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Editorial 編者的話—景劍峰

1993 has been a very successful year for our club. We are happy to see our growing membership and participation in various activities by our members. I would say that 1993 was a very good start indeed for our club. Already well into 1994 and now also in the Chinese Year of Dog, we are looking to further consolidate our organisational achievement, and based on our solid organisation, starting to expand our activities, in particular in the areas of promoting technological and economic exchange between China and Australia. Our members are called upon their creativity, imagination and communication skills to make our club truly a continent spanning rainbow bridge, between China and Australia. Opportunities have never been so great, with the economic reforms in China showing great success and even greater future potential and Australia's re-orientation towards Asia, in particular East Asia. In this great historical process of change, we Chinese and Chinese-Australian professionals have a duty to participate. We can look forward to an exciting and promising future in the Asia-Pacific Community. 一九九三年是我們協會成功的一年. 我們很高興看到我們的會員人數得到增長. 越來越多的人參加協會的各類活動. 我認爲去年是我們成功的一年. 在一九九四年的狗年里, 我們期待我們的組織得到進一步的加強, 并在這個基礎上擴大我們的活動範圍, 尤其是在加強中澳技術經濟合作方面. 我們號召會員們發揮創造力, 想象力和各自的交通能力來協助在中澳之間建立一個橫跨大洋的虹橋. 中國經濟改革的成功及未來的潛力和澳洲面向亞洲特

別是東亞的轉變給我們提供了從未有過的機遇. 在這歷史轉變的時候, 我們作爲中國人和澳洲華人中的專業人員有義務去參與. 亞太共同體的未來是充滿希望的.

CPCA Pre-Easter BBQ 駱明飛

A pre-Easter party will be held at Albert Park, Melway Map 2K E7 (Play Area), on Sunday 27/3/94 starting 11 am. CPCA will provide soft drinks, plastic plates & cups, knives and forks, tissues and BBQ sauce, the others all BYO (BBQ or picnic food). After BBQ, a tug of war will be held, the winning families and members will get a nice prize.

Time: 27/3/94 Sunday
Venue: Albert Park (2K E7)

The Albert Park provides an excellent environment for family gathering and child playing, cycling and walking along the Albert Park Lake.

If you prepare to join us, please let me know before 23/3.

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CLUB NEWS 協會消息

1. LOGO COMPETITION

We want to call upon our members' artistic creativity for submission of CPCA Logo Designs. All submissions should be sent to Jianfeng Jing. The winning design will be selected by the committee. The committee's decision is ultimate and no legal recourse is

available on this matter. The winner will be rewarded with 1 year free membership (including family) worth \$30.

2. 寧波歡迎留學生前往講學
寧波市對外聯絡處歡迎留學生前往寧波講學, 舉辦技術交流會或向企業轉讓專利技術. 前往講學的國際國內路費有可能由寧波市政府提供. 請與景劍峰聯系.

3. 股票興趣小組消息

股票興趣小組成立以來, 已經舉行了兩次討論會. 我們有三個模擬投資計劃, 供組員作投資參考. 組員們認爲得益良多. 參加小組交費A\$10, 用于通訊. 有興趣的會員請與景劍峰聯系.

4. Call for ideas on CPCA activity

Every member is welcome to submit ideas on club activities. Tell the committee what you want them to organise for you and the committee will seriously consider your proposal. Submit your ideas to Luo Mingfei or just speak to him on this matter.

5. 對外活動

一月二十八日, 干事長應邀參加中國MELBOURNE總領事館舉行的春節酒會.

6. Call for contribution

The Editor of Rainbow welcomes all members to contribute an article or two to make our newsletter more attractive and a better tool for communication. Articles written in Chinese (best in electronic form as GIF or BIG5 codes) are most appreciated.

