# Shanghai 2017 Summer Newsletter

Welcome to Santa Clara's 2017 Shanghai Summer Program. I am Deep Gulasekaram, Professor at Santa Clara University, School of Law, and I will be directing the Shanghai Summer Program. The Program was started in 2006 by Professor Anna Han, with whom many of you have been in contact regarding your internships. This will be my fifth year directing the Shanghai Program and I look forward to meeting all of you. This document serves as a virtual newsletter in which information about the Program will be posted and updated. Email is the best way to reach me or staff at the Center for Global Law Policy (CGLP). One of us will respond within 12-24 hours. PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY AS IT CONTAINS CRITICAL INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAM DATES AND SCHEDULE, VISAS, AND HOUSING, AS WELL AS SUGGESTIONS WHICH ARE LESS VITAL BUT USEFUL.

# **Contact Information for Program Administrators**:

SCU Director contact information: Pratheepan (Deep) Gulasekaram Professor, Santa Clara Univ. School of Law pgulasekaram@scu.edu 408.554.4188

I will be in Shanghai from May 20 through June 9th<sup>th</sup>. I can be reached at the information above until May 19<sup>th</sup>. After that, I will be in transit through May 20<sup>th</sup>. I will be able to respond to emails soon after I land on the 20<sup>th</sup>. When I land, I will also procure a local cell phone number and email it to you so that you have it when you arrive in Shanghai. We will all meet at the Orientation, scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

At any time, you may also contact personnel at the Center for Global Law & Policy at Santa Clara University Law School for any information or assistance. **Center for Global Law & Policy** 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053; (408) 551-1990; Fax: (408) 554-5047; Primary email: <a href="mailto:cqlp@scu.edu">cqlp@scu.edu</a>

Our local contact at Jiao Tong University is:

Xinli Ma

Assistant to Dean and Administrator for International Programs

Email: langshu731@126.com

<u>Please contact Ms. Ma only if you cannot reach me</u>; please do not contact her prior to our time in Shanghai. Upon our arrival, Ms. Ma will likely provide a cell phone number and alert you to her office location so that she can easily be reached on campus.

### **Program Description**

This summer, students enrolled in the Shanghai program will be taking a 4-unit course entitled "Legal Aspects of Doing Business in China." The course will cover subjects such as the various methods of investing and trading with China, including the latest mergers and acquisition laws, the intellectual property laws of China, Chinese financial rules and securities regulations and

dispute resolution. The course will be taught by faculty members of Jiao Tong University (JTU) Law School as well as by experienced practitioners in China.

Classes will usually meet each weekday for the full morning (from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon). On a few days, we will also have scheduled activities outside of classroom hours. Classes will run from Monday, May  $22^{th}$  – Friday, June  $9^{th}$ , 2017 and will be held primarily at the Ko Guan Law School at the Shanghai campus of Jiao Tong University, located in the Xu Hui neighborhood. There will be a graded final exam on Friday, June  $9^{th}$  that covers material from the semester. The questions will be drafted by your professors and instructors but graded by me based on answers supplied by the faculty.

Most days, the afternoons are your own. However, there will be a few mandatory field trips that will be reflected on the final schedule. Currently, we have visits scheduled to Intel Corp. and a district court house in Shanghai. We hope to schedule other events as well.

It is important that you are on-time to class every day. Being late more than two times may result in a downward adjustment to your grade.

If there is the interest, we may also organize some optional weekend trips for the group to one of the water towns. We will talk about this in Shanghai.

## **Arriving in Shanghai**

You lose a day flying to Asia from the U.S., so if you wish to arrive on Saturday, you need to leave the U.S. by Friday at the latest, but more likely on Thursday late evening. If you wish to get acclimated, arriving a few days earlier would also be good. However, we have only requested the Faculty Club housing (see below) starting on Saturday. If you need it earlier, please let me know and I will see what I can arrange. WHATEVER YOU DECIDE, PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 2 P.M. ON SUNDAY, MAY 21st. That is likely the latest time at which you will be able to land at the airport and make your way to Jiao Tong campus in time for the Orientation.

