

## Trip to Jiaxing 2017

On December 1, a glorious morning, the students and teachers from Sino-German Institute and the Department of International Students started a wonderful journey to Jiaxing.

The tour guide on the bus was very enthusiastic. She started from the history of Shanghai, the origin of the Shanghai city name “HU” and then about the culture of Jiaxing and the political stories that took place there. After nearly two hours of journey, we finally reached the Nanhu area in Jiaxing. This area offers a great variety of interesting destinations to explore.



Group photo in front of the South Lake

We visited the Huijing Garden with many sorts of green plants and elegant designed pavilions. Then we took a traditional Chinese boat to arrive the most famous island in South Lake, the scenery on the lake is very beautiful, not only because of the view of the endless lake, but also because of the engraving patterns on the traditional classic stone bridges. A historical significance of this lake is achieved by the fact that in 1921, the Chinese Communist Party was founded.

The island's historic landmark is the First National Congress of CPC memorial boat. In this boat, called also

Red Boat, was the Chinese Communist Party founded and the first convention was held.



First National Congress of CPC memorial boat



Misty Drizzle Pavilion

Nearby is the impressive Misty Drizzle Pavilion, which is actually a traditional park nowadays, with the winding roads and a scattering of Chinese style houses. One of the most attractive things is the ginkgo trees in front of the pavilion. They are already more than 450 years old. A balcony offers a view over the beautiful Southlake and the opposite lake.

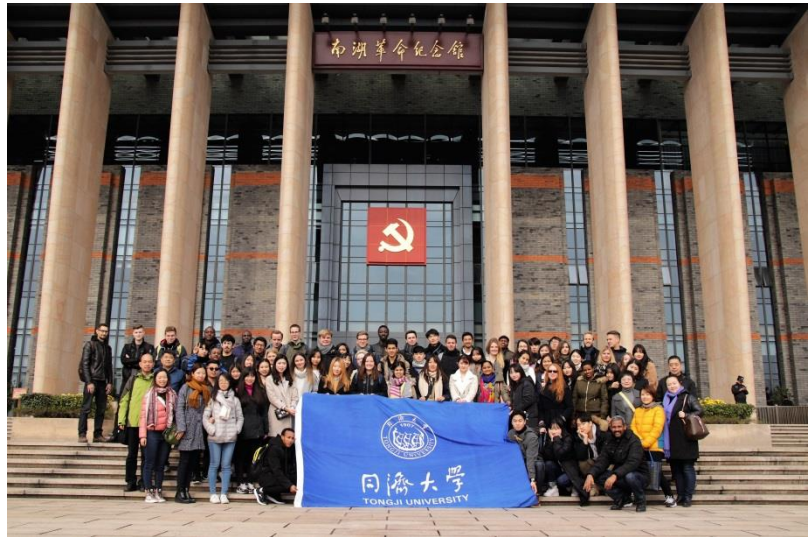
After leaving Huxin Island by boat, the next destination of the trip was the Memorial Hall of Nanhu. We used this impressive building for a group photo.

The exhibition is showing the party leaders' photographs and their inscriptions for the South Lake when they came to visit, and the detailed history of the foundation of the Chinese Communist Party respectively. Thus, we were given a deep insight into the Chinese Communist Party's history.

After relaxing at a very good lunch in a hotel, we still had time to visit the Moon River Block. This is the largest-scale and best-preserved ancient street in Jiaxing urban area. It became busy downtown streets since Ming and Qing Dynasties. This district comprises three streets, which are surrounded by three rivers. We used the time to stroll through the streets and to look at the many small shops along the way. Known for this area is the glutinous rice, the so-called "Zongzi", which is offered in a great variety of flavors in many shops. In addition to the usual souvenir shops, there was also a small section of the street where, among other things, birds, fish, cats and dogs were offered for sale. In the evening, we started the journey home to Shanghai.

As the students of the CDHK, who have been able to take part in this excursion, would like to thank the International Student Office and, on behalf of the CDHK, Ms. LIU Xin for this very eventful excursion. We learned a lot about China's history during this day and made new friends with other students. We look forward to the upcoming offers on excursions.

CDHK Student Group



**Group photo in front of the Memorial Hall of Nanhu**



**Moon River Block**