一九九四年CPCA春節聯歡晚會文藝節目側記 — 夏克農

春節是中國一年中最大的傳統節日。“每逢佳節倍思親”，一句唐詩，萬種思念。春節又是家家團聚的時候，“獨在異鄉為異客”，能不讓人格外思念故鄉與親人。今年的春節又恰逢CPCA成立一周年，所以更要理所當然地要歡聚慶祝一番。

晚會的目標是要為遠離故鄉的你我他(她)們創造一個歡樂團聚的氣氛，共慶佳節。為了增加歡樂的氣氛，首次嘗試搞了一些文藝節目。諸多的CPCA會員們及朋友們為此付出了許多時間和精力。大家一定還記得晚會一開始，畢業于香港皇家演藝學院的蔡小姐以鋼琴曲“回娘家”將大家帶回了遙遠的故鄉。殊不知這個曲子竟是蔡小姐在晚會開始前半小時剛剛在孫守義的“教導”下排練出來的。老師登台后，蔡小姐的兩位“弟子”，九歲的孫哲(盼盼)及十四歲的高璐也先后登台為我們演奏。另外九歲的盧方還用電子琴作了表演。他們的演奏使我們感到了后生的可畏。其實他們正式學琴也就只有一到兩年。

晚會的又一重項節目為歌唱。來自北京大學的展清在黃賽葳的鋼琴伴奏下先后為大家演奏了“軍港之夜”，電視連續劇“渴望”主題歌及“月亮代表我的心”。甜美的歌聲與悠揚的琴聲令人陶醉，贏得了陣陣熱烈的掌聲。

“毛主席的書我最愛讀”，萬曉陽一句未終，台下已是掌聲一片，眾聲相和。當然時間早已今非昔比，卡拉OK這一深受廣大“業余歌唱家”歡迎的形式在我們的晚會上也同樣吸引人。蔡小姐及傅彥怡小姐也先后為我們獻上了她們精彩的歌聲。

就在如此熱鬧的場面之中，兩位重要的“歷史人物”也借助

相聲無粉無墨地登了場，博得了大家一片開懷的暢笑。

為了“振興”京劇，“挽救”這一中華民族的瑰寶，羅(斯茵)奶奶(蔣三平的母親)重說革命家史，孫(守義)青天再劍陳世美，夏克農則又操起了十年未摸的京胡。雖說他們僅配合了三個晚上，也贏得了台下的陣陣喝彩與叫好聲。看來觀眾中戲迷還大有人在。此外楊玉雙的魔朮及景慧怡小朋友的唐詩朗誦也給我們的晚會增添了色彩。

最后我們還放映了國內春節聯歡的電視錄相。領事館的先生也應邀光臨。他為我們帶來了新年的祝福和中國春節聯歡的電視錄相。還為我們帶來了美味的湯圓。我們在此特致謝意。

特別值得一提的還有許多在幕后的“明星”們。高大超為調復供演出用的舊鋼琴而奔波；具有展清丈夫及歲歲爸爸雙重身份的黃秀銘，則是她們演出的藝朮顧問與導演；夏克農為了組織這次盛會而運籌帷幄；劉貴民與詹雋旋為獲得滿意的場地而几經周折；景劍峰為借京胡而調動了海峽兩岸的力量……

晚會的氣氛是熱烈而歡快的。在此謹向參加演出的各位大小朋友們再次表示感謝。此次由于“情報”有限及經驗不足未能使我們給所有多才多藝的朋友們一個表演的機會。希望下一次有更多的朋友們為大家登台獻藝。

