



Travelling leaves you speechless,
then turns you into a story teller.
- Ibn Battuta

PART 4



Jumma Prayers

Samia Ghouse Khan

A particularly special moment for me, which I will never forget is when we prayed our Jumma Prayers in the Chinese Mosque. We were led by a Chinese Imam and, in a country where we had a language barrier, the "Ummah" definition was loud and clear.









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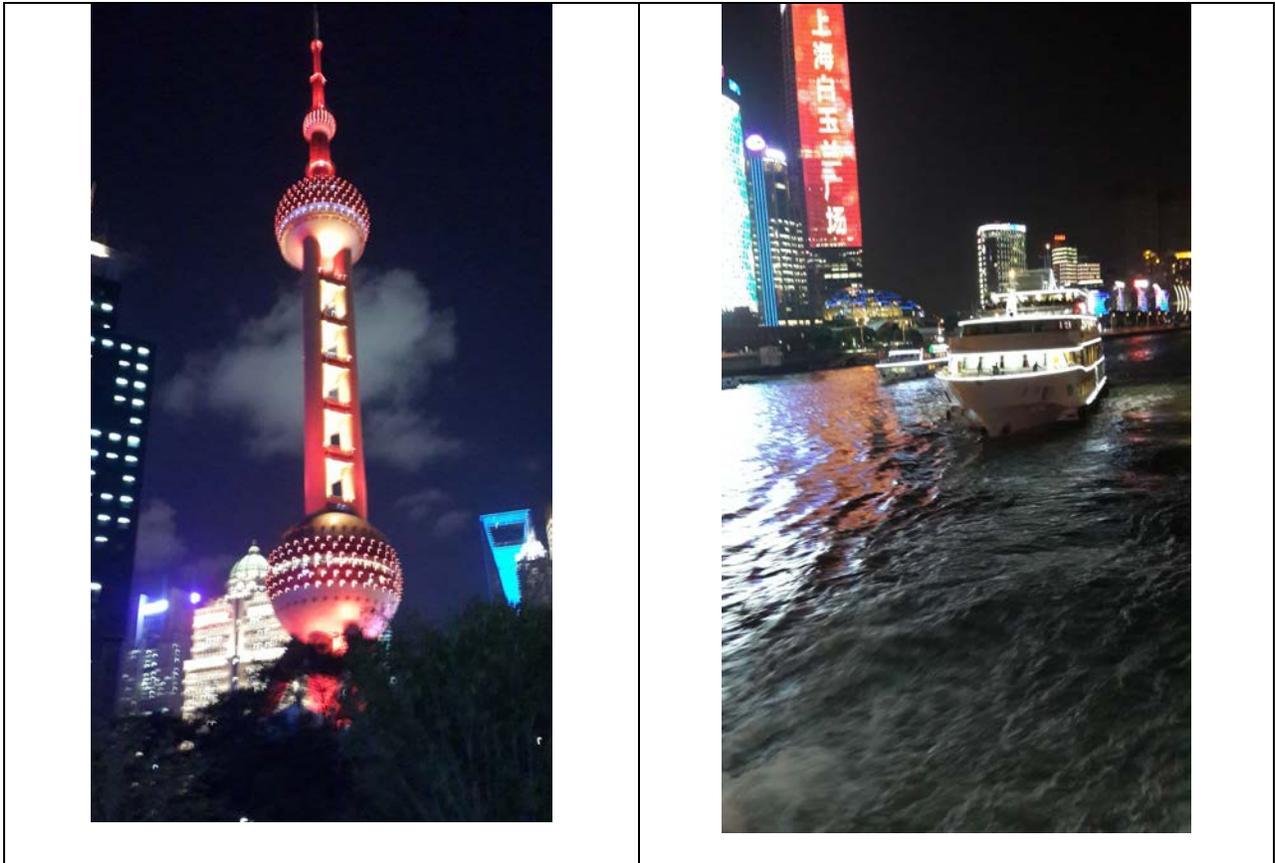




Haungpur River Cruise

The Huangpu , formerly Romanized as Whangpoo, is a 113-kilometer (70 mi) long river flowing through Shanghai that was first excavated and created by Lord Chunshen, one of the Four Lords of the Warring States during the Warring States period (475 BC - 221 BC). It is the last significant tributary of the Yangtze before it empties into the East China Sea. The Bund and Lujiazui are located along the river.

