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When Chinese Dream Come into Reality

"The Chinese dream", if you have not witnessed a change, then you have not experienced anything. My life metamorphosized a lot form the day I set foot in the land of cultural diversity, honey and inexplicable traditions, and customs. My life in China is quite a lot to talk about and I want to enumerate these.



The first day I arrived at the Shanghai Pudong International Airport, I was mesmerized by the grandiose architectures and technology at the airport. I realized the perception about how the western media describe China was a mere fiction with an ulterior motive. With the friendly reception at the airport through the immigration process was beyond my

imagination. The best of it all was when I was welcomed by the staffs of Jiangsu University waiting for students at the airport to take them to Jiangsu University campus. It was one of a kind. I suddenly felt I was not away from home and China is my second home.



One thing I realized was the ideological values of the Chinese people. Chinese are very hard working, respectful, friendly, and have been inculcated with good values. I took the opportunity to celebrate the birthday of Confucius with the community children in Zhenjiang by carrying out a series of events with the kids. These events were wearing the Han clothes together with the children, writing Chinese characters using the ancient brush and inks to portray the ancient values of Confucius. This event helped me to appreciate Chinese history, Chinese culture and its customs by learning and experiencing different aspects of

China in classes, activities and other ways. Getting along with each other from different race, religion, culture, opinions and other ideologies was also learned in China. While communicating with my Chinese friends, I gradually appreciate Chinese ideologies and understand the principle behind certain values and ideals.



During my first semester at the Jiangsu University, I was given an opportunity to be an English teaching assistant for the postgraduate students. I had the opportunity to help the Chinese students with their English course by collaborating with their English teacher, Professor Don Zongyuan Xu. It was a quid-pro-quo and I learned a lot from them in terms of their discipline, dedication and the other characters. I realized the Chinese students are the most disciplined people I have ever encountered in my life. They are diligent, time conscious. Punctuality is their hallmark. They always review previous lessons before we start a new lesson and have the utmost respect for any person they will encounter. The passion,

zeal, and tenacity to have a good command of the English language were one of a kind.



It is no accident that China is praised as the essence of the second largest economy in the world. In China I saw how frank and open the Chinese people are to foreigners. I now believe Napoleon's famous saying: "China is a sleeping giant. When she wakes up, she will shock the world."