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Student's diary**

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The room is indeed very good, but I did not sleep well last night. As no breakfast is provided from our hotel (This is one of the things that the hotel should improve), this is the first time for us to have breakfast outside these days. The restaurant did not look good. When I looked at my congee, I was shocked to find that there's a fly inside!!! When I tried the fried stuff, it was brittle....How terrible? Anyway, I ate half of that bowl and finished that thing because I don't want make my colleague feel embarrassed.

As Wang Xian Yian and Zhou Sou Jiang needed to go further inside the Poyang Lake, we separated at the pier. We took the boats back to Hukou while they hired another one.

We had lunch next to a dredging boat. There's a big dog. Although it looked aggressive, it's actually in quite a good manner. We gave it some bones and it kept silent. But when we departed, it started barking. It tried to chase our boat on the ship. I was really impressed. Does it feel unhappy on that boat.. Maybe the workers were not pleasant to him. Maybe it wants us to save it. I really miss it.

When we were approaching the Shoe Hill, we found many porpoises. All people on boat 2 were very excited!!! We stopped there and we saw at least 20 to 30 porpoises. Although my camera did not function well and was of low battery, I tried to took as many video as possible! Luckily, I took one in which we could see several porpoises swimming out and into water. I must play it in the seminar!

We are also visited Shoe Hill. This is a heavily modified mountain for tourists. The pathway is heavily ornamented and designed, and looks very special. Although I'm a little bit exhausted when I walked up the hill, I was attracted by the surrounding scene. We walked up the tower, the temple and the stone pathway. We took many photos including odd ones. This is a good relax event after five-day work. And this is the time when I and Tracy began our tour here.



When we arrived the pier, I had a look of the fishing net on the 斜坡. It seems that some of the nets were used for trawling. I really want to know how much each costs and want to make one here for my project.

Although Wei did reserve rooms, the hotel rented rooms to other. This made us need to live other rooms. We two were allocated to a suite, the room is so big that it has a separated common room, which is useless to us. But we have no choice....

Others also came and had a look of our room. As there's still some times before dinner, Li, Cheng and we played mahjong. Cheng was very brilliant that he won many times. Tracy and I did not win any....

We had hot pot tonight. We also gave souvenirs to them. As mentioned on the wall of the restaurant, there's a secret method to taste hot pot. Firstly, we had a spicy fried crab. Then soup was added to the bowl and we ate other common hot pot food. Throughout this dinner time, we drank a lot. Both of us felt dizzy. I liked this feeling.