#### Orientation and class material

We will have a brief, but important and **mandatory Orientation on Sunday May 21**st from **4:00-5:30**, during which I will explain the basics of the program, answer logistical questions, distribute insurance cards, and give you a tour of campus. <u>Please meet at 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Faculty Club Hotel (on campus housing for guests)</u>. The address of the Faculty Club is 1954 Huashan Road, Shanghai, China P. R., 200230 Tel: 86-21-62822822 (the prefixes "86" and "21" are not needed when in Shanghai). After Orientation, we will all go to a welcome dinner with some Jiao Tong professors and administrators. Sometime during the first week, I will organize another orientation for everyone doing an internship.

There is a recommended (not required) Nutshell book, *The Legal System of the PRC* (Daniel Chow). If you choose to use it, please buy it before you get to China as it is not available there. The book is not assigned by the instructors or by me. However, it provides an overview and basics of various elements of Chinese law. Students in past years have found it useful, based

on the topics covered, to read the relevant sections of this book as a primer before the topic is covered in greater depth by the instructor.

Other materials – mostly handouts and powerpoint slides – are provided by the individual instructors. You should be prepared to take copious notes on their lectures, as that will be your primary way of learning the materials.

#### **Visas**

Traveling to China generally requires a visa. If you have a Chinese passport, this likely does not apply to you.

For now, just ensure that your passport is valid for enough time (or if it is not, please apply to renew it now). PLEASE DO NOT COMMENCE WITH THE REMAINDER OF THIS SECTION UNTIL I TELL YOU TO DO SO; I AM CURRENTLY CHECKING ON SOME OPTIONS FOR THE TYPE OF VISA YOU WILL NEED TO GET.

To apply for a visa to China, you will need:

- (1) your passport (valid a minimum of 6 months beyond your time in China),
- (2) a filled-out and signed application that can be downloaded from various websites,
- (3) an invitation letter (see below),
- (4) a passport photo of yourself (which you will attach to the application), and
- (5) a check for the consular fee (and service fees if you use a visa processing service (note that the use of such a service is recommended, and for some, may be necessary) (see below)).
- (6) It also helps to have a copy of your flight itinerary, showing arrival and leaving dates as well as hotel bookings if you have made them.
- (7) The Chinese Consulate or Embassy may also ask for a photocopy of your local ID e.g. driver's license. This is not a uniform request but has been recently been made.

Most of you should be applying for an "X2" visa for Study under 180 days (again, do not commence with visa application under this or any other category until I clarify what the best option is for this year). Alternatively, if you hold a U.S. Passport and believe that you will be traveling to China frequently in the future, you may want to apply for a 10-year multiple entry visa (this may be tougher to get and require more documentation, and may require use of particular visa categories). I will be sending you an "invitation letter" from Jiao Tong University in Shanghai for you to include with your application. Note that this a new visa designation that was instituted two years ago; older websites discussing Chinese visas may not be updated with current information about the X2 Visa. You should then mark how many entries and how long you require the visa (obviously, the fewer the number of entries and the shorter the time, the less hassles with granting the visa; however, you should consider what you will require/want as your time/number of entries; remember that for these purposes, going to Taiwan or to Hong Kong means you have "left" the P.R.C. for visa purposes, and getting back to the mainland counts as an "entry"). Indicate on your application that you would like the visa for a minimum of three months. For those planning on taking a trip to Taiwan or Hong Kong during your time

there, you will need to get a multiple entry visa (a trip outside the mainland requires permission for multiple entries if you plan on returning). Please note that when you ask for multiple entries, the visa authorities may limit the amount of time you can stay on any one entry (e.g., you may receive a visa with multiple entries good for 6 months, but on each entry, you may only be able to stay 30 days).

Further, at this stage, do <u>not</u> indicate that you will be doing an internship there. You are not an employee of any firm, and you will not be getting paid; bringing up the internship will only complicate your visa application and entry.