The Huangpu is the largest river in Shanghai, with Suzhou Creek being its major tributary. It is on average 400 meters (1,312 feet) wide and 9 metres (30 feet) deep. It divides the city into two regions.











Hangzhou West Lake

West Lake West Lake is a freshwater lake in Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang province in eastern China. It is divided into five sections by three causeways. There are numerous temples, pagodas, gardens, and artificial islands within the lake

West Lake has influenced poets and painters throughout Chinese history for its natural beauty and historic relics, and it has also been among the most important sources of inspiration for Chinese garden designers. It was made a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2011, described as having "influenced garden design in the rest of China as well as Japan and Korea over the centuries" and reflecting "an idealized fusion between humans and nature".

West Lake

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Xi Hu





Ms Rashida Faheem

The Trip to Hangzhou was indeed memorable. The boat -ride on the Lake was worth the long walk from the bus station. With all that beauty no wonder it is known as the Heaven on Earth. As all good things, this amazing trip too came to an end but not without enriching us all with lots of happy memories.

RUKHSANA SIDDIQI

As soon as we stepped on the boat, I jumped aboard to grab a seat at the poop deck in the open to enjoy an all round view. Actually I am in love with water. Be it rain, a lake, a river, fountain or ocean.

Some of us sat in the open while most of our group seated themselves inside like very descent, well behaved senior citizens. Farooq Bhai wanted to take some descent and proper group photos inside the boat, but that air and atmosphere had somewhat a different mood set for us few.

All of a sudden, a voice came " arey, chhatri laga letey hain". The next moment Rashida unfolded the chhatri and held behind her and Shahida. Arif Bhai had just stepped on the scene with his charismatic camera. Tasweer lijiyeh, tasweer lijiyey , chhatri aani chahiyeh. One click , two click, three, four and on and on and on. Here I was wanting to join in it so badly. Then my patience gave way and literally begged the chhatri owner if I could also pose with it. Uff, I had never ever in my entire life seen such a beautiful chhatri, leave alone holding it. Phir , naa poonchiyeh . Like that little child who got what she so desperately wanted, I started to pose immediately. Poor Arif bhai was stuck there. I held that small red umbrella over me. "Arif bhai photo please ". Now Rashida also teamed up, then Tasneem came running in. "Ek aur, ek aur Arif Bhai, please, please, please." To my surprise, Aftab also joined in, putting all his manly ego behind, only to be under that beautiful chhatri. " Arey yaar, ab lo humari photo Arif Bhai, zara acchey pose wali Lein. Dekhein, chhatri na katney paey varna penalty lageygi". We all were in our highest spirits. Laughing and giggling away , not caring what others were thinking about us. Allah knows what was going on in Arif Bhai's head. Arif Bhai hi tou hain, koe baat nahin. Now he decided to click some better ones. First Talat and I, then Naheed and Asaf Bhai and lastly he requested his gorgeous Irfana to pose with him.

Our behavior at that particular moment was not normal at all. We were behaving like it was the first time we were on a boat and that we had never had seen such a beautiful umbrella in our life. Actually yes, if you ask me, I had never



had such a wonderful experience and niether did I ever held such a beautiful, shiny bright Kiddy Red Chhatri . Never, ever.

The kid in us was awakened. The happiness so genuine could be seen on our faces. Our body language was pure childish. We behaved like real kids. Laughing loudly, giggling without any reason, playing and posing with such an ordinary thing like a kid's umbrella. Those few minutes took us into a different world altogether. Loved every bit of it.

Now was the time to wrap up and disembark from the boat and we headed towards the beautiful garden around the lake. Rashida bought the third umbrella on her way back to the bus. Yes, our great bus "B". She even bought some traditional Chinese outfits and pouches to match the chhatries for her granddaughters.

Our lovely red Chhatri eventually reached to its much deserved place, where it was meant to be. What a beautiful picture Rashida shared with us of one of her very lovely grand daughter Amaya dressed like a Chinese doll , holding the same red Chhatri .

Believe me. Happiness can be enjoyed even with the very simple and ordinary.