澳華學協年度報告—劉貴民

各位會員，各位來賓：

新年好

澳洲華夏學人協會成立已經一年了。一年來，澳華學協發展迅速，目前已擁有六十多名會員。本著協會的宗旨，我們在一年里組織了多次活動，以下是這些活動的簡要總結。

1) 一九九三年一月二十三日，澳華學協舉行第一次聚會，宣布本協會正式成立。

2) 三月，第一次周末小聚

3) 四月九日，YARRA河邊野餐

4) 四月二十二日，干事長接受Melbourne Multicultural Radio Station採訪

5) 五月，第二次周末小聚

6) 五月八日，干事會與中國駐MELBOURNE領事館教育組三名領事座談

7) 六月十九日，三名會員作專題講座

8) 七月，澳華學協向中國五十個大學和企業單位發函，介紹協會的活動

9) 七月，邀請了專業會計給我們作稅務方面的講座

10) 八月，中國MELBOURNE領事館教育組邀請全體會員及家屬用餐及觀看電影

11) 十月五日，協會舉辦了中秋晚會

12) 十月二十三日，協會部分會員與山東維坊市代表團座談，并接受了代表團贈送的禮物。

13) 十一月二十七日，邀請了著名經濟學家楊小凱博士舉行關於中國經濟改革的公開講座

14) 十二月十九日，在SUGARLOAF水庫野餐

15) 一月二十八日，干事長應邀參加中國MELBOURNE總領事館舉行的春節酒會

16) 一月十九日，股票興趣小組成立

17) 在一九九三年度，協會共出版了三期會員通訊。〈新報〉，〈華聲日報〉等中文報刊也對本協會進行了報導

18) 以上這些活動是在干事會、澳華學協全體會員、領事館教育組各位領事，和其他很多朋友們的共同努力下完成的。在此，向大家表示感謝。特別是干事會的會員，在組織各項活動時都花了很多時間。這一屆的干事會任期已滿，等一會我們將選舉新的一屆干事會。我

希望新的幹事會在新的一年里把澳華學協辦得更好。謝謝。

新的幹事會成員

在我們上次的全體會議上，我們選出了新的一屆幹事會。在新一屆幹事會的第一次會議上，幹事會委員們通過協商，達成了以下的分工。

幹事長：劉貴民
副幹事長：景劍峰
秘書：施浩
財務總管：駱明飛。
委員：張醒，夏克農

美國休斯頓華夏學人協會簡介

Zhou Qiang

應老朋友劉貴民的邀請，我在這兒向澳洲華夏學人協會的朋友們介紹一下美國華夏學人協會。同時，我也給大家拜個早年，祝大家事業興隆，家庭幸福。華夏學人協會(SINO PROFESSIONAL CLUB)于1992年5月24日在休斯頓成立，簡稱華夏會。此協會為非盈利，非政治性的聯誼學朮團體，其宗旨在於加強中美間科技文化的交流與合作，促進會員間的交流互助，探討會員共同關心的問題。

華夏會是在完成學業并已參加工作的大陸留學生人數日益增多而缺少合適聯誼渠道的情況下產生的，成員主要是來自中國大陸的科學技術文化專業人員組成。大都工作生活在休斯頓地區，而正值而立之年，在各行各業中施展才華。他們的專業組成廣泛，包括幾乎所有領域。

華夏會成立以來活動頻繁。會員人數也由開始的七位發起人增至目前的一百六十餘人。而且在不斷地增加。我們協會是休斯頓最大的華人社團之一。協會每年舉行年會一次，改選

幹事會。在春季和中秋還舉辦大型聯誼活動。更重要的是邀請國內外知名人士開展專題研討，其中包括商業法律，稅收法，中國改革形勢，國際貿易等。并積極聯絡推荐會員回國講學，加強技術交流。

華夏會成立至今承蒙各界支持，發展迅速。我們有意廣泛結聚有共同志趣的同胞，發展與其它地區同類組織的友好關係。當然，我們與澳洲華夏學人協會的友好關係更是由來已久。希望在新的一年里，我們的合作得到進一步加強。

Member News

1993 was a fruitful year for CPCA. In the first year after its birth, CPCA saw its membership increase to 61 by the end of 1993. Of these, 47 have renewed their membership for 1994. Apart from a few members who left Melbourne during 1993, the following members have not paid their dues for 1994.

Guo, Xiaofeng
Huang, Weiqing
Hou, James Huan
Liu, Haifeng
Wang, Jingwu
Xia, Lige
Xiong, Jianping
Zhang, Qi
Zhou, Yukui

If you happen to be on the above list, could you please pay the 1994 membership fee soon or your name will be removed from the CPCA mailing list.

