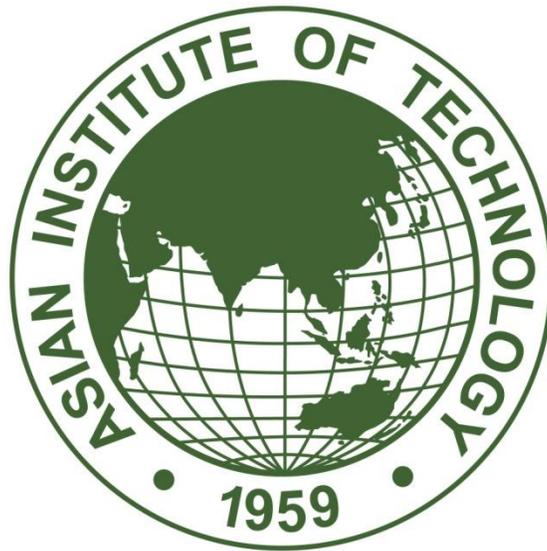


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ABOUT NPU

Located in the historic city of Xian, the cradle of Chinese civilization and terminus of the ancient Silk Road, Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU) is the only multidisciplinary and research-oriented university and research-oriented university in China that is simultaneously developing education and research programs in the fields of aeronautics, astronautics, and marine technology. It is now affiliated to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT). Since the establishment of the People's Republic of China (PRC), NPU has always been one of the nation's key universities.

Things that I experienced in China

On Nov 23, 2017 me and my friends got a chance to go to winter school at NPU, Xian, China. I was really happy & excited that I got this opportunity, to make use of my winter holidays. After our advent at the airport in Xian, we were picked up by the volunteers from NPU; and then we headed on a bus towards the university in the blistering cold.

The next day, we registered ourselves and met a lot of new students like us who were also participating in the winter school program. I was amused by the number and diversity of students from different countries from all over the world who had one purpose to experience China. Afterwards, we were free so we visited some famous places like The Bell Tower, The Drum Tower and The Muslim Street.

The opening ceremony and some ice-breaking games were held on the second day of our summer camp. At the opening ceremony I got to witness the famous Ansai waist drum dance by a group of students from the university. About Ansai waist drum dance, it's a large scale folk dance with a history of more than 2000 years which is popular in the Shaanxi province. With such energy and vigor they performed this dance, it was delightful.

On the 4th day, at 8:00 am we were summoned to take up our elective courses, I chose International Trade Law and Business Correspondence. As I came out of my hotel through the streets, I passed by vendors, waste collectors, working early in the morning despite the fact that it was blistering cold. My elective course was about foreign trade and financial law emphasizing on China. Following our class we had cultural experience activity which consisted of Chinese Tea Art & Traditional Paper-cutting Art. I knew a fun fact that tea had originated in China but I wasn't aware that Tea Art was a meticulous process. We were taught the complete procedure of how to pour water on every cups, the accurate hand gestures, smell the tea leaves. The expert insisted on to savor the fragrance from the tea. For me, drinking tea is just another regular chore but the Chinese Tea Art was totally new to me. Later on, we were introduced the art of traditional paper-cutting. Chinese paper-cutting artworks are made of red paper, as red is associated with festivities and happiness in Chinese culture, but other colors are also used. Normally paper-cutting artwork is used on festivals like Spring Festival, weddings and childbirth. They symbolize luck and happiness.

Cultural Experience in China

In the heart of Shaanxi province, Xian, an ancient capital of China is a rising city with giant skyscrapers, bustling people, busy streets and rich in history which dates back to centuries. One of the iconic historical site is the Han Yangling Mausoleum. Han Dynasty was the second imperial dynasty of China. It is the mausoleum of Emperor Jing, the fourth emperor of the Western Han Dynasty and his Empress Wang. The mausoleum complex is located in the Weicheng district of the City of Xian, Shaanxi Province, on the northern bank of the Wei River and about 20 km to the north of the city center of the provincial capital of Xi'an. After we visited the mausoleum we went on to try on the traditional costume of Han Dynasty, we learned about the history of Han Dynasty and also how to greet according to the Han dynasty.

On Jan 3 we had the chance to learn Kung fu near the starting point of silk road. We learn the basic moves of Kung Fu for instance some defense tactics. Actually, the instructor taught us that Kung Fu was introduced to practice in the early days to be healthy and increase longevity. He added it was not started as to fight someone but as way of life and have peace of mind. Furthermore, Kung Fu requires patience, energy and time to complete, it's a way of life for ancient Chinese. Nevertheless, we had fun and laughter while learning the basic techniques of kung fu.

Lastly, I conclude that I have gained a lot of cultural as well as socio-economical experience about China. Many people are discouraged to go to China because of the language barrier. In my opinion, both outsiders and Chinese people would do better if they speak Chinese and English; not only in terms of business but also in tourism sector. Coming from Nepal where there is traditional form of payment like cash and atm cards. Here in China they pay through their phones. I found out that Chinese people are early adapters in technology. For instance everyone uses QR code for payment through cellphones. I inquired to some Chinese about when was QR code payment system was introduced and they said it's just been couple of years. Thus, I conclude that Chinese are tech-savy and can adopt into changing fast markets. Therefore, I see a lot of opportunity of tourism, infrastructure, technology in China and its neighboring countries.



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