Leifeng Pagoda

Leifeng Pagoda Leifeng Pagoda is a five-story tower with eight sides, located on Sunset Hill south of the West Lake in Hangzhou, China. Originally constructed in the year AD 975, it collapsed in 1924 but was rebuilt in 2002





Yuyuan garden *in Shanghai*

Yu Garden¹ or **Yuyuan Garden** is an extensive [Chinese garden](#) located beside the [City God Temple](#) in the northeast of the [Old City](#) of [Shanghai, China](#). It abuts the [Yuyuan Tourist Mart](#) and is accessible from the [Shanghai Metro's Line 10 Yuyuan Garden Station](#). A centerpiece is the Exquisite Jade Rock, a porous 3.3-m, 5-ton boulder. Rumors about its origin include the story that it was meant for the [imperial palace](#) in [Beijing](#), but was salvaged after the boat sank off Shanghai. Yu Garden was first built in 1559 during the [Ming Dynasty](#) by [Pan Yunduan](#) as a comfort for his father, the minister [Pan En](#), in his old age. Pan Yunduan began the project after failing one of the [imperial exams](#), but his appointment as [governor of Sichuan](#) postponed construction for nearly twenty years until 1577. The garden was the largest and most prestigious of its era in Shanghai, but eventually its expense helped ruin the Pans. The garden was inherited by [Zhang Zhaolin](#), Pan Yunduan's granddaughter's husband, and then passed to different owners. A section was briefly organised by [Zhang Shengqu](#) as the "**Academy of Purity and Harmony** and the **Ling Yuan** , today's East Garden, was purchased by a group of local leaders in 1709. A group of merchants renovated the increasingly decrepit grounds in 1760 and in 1780 the West Garden was opened to the general public. The gardens suffered damage numerous times during the 19th century. During the [First Opium War](#), the British army used the Huxinting Teahouse as a base of operations for several days in 1842. During the [Taiping Rebellion](#), the [Small Swords Society](#) ran its headquarters in the Dianchun Hall; by the time Qing troops recovered the garden, the original structures had nearly all been destroyed. They were damaged again by the Japanese in 1942 before being repaired by Liangshun Han (Rockery Han) appointed by the [Shanghai government](#) from 1956 to 1961. They were opened to the public in 1961 and declared a national monument in 1982.





The Nine Lion Study.



Another view of the Pavilion of Listening to Billows.

Today, Yu Garden occupies an area of 2 [hectares](#) (5 [acres](#)), and is divided into six general areas laid out in the [Suzhou style](#):

- Sansui Hall– includes the Grand, a 12-meter-high rockery made of huangshi stone, featuring peaks, cliffs, winding caves, and gorges. This scenery was possibly created by [Zhang Nanyang](#) during the [Ming Dynasty](#).
- Wanhua Chamber, *Wàn Huā Lóu*, lit. "Chamber of the Ten Thousand Flowers"
- Dianchun Hall – built in 1820, the first year of the [Daoguang Emperor](#); served as the base of the [Small Swords Society](#) from September 1853 to February 1855
- Huijing Hall Yuhua Hall – furnished with [rosewood pieces from the Ming Dynasty](#), [shares its](#) name with a mountain near [Xinye](#) in [Zhejiang](#).
- [Inner Garden](#) – rockeries, ponds, pavilions, and towers; first laid out in 1709 and more recently recreated in 1956 by combining its east and west gardens. [Each area](#) is separated from the others by "dragon walls" with undulating gray tiled ridges, each terminating in a dragon's head.



Rukhsana Aftab Siddiqi

My *visit* to the amazing Yuyuan Garden. Shanghai.

On our recent visit to China with Navy League group, we had the opportunity to visit this amazingly beautiful botanical garden. It was built during Ming Dynasty by a prince for the love of his mother. He built it to express his extreme love for her. What a wonderful person and loving soul he must have been.

This yu or Yuyuan garden is located beside the City God Temple, in the middle of a local bazaar, in the old Chinese neighborhood. The whole garden is surrounded by very mature and tall bamboo trees from outside, giving the effect like a forest. The inside is designed beautifully with numerous trees and plants of various species. There are different shapes and sizes of rocks, various kinds of small bridges, ponds full of koi-carps . To my notice, those fishes were quite fat and shiny. To add some humor , our guide also commented " Chinese people are thin, but Chinese fishes are fat". Ha ha! So true though. Very artistic narrow walkways connected one courtyard to another. Some wooden Chinese architecture could also be seen. Statues of dragon seem to be everywhere. A large dragon was constructed high up on the roof as the focal point. I noticed it because as we were visiting this part of the garden, a group of art student from some school was busy drawing this very dragon in their art book.