Since the New Year, CPCA has received 18 membership applications and 12 additional applications for the associate membership. Most of these applications were filed at the Chinese New Year Party. The CPCA Committee met on February 27 and approved these applications. Welcome to these new members! The present CPCA membership is boosted to 77. A new list of all CPCA members will be prepared and distributed in the near future.

2) CPCA President Guimin Liu was invited by the Consul General of the Chinese Consulate in Melbourne to attend a reception for the Chinese New Year on January 28. The reception was held in the front garden of the consulate with about 150 guests. During the reception, the Consul General, Mr. Zou Mingrong gave a short speech on the development of the relation between China and Australia in 1993. Dr. Liu had an opportunity to introduce CPCA to the Consul General who expressed keen interest in our club. A general meeting has been arranged for the Consul General and CPCA Committee on March 19.

Committee Member Profile



夏克農
Kenong XIA

I am currently a lecturer in the Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at the University of Melbourne. I received my B.Eng. in Jan. 1982 and M. Sc. in July 1984, both in materials science, from the Northeastern University in Shenyang (The University was then called Northeast Institute of Technology and just changed to its current, recycled name in 1993.) I went to study at the University of Southern California in 1985 and was conferred a PhD in Materials Science in 1988. From 1988 to 1992, I was a research scientist with Comalco Research Center, working on processing of metal matrix composites. I joined the University of Melbourne in March 1993. My research interests include development, processing and mechanical properties of metallic, intermetallic, ceramic and composite materials.

Other than working, I enjoy reading, music (western classic and Chinese folk songs), traditional and modern Beijing opera, basketball, swimming, Ping Pong, volleyball, skiing, skating, soccer, hiking, watching NBA and American football, playing Wei Qi

going to parties (rather than organizing them as in the case of my wife; well except for cpca), and playing with my daughter.

張醒
Xing ZHANG

I always like to say that my name is very easy to remember. Xing3 means to awake. You may guess that my father wants me not falling into sleep all the time. Wrong. He said he is not that unkind, he only wants me to be wise in all my life. In fact, he likes me to sleep more and sleep well (I remember that I had to go to bed at 8:00pm every evening when I was young, including the eve of Chinese New Year!).

I went to countryside for further education, which many people unfortunately miss out, after high school. There, I was kitchen manager of a Qing1 Nian2 Dian3 having one hundred youngsters. It was a difficult time but not much worries. This is because we were young and had nothing to lose then. A lot of things happened during that period of time that I never forget. Farewell to my good friends and the mountains, I went to North-East University for a new life in March of 1978. Four year study bought me a B.E. degree, a bit too long. Afterward, I spent almost another three years for my M.E. which is from Shanghai Jiaotong University.

After this seven years in universities, I decided to work. "No more study for me", I said, "I need to leave Ph.D. to my son" (My father only completed his undergraduate study). Therefore, I worked in Shenyang Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences until I was sent to Australia as visiting fellow. I was in Department of Computer Science, Australian Defence Force Academy between June 1988 and December 1989. And then, in order to get my wife over here, I had to enroll as a Ph.D. student (it is pity). Accidentally, I grabbed the degree reserved for my son, which is obtained from Department of Electrical Engineering of the same institute.

last year, I worked in a company as engineer. Now, I am a research fellow

in Department of Electrical and Computer Systems of Monash University. My research area is video coding and communication. I do not have much hobbies but I like to listen music, watch TV, and play computer games.



施浩
Hao SHI

I was born in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China. About one month old, I was sent to my grandparents' home in Shanghai. I finished my basic education including primary, high school and senior high studies in Shenyang, where I learnt the Northeast dialect. It is likely that I will keep it forever. I received my BE degree in Electronic Engineering from Jiao Tong University, Shanghai.

Before I come to Australia in 1987, I had lived in Shenyang for 11 years and Shanghai 13 years. After completing my PhD in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the University of Wollongong, early 1992, I joined Victoria University of Technology as a Lecturer. My research interests include Image Processing and Computer Machine Vision. My main personal hobbies are reading all kinds of books and playing a variety of games.



