

4.1 Geography Field Camp to Yangtze River Delta Region, China (22-29 May 2011)

A total of 64 Geography undergraduate students participated in the 2011 Geography Field Camp. This year the Field Camp was organized by Prof. Larry Chow, with assistance from Dr. Xiaojiang Yu, Mr. Johnson Yeung, Miss Polly Chan and Miss Yvonne Wu. The theme of the Field Camp was to study one of the most developed economic areas of China - the Yangtze River Delta Region.



Group photo at Humble Administrator's Garden in Suzhou

The eight-day trip covered five cities: Nanjing, Wuxi, Suzhou, Hangzhou and Shanghai. During the trip, students had a week-long lesson on Chinese history and culture through the visits to the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall, the Mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Confucius Temple in Nanjing, the Lingshan Great Buddha in Wuxi and the Humble Administrator's Garden in Suzhou. In Hangzhou, students enjoyed the beautiful scenery at West Lake Scenic Area and Xixi National Wetland Park which is the first national wetland park in China.



Group photo at Shanghai Bao-shan Iron & Steel Plant



Joyful faces in front of the Bird-Nest in Suzhou

After visiting cultural and natural landscapes, students visited places of economic significance, including Shanghai Bao-shan Iron & Steel Plant, one of the world-class steel complexes in China. Students also had a chance to visit the China Pavilion - "The Crown of the East" which is one of the famous pavilion in the World Expo Shanghai 2010. At the Zhejiang University, Prof. Suihong Luo gave a highly informative and inspiring lecture on "Recent

Economic Developments in the Yangtze River Delta Region”, which was followed by an animated Q & A session.



Prof. Suihong Luo delivering the lecture



Students gave their presentation in a sharing session

On Day 7, students in eight groups presented their observations about the trip. They all enjoyed this educational, relaxing and rewarding field camp activity, and become more familiar with Chinese history and culture after the excursion.