Now came the photo session for all of us. It was the perfect place for taking photos. Everyone of us wanted to be clicked, specially on the bridge and above the lake. Some of us sat under the tree to rest for a while. Bonsai trees were another important feature in the garden everywhere. Every single thing is so thoughtfully put together . It all portrays an extremely harmonious view.

As this garden was built to express the love of a mother, So does it rightly portrays its true meaning . Beautiful, calm, quiet, pure, serene, sunshine shade, lovely, colorful, protecting, life bearing , peace,

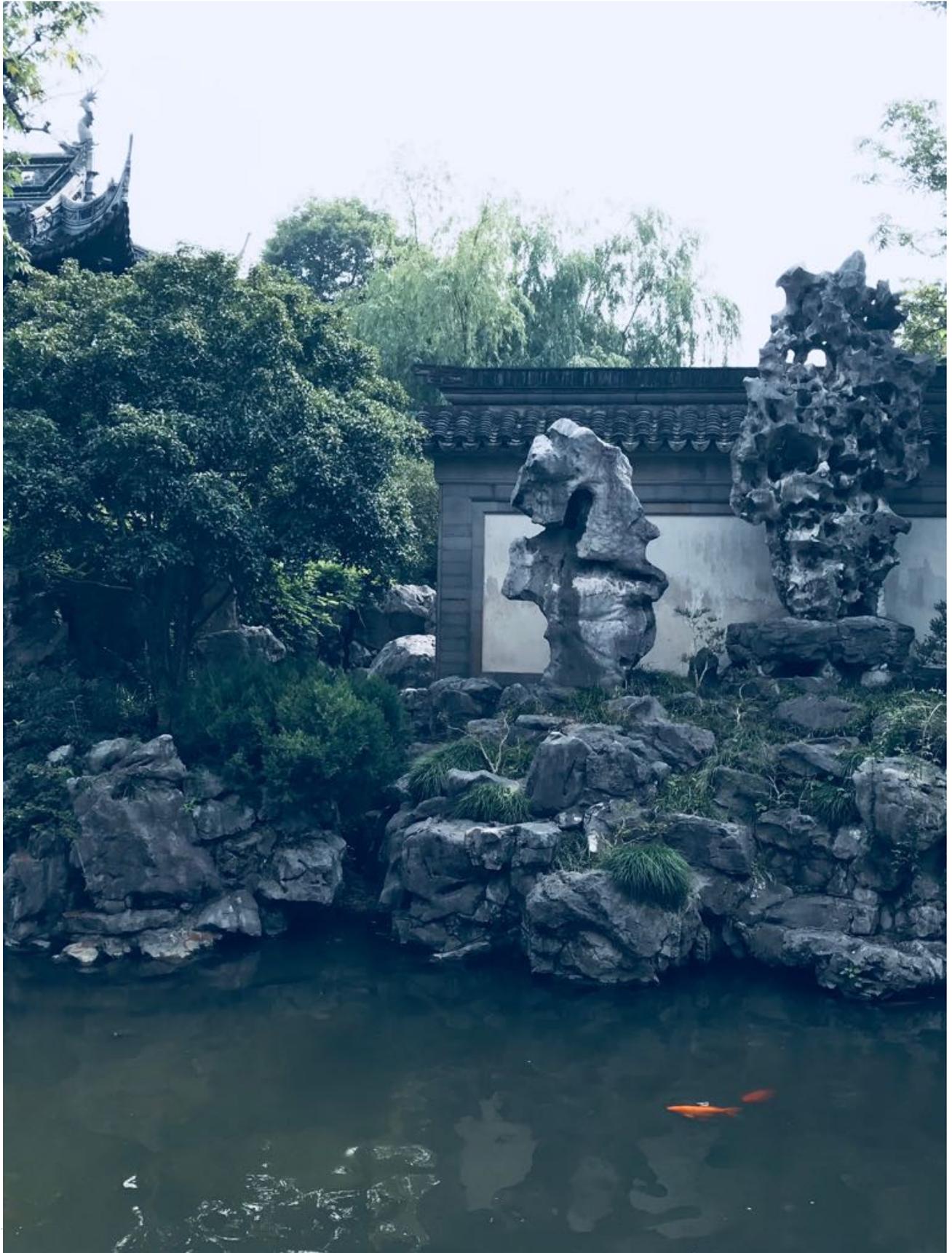


harmony, fascinating, soft, attractive , love, cool breeze and a breath of fresh air.