駱明飛
Mingfei Luo

I am a second year PhD student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Monash University. I was born and grew up in a teacher's family of a small village in Liaozhong, Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China in 1957. I was from Northeast University of Technology (Now Northeastern

University), where I obtained my B.E. degree in 1982 and M.Sc degree in 1984. I was also an assistant lecturer at the University in the period between 1984-1986, and a lecturer from 1986-1988. I joined Department of Mechanical Engineering, Monash University as a Visiting Scholar from 1988-1989. I have been Working as a research engineer in the Centre for Machine Condition Monitoring at Monash University since September 1989. Due to the low level of salaries, I decided that would be better to complete a Ph.D rather than to remain "cheap worker". I enrolled myself as a PhD student since 1993. Now he is studying and Working to keep himself busy. His professional interest include Expert Systems' Application, Machine Condition Monitoring by Vibration Techniques and Signal Analysis. His outside interest include being a good husband and father, playing table tennis, playing cards such as "拱豬 and UNO", spending money, organising parties, travelling and so on.

Member Biography

Jimin HE

Born in Fuzhou in 1956 and grown up there, Bachelorly educated in Tsinghua University, received the philosophy PhD degree from the Imperial College in London researched as a post-doc, professed near the Equator, now lecturing in Victoria University of Technology. Coming to Australia in 1989, tied knots in the second Southern Hemisphere spring, now with two angles Hanwei and Suya. Glory is entirely my wife's. My initiative was merely persistent persuasion leading to her eventual consent of receiving them.

Character/personality wise, one week industrious worker, next week captive of late TV programs, evidently time variant; pooped and rebounded - undoubtedly linear characteristic. Reasonably well read, thus acutely aware of more to learn. A little flair, constant curiosity. Occasionally philosophising but generally unloquacious. A disciple of 3 'Li's (in Tang poems) and 3 'B's (in western classical music). Teenage fantasy and indulgence have long lost in the mists of time and now a non-believer of

"middle-life crisis". Among some known hobbies are Chinese classical literature, western classical music, history, gardening, heyfever, nappy changing, innovative cooking and bronchitis.

HOME VISIT REPORTS

重慶印象一二三 舒德明

最近有機會回了趟闊別多年的故鄉——山城重慶。回到家鄉，對呈現在眼前的一切覺得既熟悉又陌生。熟悉的是山城的特點。城中心被長江、嘉陵江環抱，市內高低不平、坡坡坎坎頗多。那纜車、架空索道、夜晚的美麗景致及白天的霧氣塵塵猶在。幽靜的鄉間那灣灣田土、梯梯茶林、崎嶇山路依舊。可回去還沒兩天，便拾起了咳嗽吐痰的舊毛病，只好把草珊瑚含片作為忠實朋友。陌生的是，到處一片繁榮景象。各地大興土木，幢幢高樓拔地而起；機場、火車站煥然一新；汽車加油站隨處可見；國道、環城公路、立交橋正在建設之中；城郊、鄉村兩層、三層別墅式樓房如雨后春筍。長江大橋上常常擠滿了南來北往的各種車輛。橋上及附近那“人頭馬一開，好事自然來”，“我住長江尾，君住長江頭，夜夜思君不見君，但願共住渝州大酒樓”及“一夜風流”、“瀟灑走一回”等形形色色的廣告，讓人目不暇接，眼花繚亂。

談到廣告，馬上使人聯想到縣郵電局旁那醒目的“巴縣程控電話直撥全世界”。剛到重慶巴縣，急著要往墨爾本打電話。走進郵電局，交給值班人員押金，要了台電話機，便直撥起來，00613...，一撥就通。打完電話，打印機便打印出賬單，按每分鐘十八元付款。一些私人家里也安上了電話。若打市內電話，街頭巷尾到處有公用電話亭。至于撥那

種需要由總機轉的電話，能否在一、二十次之內撥通就全憑運氣了。

無論在城里還是鄉村，人們尤其是年輕人打扮得非常入時。商店里服裝琳琅滿目、款式新穎。最流行的服裝從街邊一個接一個的攤位上便能一目了然，只是“歪貨”太多。象時下大商店里普遍使用的“偽鈔識別機”一樣，人們也許應多發明些有效的“歪貨識別器”，如“服裝識別器”、“香煙識別器”、“茅台、五糧液識別器”等，保正這些玩藝兒有市場。現有的“防冒商標”似乎并不是太管用。

