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Student's diary**

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Porpoise – Population Monitoring**

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We had breakfast in a small restaurant, the fried dumpling are quite good. After that, we visited the Rock Bell Hill, which is just next to the pier that we departed to watch porpoises everyday. Normally, the entrance fee of that Hill is quite expensive, \$61 for one person. But as Wei knows the CEO of our 鐘星酒店 (who is also the owner of the park) very well, we don't need to pay any. :D

Although the staff in that Hill are not very friendly, the scene from that hill is wonderful!! Firstly, we rang a very "stone bell", which produced a very long and low-pitch sound. When we walked up hill, all the Chinese style gardens and 庭子 are very beautiful. Unfortunately, my camera did not function again, I could only take videos. On the way, we met a writer. We asked him to write a poem based on the name of Cynthia. We think this would be a quite good souvenir. We also saw a short music performance in an old courtyard. Wei said they were not professionals but I thought the music is okay. There's a place where we could observe the scene of both Yangtze and Poyang. The scene was fantastic! The water from Yangtze and that from Poyang Lake were of different colors. This is because their current were of the same speed and continuous, and the water level of Yangtze is a little bit higher. Before, the water of Poyang Lake was clearer and looked darker. But now, as Poyang Lake is heavily polluted. The water becomes turbid and looks brown.

We had lunch in the restaurant where we had our first dinner in Hukou. Although Wang XianYian and Zhou Sou Jiang were not here, we had two from Wuhan today. They are the driver and another teacher from that Institute.

After that, we bought some Poyang Lake preserved fish as souvenirs. We also bought some wool. The wool is of very quality but the price is much cheaper than in Hong Kong. Both of us are very happy and excited!

Now, I'm on the way to Wuhan University. I think we'll get there around 1700.

When we arrived Wuhan, we visited the Baiji Museum again. We rushed to the underwater floor of the porpoise pool. We were very happy when they swam in front of us. As we stayed for a longer time, they became less shy and more interested in us. They swam toward us and stayed in front of us. Sometimes, they also opened their mouth. It just liked they wanted to talk to us. (Or they just wanted fish, ahh....) The newborn is also very cute. As we all know, calf would always stay with their mother. But this time, the calf didn't follow his mother and swam toward us by itself. We were very excited!!!