What a beautiful garden of love and affection.





















Maglev Train

The Shanghai maglev train or Shanghai Transrapid is a magnetic levitation train, or maglev line that operates in Shanghai, China. The line was the third commercially operated magnetic levitation line to open in history. It is the fastest commercial high-speed electric train in the world.[1]The train line was designed to connect Shanghai Pudong International Airport and the outskirts of central Pudong where passengers could interchange to the Shanghai Metro to continue their trip to the city center. It cost \$1.2 billion to build.[2] The line's balance of payments has been in huge deficit since its opening. From 2004 to 2006, Shanghai Maglev Transportation Development Co. Ltd, the company which runs the line, had more than 1 billion RMB in losses.[3] The line is not a part of the Shanghai Metro network, which operates its own service to Pudong Airport from central Shanghai and from Longyang Road Station.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shanghai_maglev_train



Rukhsana Siddiqi

I have had the opportunity of visiting China in 1978 .That was an era when coupon system for food, medicine, clothing and even haircut prevailed. Bicycles were the only mode of traveling in cities . Navy blue pants, white bush shirts, blue hawaii chappals and boys cut hair was their uniform, irrespective of gender.

Today I am amazed how far this country has made it. Within a very short span of some thirty years, China has triumphed dramatically in nearly every field . Economic and technology being the foremost.

During my latest visit to Shanghai with Navy League group, I had the privilege of experiencing the most amazing Maglev Train journey. Maglev is based on German technology and perfected by Chinese. It only operates commercially in Shanghai, China. It runs between Pudong Airport to Longyang station. It takes only 7 mins. one way, covering 35 km. It runs 431 km/ hr at its highest speed. Although, called a train but it does not run on rails. In fact it elevates few centimeters above its track, running more like a plane.

We reached Longyang station where we visited a small Shanghai Maglev Transportation Science And Tech. Museum, situated underground.

Now our guide bought the tickets. It cost only 120 yaun each. The train arrived, we all hurried in and grabbed the window seats as advised by our guide, only to be able to watch the incoming train crossing us at a particular point.

The train started moving at a normal speed first, then faster and faster and faster. We all had our cameras ready to click that special moment when the other train would cross by.

Suddenly something flew by swoooosh....like a flash andgone.

Omg. It was incredibly fast. Did not seem like a train at all.

Now we got down at Pudong Airport Station. Took some photos, and climbed back on the train for our return journey. Again the same experience. The passing train crossed us like a flash. Swoosh! Now we reached back Pudong Airport station.

Oh! What an experience of lifetime. Enjoyed each moment thoroughly. It was



worth every effort. Just loved it all.

For me, it's a dream come true.
So extra ordinary, yet so real.





Miscellaneous

Samia Ghouse Khan

The Navy League has been conducting tours of different countries and this year it was a trip to China. All my life I heard about the Great Wall of China and initially my interest to visit was to see the Wall but when I started to speak about my China visit everyone was full of praise for Shanghai.

Arriving in China I was immediately awed by the modern infrastructure, new buildings and impressive transportation network. The railway system, bullet trains and smoothly running bus services were exceptional. Having travelled on Amtrak and EuroRail, the Chinese railways were far superior.

The trip was very well organised, especially considering the group consisted of more than 80 people. There were no delays and we managed to cover four cities and all the important monuments and attractions.

After listening to Geoffery and the "A BUS" girl guide (who took us to the Jade factory) my observation about China is that they are raising a hardworking generation with strong values and ethics.

It was a great feeling to visit a friendly country. Having experienced this trip I feel very fortunate as this is a must-see destination which otherwise i may have missed out on. Going on this journey without family I was initially nervous. However, throughout the trip I never felt alone and the group was very friendly. It was just like a big family. I went to see the Great Wall but was introduced to a Great country and found Great friends.