在重慶一提到吃，人們自然首先要想到火鍋。“山城火鍋”有其獨特風味。傳統的火鍋，底料是以麻辣為主，外加牛油、冰糖等，并且每次邊吃邊加而形成很濃很油的“老湯”。為了降溫和清熱，每人小碗中盛半碗小磨麻油，再加入少許調料。原料在鍋里燙好，再夾到碗里蘸一下后才入口。燙火鍋用料五花八門，較流行的有鯽魚、泥鰍、黃鱔、蝦、海參、蛇肉、魷魚、牛肚、黃喉、雞血、鴨腸、金針菇、海白菜、鮮筍、鮮藕等。“山城火鍋”早已穿過大街小巷，進入千家萬戶。火鍋館比比皆是，街邊有、飯店有、大酒家也有。有一次買齊再吃、有邊買邊吃、有自助餐等多種經營方式。傳統的有“麻辣火鍋”、“牛肚火鍋”，近年增加了“鴛鴦火鍋”和“砂鍋啤酒鴨”等。除清湯火鍋外，其它幾種仍或多或少帶些麻辣味。雖常常被告之“一點不辣”、“比几年前差多了”，但我仍時常吃得滿頭大汗，被麻得辣得合不上嘴。火鍋所用原料新鮮，燙后味濃。在家做自然比弄炒菜簡便。上火鍋館也并不比去飯店。有的人忙碌一天之后，去吃火鍋、喝啤酒以解除疲勞。很多人以火鍋招

待客人或朋友。火鍋館更是生意人經常出沒的地方。中檔以上的火鍋館里有酒吧卡拉OK等設施。雪碧、可樂、洋煙、洋酒已擠入火鍋館，與泥鰍、黃鱔搞起了“中外合資”。

市場上，新鮮蔬菜水果供應豐富。雖剛下過大雪，但市場上到處可見嫩豌豆片、番茄、黃瓜、青椒等。除傳統的廣柑桔子外，還能買到35元/斤的本地草莓。美國開心果也能買到，45元/斤。洋貨到處有賣。品種最全的恐怕要數位於市中心解放碑的華僑友誼商場（該不會是“歪貨”！），可用人民幣隨便購買，價格與澳洲免稅店的相差無幾。如一包“555”或“萬寶露”10元左右，一瓶“Martell XO”標價1150元。不過家鄉人似乎更喜歡抽“阿詩瑪”或“紅塔山”（每包12元），更願意喝“尖壯”、“特曲”、“重慶啤酒”和“巴人嘔酒”。

在渝期間正逢新春佳節，好不熱鬧。除夕，遠近一片震耳欲聾的鞭炮聲，讓人根本無法欣賞“春節聯歡晚會”。雖有時分區分片的停電停氣停水，但節日期間電氣水均“嚴守崗位”。一些人似乎成天在吃吃喝喝、猜拳行令、打麻將及跳舞中度過。中國人真不愧為是“好食家”。也難怪民間流傳著“十億人民八億賭，有著一億在跳舞，還有一億作后補”這樣一句順口溜。真是“百聞不如一見”。匆匆故鄉之行轉眼已成為過去。現在只能不時作些回憶和夢游。

MY HOME TRIP TO CHINA

Chen Zheng Qiang

On the Christmas Day 1993, our family (my wife, daughter and me) started eight-week journey to China by travelling on AIR CHINA. Apart from short trips in Beijing and Cheng Du, we mainly stayed with our parents in Xi'an. Being in Australia for nearly eight years I found China has had

changed so much in every respects and most of the changes are encouraging. Below is odds and ends of my home trip.

