

My Story in China

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WELCOME TO THE LAND OF CHINA:

An Old Chinese proverb says “千里之行，始于足下”， that means a journey of thousand miles begins with one step. My Journey to China began in September 2017. I cried out of joy when I received presidential scholarship from Jiangsu University to pursue my higher studies as a PhD candidate in China. I have a vivid memory when I first arrived at Shanghai Pudong airport. It was very difficult for me to find directions at the airport because I was not familiar with the Chinese language that time. Whatever I tried to communicate with Chinese people I got one reply that was Shenma. At that time I was unaware of the word Shenma. At last, I met one Chinese girl who could speak English (later on she became my first Chinese friend) and it happened to be a big relief for me as I was annoyed of not finding the right way to exit. She helped me through all the formalities at airport and guided me to the right way. I was warmly welcomed by the OEC volunteers from Jiangsu University, who came to receive students from the airport. It was a moment of happiness. They were very kind and helped me by carrying my luggage and took it to the bus. I found weather outside airport very cold quite chilly as compared to my country Pakistan. As we were getting closer to the institute, I saw green surroundings including the vegetation, beautiful grasses and colorful flowers. It was a very fascinating sight, seeing such greenery.



LEARNING CHINESE LANGUAGE: -

My motivation and passion to learn the Chinese language was the fact that to spend life in China without knowing Chinese language is an impossible thing. So during my first semester, I passed my HSK I exam and then HSK II. I am glad to declare that now I am able to speak the basic Chinese language. I am thankful to my Chinese laoshi named "Zouxini". She was a very kind-hearted teacher and she taught us with her full strength and devotion. Currently, my fifth semester is going on and I have completed almost all requirements like course work, HSK and SCI publication requirements. It's becoming easier day by day to have command of Chinese language which is helping me to know about Chinese awesome culture and experiences.



GRADUATE STUDIES AT JIANGSU UNIVERSITY (JIANG SU DA XUE):

The reason why I pursue my higher study from China is not a single one, there are so many reasons for which I have chosen China to come for my higher studies because China is education friendly country and promoting higher education in every possible manner without discrimination of race, gender and religion. It provides qualified experienced faculty, excellent laboratory facilities and an environment for exceptional research work. My university looks like a city, every time it's fully crowded because more than 40000 students are studying here from different regions of China. I never felt myself alone or bored here because of the different activities organized by Chinese student and OEC. University is a place with people from all over the globe and they represent diversity of cultures. Another reason is that CHINA and PAKISTAN are very good friends.

Chinese Govt always support Pakistan and being Pakistani student we got much respect and care from “Zhongguo ren” specially their elders when they come to know “Wo shi bajisitan ren” they have specific smile on their face that shows there affiliation with us.

It's my honor to complete my Doctoral studies here in major of Mathematics in the School of Science. I am doing Ph.D under kind supervision of prof Dr. “Dianchen Lu”, he is such a nice and cooperative teacher with all foreigner students, he always sort out our problem, and give us good piece of advice like elder family member. All others teacher in our school including my dean my school sectary are very cooperate with us and give us friendly environment.



DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES OF CHINESE PEOPLE:

Life in China is enlightening. I have observed that the Chinese are the most disciplined students I have ever encountered in all my years of study. They are very time conscious and have a culture of punctuality. They have the utmost respect for their respective teachers and never complained when a period exceeded or even having only ten-minute recess in between. I am spotting that the Chinese people have a unique working culture; hardworking, a sacrificial spirit of patriotism for collective national goal and completing projects well ahead of schedule. I am enjoying the Chinese life because of their unique activities. I am a Muslim and eat only Muslim food. I also found a variety of Muslim restaurants in Zhenjiang that can provide me with a variety of halal food items, even the local Chinese food has a number of items. Our university has also Muslim canteen. Students enjoy their days by spending in sports, exercise, gymnasium, tour visits and making parties. In the first month after my arrival, I experienced Chinese opera, one of my friends cardinally invited me to be a participant to watch Chinese culture. It was very fantastic and different shows were presented on the stage and from that day I decided not to miss any Chinese

cultural activity and festival. Different festivals are celebrated by Chinese people every year. Every year Chinese spring festival is also celebrated in university. We made dumplings, other food items along with the activity of paper cutting, sending red packets to each other. One of my Chinese friend invite me at her home on spring festival she asks me to meet all her family member. She also introduces me with her traditions and cultural activity like they burn money on that day and made lot of Chinese dishes and give red packets to youngers. This was my new experience in china and it's all about fun and joy to celebrate these kinds of festivals in China. Likewise, on 5th of February Chinese New Year started. On New Year eve, I saw the colorful lightening of firecrackers and on the first day of the new year it was a moment of pleasure to say (xin nian kuaile) to everyone, that means Happy New Year in Chinese.



MY PARTICIPATION: -

Except all these activities, up till now I have written 15 research articles out of them 9 articles are published, 8 are SCI in different high ranked journal and one paper is published in international conference. I have also participated in 8th Sino-foreign Postgraduate Academic Forum of Jiangsu University and received certificate of Best Presentation. In addition, I have been involved in activities of my department school of science, also enjoyed many festivals and activities organized by OEC, jewels and IBSA associations. Moreover, I have attended different seminars and workshop to enhance my academic skills which mostly held in summer or winter vocations. I have also participated in cultural festivals, spring festivals, life building conference, and marathon race and won medal. Some of the memorable pictures are also exhibited in my story.



I have passed through a long journey of my life. My Father passed away when I was in the First year of my college, I worked hard and got University Scholarship in my Bachelor and Master studies. Now I am on presidential scholarship in PhD at Jiangsu university. I am also selected here as outstanding student of the year 2019-2020 from Chinese Govt as well as winner of provincial outstanding scholarship of the year 2019-2020. I am very happy and satisfied with what all I have learned and achieved during my academic career from Jiangsu University .



This is all about my real story in china. Last but not least “wo xihuan zhong guo, wo ai wo de loashi he Jiangsu da xue”. Xie Xie .