RUKHSANA AFTAB SIDDIQI

Suna hai,
Mehfil mein terey gahey b gahey
Sawaal uthtey rahey.
Kanakhiyon sey kutch loag
Hum ko taktey rahey.
Na NHS mein dekha,
Na daawaton mein paya,
Na koyee mulaqaat,
In sairon sey pehley.
Magar, phir bhi,
Ghar kar gaiy,
Diloan mein dheerey dheerey.
Arz hai :
Aey humsafar humarey,
Aey dost shanashayee,
Rishta hai zaroor upna,
Purana koyee.
Bichhra hua zamana koyee.
Youn hi nahin dil ko bhata koyee.
Aiy humsafar humarey,
Aiy dost shanshayee.
Aur
Na samjho, faqat chand alfaaz hain ,
Dil ki humari yeh aawaaz hain.



Entry for my dairy.

MS. RASHIDA FAHEEM

October- 13 th5.50 pm Beijing

Arrived at Beijing airport at 15.20 pm by Emirates 603. It was a smooth flight and since many of the group were the same as Russia and St. Peter's burg, it was comforting too. Ms. Linda is the tour guide in our bus. No google and FB available

in China  . Sad. Beijing is the 3rd largest City of China, with a population of 23 million.

We are in the bus at the moment, it was initially planned that we will rest a while after reaching our rooms and than proceed for dinner to the restaurant but since we are running late, we will be going directly to have dinner and then go to the hotel for the night.

14th..... October 2.15pm

Just left the Forbidden City and sitting in the Bus with mostly members of Bus A, to go to the Government Pearl outlet. Many were tired and decided to cut short the visit to the Forbidden City tour.

We left the Hotel at 10 in the morning to visit the Great Mao's resting place and later go through the Forbidden City, home of the royal family of the Ming Dynasty. After the revolution it has been turned into a tourist attraction.

We will be going to the Pearl outlet; retail therapy is getting everyone very excited. Hopefully we will get some good deals.



Dinner

Hamsafar Tibet and China Get together

PN Central Mess

Sunday, 26th November 2017

Noor Irfan Ahmed on behalf of 'NL Tibet and China Tour group'

Culmination Event-- Get Together and Dinner 26 November

On 26 Nov 2017, a function was arranged by the group members of Navy League's 2017 Trip to Tibet and China; an evening dedicated to reviving memories and once again enjoying the fine company of our fellow travelers. The excitement and enthusiasm was apparent in the fact that almost all members from Karachi showed up (that too in time, and some as early as 15 minutes before expected time). However, our friends from Lahore, Islamabad, and a few from Karachi were missed. Altogether, 62 out of 79 were present at PN Central Mess in jovial mood and our ladies and girls in colorful attire.

The evening started with gup shup around a hot cup of soup, followed by an excellent, 30-minute slideshow and some short videos of the visit. Cdr Nadeem, the producer, ably aided by Capt Farooq and Mr Arif Qadri, put up a wonderful collection of photos and videos which made the half an hour go by like mere few moments. The running commentary by Mrs. Rashida Faheem and the serene Chinese



background music made the atmosphere excellent. Our special thanks to them. An additional slideshow, prepared by Ms Erum Kizilbash, could not be shown due to technical difficulties and is available via email. In addition to this, Cdr Nadeem is in process of compiling an E-Book on the Tour with active participation of tourists. This will soon be made available on email as well. Once again, our compliments to Cdr Nadeem and all those who contributed to this value addition to our tour moments.

Next, a sumptuous dinner was served. Menu selection credit goes to two ladies; Mrs Irfana Qadri and Mrs Asma Irfan. Coincidentally, the distinguished name of my father Irfan Ahmed is common to both, one at the start and other at the end. I feel it is honor to both gracious ladies. Dinner was followed by cake, brought by Capt and Mrs Aftab Siddiqui, and mithai by blessed grandparents during tour, ie my father and Capt Herekar. Four of our octogenarian participants, namely Adm HM Ansari, Cdre Razi Ahmed, Capt Iqbal A Khan and Capt Riaz Hussain, performed the cake cutting. None of the ladies claimed to be eligible to join the ceremony. At least none admitted to be an octogenarian. Who knows ?





Once the food was put away, the real function began, which was very gracefully conducted by Mrs Rashida Faheem, whose easy and lively manner encouraged many participants to come up to the podium and share their accounts of the trip, personal anecdotes, or relevant poetry. Speakers included Mr Arif Qadri with his usual comedian style narrations. Capt Iqbal A Khan read extracts from his poetry book, 'Mouj-e Khial'. Adm Hasan Masood Ansari entertained the audience with a mix of light and serious talk, making us laugh several times. Mrs Rukhsana Aftab's story telling was both interesting and enjoyable. Since most of us could not visit Lhasa, it was a special treat to hear pleasant story of Xining and Lhasa visit from Asaf Humayun uncle. In particular climbing on 369 uneven steps to reach top of Potala palace, a winter resort of Dalai Lama was fascinating. Details are very well described by him and Naheed aunty in their article already part of this E book. Our special thanks to Mrs Fehmida Ejaz who gave in to popular demand and entertained us all with her melodious voice in spite of lack of musical support. Our appreciation and regards to all those who participated and graced us with their appearances. All of you made our evening even more delightful.

