreams on hold for too long if they don't involve the Middle Kingdom.



Taurus

4.21~5.21

School is starting back up, which means all the Taurus teachers are getting ready for an eventful semester. Invest in a premium coffee maker or a Starbucks membership - you're going to need it.



Gemini

5.22~6.21

September is looking like a boozy month for you, Gemini. With many events expected to kick off, this means more excuses to drink. As for teetotalers, you just keep doing your thing.



Cancer

6.22~7.22

The Sichuanese restaurant you love across the road from your office shut down and is now replaced with an overpriced noodle shop with tasteless noodles. Leave them an honest review on Dianping and move on.



Leo

7.23~8.23

You've been hyper-focused on your grammar, as of late. Maybe it's regret from not paying closer attention in primary school or, even more likely, your new job requires it.

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