Air China Service

As soon as boarding on the Air China flight in Melbourne I immediately sensed the 'Chinese Style Service' - less friendly as compared with airlines like Qantas or Anset. But one thing was unique and good - nearly all the passengers are Chinese and we soon felt like already in China. I usually don't like Airline meals but this time I found the dinner served by Air China was quite to my taste! In general I reckon Air China on-flight service has change very little since I used it eight years ago.

Blood Test at Guang Zhou Bai Yun Airport

At about 7:00pm Beijing time we landed at Guang Zhou Bai Yun Airport to pass Chinese border examination station. I was prepared to show our AIDS test report (We had it done in Australia in an attempt to avoid blood test at Chinese border) but luckily was let go without any trouble. An old woman in front of us in the queue was asked to go for a blood test. I later found out that this blood test was a random process - people with PRC passport would be sent for a blood test by the officer if the queue in the airport clinic is not too long .

Visit Xi'an Jiaotong University

Before coming to Australia, I studied and worked in Xi'an Jiaotong University for many years. During the home trip I was invited to visit the university and gave a seminar. The university had changed notably in its appearance as well as the teaching staff. Many of my classmates now become head of a Teaching/Research Section or even a Department as a result of retirement of old people. There are far too many associate professors in today's Chinese universities and the title becomes meaningless to me. Even the standard for professorship is doubtful - in a sense that it is somewhat like a gift for the people worked in universities for long enough instead of a measure of one's academic achievement. Like other universities Xi'an Jiaotong university is also under increased pressure to find more revenue to pay its employee bonus on

top of wage. In fact the various of bonus, not the wage, are becoming major part of a Chinese worker's income nowadays, and university teaching staff are normally earning less than their classmates who work outside university.

The university policy to the people like us is open - we are welcome to go back either to settle down or for a short stay, free to enter and leave. But the reality is that if many of us do go back, it will create problems for them to find us a suitable position without hurting others.

Living Standard in Today's China

There is a saying in China today: "a family with ten thousand yuan income a year is a poor family; a family with a hundred thousand yuan income a year is not regarded as rich; and a family with one million yuan income a year is just on the route to wealthy." This is in a big contrast with what was regarded as rich several years ago - ten thousand yuan a year, which was simply a dream for majority Chinese then. Now, the past dream of a high income has become reality to many ordinary people, also with a high inflation. People are earning much more than before and also spending heavily. The improvement in the living standard of China is obvious. It is quite common among relatives and friends of mine to have VCRs, large screen TV (29" panasonic or national) and motor bikes, and they are just ordinary Chinese without privileges. With housing reform commenced recently, home renovation is becoming quite popular. Some renovated homes were more luxury than my home here in Melbourne. I noticed that it is young and middle aged people in big city are getting more benefit from the reform, there are still many people earning limited money and suffering from the high inflation.

Beijing International Airport

Unlike flying with Air China, which was not too bad, departure from the Beijing Airport for Australia was disappointing. The Airport management was low standard and facilities are generally out of date. We first had a lot of troubles in finding a baggage trolley inside the Airport building. We then had to stand in a long queue for checking-in when there

was only one hour before departure. What annoys me the most was that our friends and relatives were not allowed to enter in the check-in area to help or to say good-bye, leaving us alone to handle luggage with a bitter feeling. After passing the custom, we found it hard to find a seat in the crowded waiting room - maybe because so many flights were delayed in departure that afternoon. When we finally took off, it was two hours behind schedule. All in all, I found it absolutely necessary to get to the Beijing Airport at least two hours before the departure time in order to cope with many un-expected situations.

Generally speaking, we had a very good time in China and the eight-week was not long enough. I expect to see even bigger changes in China in my next home journey, which I think won't be too far from now.

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INCOME:	\$1,433.25
Membership fees (61x\$20)	\$1,220.00
Tickets for Mid-Autum Party	\$193.00
Donations (at seminars)	\$8.50
Deposit interest	\$11.75
Expenditure	\$1,085.61
Government registration fee	\$90.00
Badges	\$20.00
Postage	\$359.05
Social activities	\$563.34
Gift to distinguished speaker	\$38.45
Account keeping fee	\$14.77
BALANCE	\$347.64

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