A thank you letter by the Chairman, Foreign Tour Committee Navy League, along with a group photograph and detailed contact list of the group was distributed by Capt Herekar to all members as a keepsake **and to remain in contact.** Copies attached.

(Note. Kindly copies from soft copy from NI Office, Mr Saeed)

At the end, my father Irfan Ahmed one of the Committee member thanked all the organizers including PN Central Mess Staff and participants for a memorable evening with families, friends, and



colleagues who are now termed as "NL Humsafar." We are already enjoying the anecdotes, news, and jokes on the Whats app group. Thanks to Azra Aunty for creating this group and combining it with the NL Russian Tour Group. We expect to remain in touch with sweet memories of the trip and look forward to traveling with all our adopted parents, brothers, sisters and friends In Shaa Allah, next year.

Navy League Zindabad.

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NAVY LEAGUE CHINA/TIBET TOUR

NL Tibet and China Tour was eighth of the series. Earlier the countries covered were Malaysia (Twice), Turkey (Twice), Singapore, Uzbekistan, Jordan, Spain and Russia. I happened to be part of all these trips both in planning and participation except Turkey visit as I had been there number of times earlier.

For me as a tourist this trip was by far the best. I have been saying all along this after each visit, as each one was better than previous one.

Now let me start the real story of of the tour.

On 10 Oct, a group of Eleven members some young and some not so young, 5 males and 6 females of so called male dominated country arrived Beijing in the morning. We started Fast Train journey to Xining in the afternoon. 22 hours stunning and mesmerizing travel in soft sleeper through country side, hilly areas, rivers, valleys took us to the the Capital City of Qinghai Province. The other highlight of the journey was that V Adm Naqvi's family had brought plenty of cooked food and we were served delicious homemade cuisine throughout the journey. My wife Asma had also prepared few dozen hunter beef sandwiches which lasted for a day or so. The company was very enjoyable which made the travel more exciting. In Xining we visited the Ta'ar Monastery, a prominent land mark of Tibetan Buddhism in Northwestern China. This was followed by visit of Dongguan Mosque, a famous architecture in the ancient city and North West China. We were impressed by its design and management. The area is surrounded by Muslim population and shops carrying visible signs of 'Halal' everywhere. We also witnessed that adequate provisions were available in Mosque premises for funeral including mortuary, bathing/ preparation of Muslim bodies, sitting places for men and women. We saw a body being prepared and relatives all around waiting for Namaz E Janaza. Our hotel was also located in the same area.

LHASA Train journey to Lhasa was equally enjoyable except that the height of 16000 ft that the train crossed over was at night. Train was pressurized and oxygen sockets were available but we never used it. Hills covered with snow, rivers full of water and agriculture land with grazing Yaks were seen in abundance. We arrived around mid day at Lhasa and the Railway station was like an airport with all modern facilities. On 13 Oct, during stroll around bustling Barkhor Street



V Adm Asaf skillfully located Jamia Masjid through his expertise of use of cell. We offered our Friday prayers with our Tibetan Muslim brothers. The Mosque, an impressive architectural building was full of devotees. It gave us real pleasure and satisfaction to avail this opportunity. On 14 Oct the the tour of Potala Palace, Dalai Lama winter palace at the height of around 14000 ft was although tough but all the same a memorable one. Climbing 369 uneven steps on the red hill through number of beautiful temples was a treat. Capt Riaz Hussain at 80+ managed it well purely due determination and fitness despite some medical issues. We were thoroughly impressed by his stamina. He was also my roommate. He was well organized and I learnt some tips by observing his management skills. I was also surprised that he was operated for Hernia soon after return from Tibet and China. Bravo Capt Riaz for undertaking such an arduous venture. During the afternoon visit of renowned Jokhang Temple, we again witnessed devout Buddhist Tibetans in a peculiar style of worship. Next day we returned to Beijing through Chengdu and joined the main group for China tour. The trip to Tibet was a dream come true. It will be remembered for a long time to come. It was possible through perseverance, advice and coordination by V Adm Asaf. The motivation by our President during his first trip abroad with Navy League was main factor for realization of Lhasa tour. Those who dropped out due some pertinent reasons have missed some sites worthwhile visiting at least once in life time. Well done Navy League once again. More on this tour will be covered by an impressive write up by V Adm and Begum Asaf Humayun. Their photography and contribution in the presentation during post visit dinner are also admirable.

In Beijing, we visited Tiananmen Square and Chairman Mao's memorial, followed by a tour of the Forbidden City. The group also climbed the Great Wall of China and enjoyed the famous acrobatic show. We also managed to visit the Summer Palace before travelling to Xian via bullet train. In Xian, we visited the Terra Cotta Army museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda and the Muslim Quarter food and souvenir market. The last destination of our tour was Shanghai, where we enjoyed the city skyline from the glass floor of the Pearl TV tower and a cruise of the Huangpu river by night. We also managed to squeeze in a day trip to Hangzhou's West Lake and attended the jummah congregation in Shanghai mosque.

1. Due large number of participants, the group was divided in two, A and B with separate buses, one local guide and Tour Operator rep each. This was a successful experience. Two buses could start and reach sites/locations independently to avoid congestion etc.



2. There was happy, helpful, congenial atmosphere in both buses, during train journey and visit of sites. Younger lot showed courtesy and due respect to senior partners. We are really thankful to all 79 members for their fraternity, love and care throughout the tour.
3. There were hardly any late comers. Some minor incidents did happen due misunderstanding but not due to indiscipline. Our civilian friends showed even more discipline and punctuality. They probably wish to be permanent member of NL Tours and keep their records straight.
4. V Adm Naqvi's family cuisine during train journeys to Lhasa and Mrs Irfana Arif Qadri ' Shami Kabab Sandwiches" during train travel in China remained the most popular dishes. Otherwise food standard/ variety in restaurants etc did not disappoint us. Some of our ' Jialas" showed more interest in dancers over the food in Lebanese restaurants. The first day dinner at Lebanese restaurant and the last day Vegetable Pizza and Spaghetti lunch remained the most admired cuisine.
5. Shopping spree at fake markets by ladies remained hectic. Intentionally very little time was allocated for this popular activity to avoid creating shortage of stocks in China. One does not want Pakistanis to be blamed for chaos in a friendly country.
6. Visit to our Embassy at Beijing, welcome by HE Ambassador Mr Khalid Masood, reception by Naval Attache Capt Shifaat Khan PN at Beijing Airport, briefing on Pak-China Relationship, discussion that ensued, hospitality extended to Navy League Tourists was the hall mark of the visit to China. We felt proud of our friendship with China and role of our Embassy in promoting Pakistan image in and around the area. We are grateful to our Naval attache at Beijing Capt Shifaat Ali Khan PN for appropriate arrangements of visit to Embassy.
7. The role played by members for planning and execution of this wonderful tour need special mention. This includes our President of Committee Cdre Razi Ahmed, Members, Cdre Rashidullah, Capt farooq Herekar. Lt Cdr G H Shah, Vice Admiral Asaf Humayun, Cdre Tajuddin Najmi, Noman Tassaduq LST(Writer), Saeed Abbas ST(Writer)-I.
8. The enthusiasm exhibited by some members to record memorable events and to plan/execute post visit Get together/Dinner is praise worthy. Let me name few. I ask for forgiveness if someone who feels that he played a significant part but missed out by me. These include, Cdre Rashidullah, Capt Farooq, Cdr Nadeem, Lt Cdr G H Shah, Mr Arif Qadri, Miss Erum Khizilbash and all some missed out



colleagues. We are truly grateful to you all for your sincere support for making the tour a success.

9. A Whats App group has been formed by Madam Azra Ahmed (Like she did for Russia tour) and named ' Humsafar' and is Masha Allah very active on this blog. I am very happy to see lively people remaining together after the events.

10. I Wish and pray for well being of all members and their families. May Allah keep all of them under His safe custody and reward them with His choicest blessings in world here and hereafter. Ameen.

11. We hope to see you with us in next tour In Shaa Allah next year. Till that time Allah Hafiz but remain in touch.