Depending on the length of the visa granted (sometimes embassy officials will not provide you the full 3-6 months you request), you may need to renew the visa while in China. If your visa doesn't cover the entire time you will need to be there, you may need to renew your visa by leaving China (to go to Taiwan or Hong Kong) and returning. Alternatively, you can renew your visa within China at the Public Security Bureau in Shanghai. It takes 3-5 days and you must go "prepared" with all the materials you would need for obtaining the visa in the first place, along with information and proof about where you're living in Shanghai.

You will receive an "invitation letter" from Jiao Tong University, inviting you to come visit them and take classes at the University. You will want to have the invitation letter printed in color so that it looks like it is the original. We have had students turned away by the embassy for not producing the original letter (although no one was turned away who used a visa processing service (see below).

It will also help to have your flight itinerary included with your application if you have that. Although it is not necessary for this class of visa, it definitely helps to show it as it may persuade the visa authorities not to provide a visa shorter than your planned stay.

I highly recommend the use of a visa processing service. The visa takes a few days to process and requires an application form which can be downloaded from the China Embassy website. In the past, use of visa processing service has been very efficient for students not located near an embassy or consulate; moreover, even for those with access to a consulate or embassy, it has caused fewer problems in obtaining the visa. You can find them on the internet and the cost is reasonable. Just type in "China visa" or "PRC visa" in your search (or even if you live near one, you may want to avoid the administrative hassle, and the possibility of being questioned by Chinese officials in person).

I have used the service <a href="http://www.freechinavisa.org/">http://www.freechinavisa.org/</a> in the past (and did so again this year). They currently only process visas for those living in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, and Alaska; if you do not live in one of these states, you can try other processing services. Almost all of them charge a fee in addition to the consular processing fee, and you will also have to pay for secured shipping back to you. Please note that you will have to pay a fee at the consulate/embassy anyway for your PRC visa (I believe for U.S. citizens it is \$ 140). Together

with shipping costs and services fees, use of the FreeChinaVisa.org service cost me \$ 185 (140 for consular fee + 20 for service fee + 25 for shipping (they fedex it back to you)).

Of course, it is always a possibility to avoid the shipping/handling fees by showing up to consulate/embassy in person. Please note, however, that there can be long lines at the Consulate and Embassy. If you go to the Consulate or Embassy, be respectful, do not get into arguments with the officials, and indicate that you are interested in learning about Chinese law and culture, and touring Shanghai and the country. Again, it is best that you do not mention the internship - you do not need to (you are not employed and you are not getting paid; it is a part of your educational process), and bringing it up will only complicate the process.

For those going directly to Shanghai, please apply for your visa no later than mid-April. For those of you interning in Shanghai or Beijing, you will start your internship sometime after June 13th. Most will start on Monday, June 13th. It will run for at least four weeks. There is some flexibility with those dates IF you have made prior arrangement with your firm. The easiest way to deal with the visa is to apply for a double entry visa if you plan to leave China and reenter. Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond your date of entry into China and must have at least one blank page. Follow the instructions carefully.

You may use the address of the Faculty Club as your China address:

**Faculty Club Jiao Tong University** Huashan Road No. 1954 Shanghai, China P. R., 200230 Tel: 86-21-62822822

The name, title, and address of the person who "invited" you to China will be listed on your invitation letter.

Again, if you leave China, a single entry visa expires and you would need to apply for a second visa. Therefore, if you wish to travel to other parts of Asia, it is better to do so before or after classes so you need only to obtain one visa. Hong Kong/Macao is NOT part of China for this purpose, so a weekend trip to Hong Kong/Macao would cancel your visa.

The above information applies to U.S. citizens without connections to China. If you are not a U.S. citizen or have familial or other connections to China, please check on the specific entry requirements. Also note that there are special instructions for obtaining visas if you were born in China or your parents were born in China, regardless of your current citizenship and nationality.

# **Communicating with Fellow Program Participants**

Some of you may be interested in contacting other participants to coordinate travel or other logistics, determine who your roommate is, or discuss living arrangements for the internship portion. We cannot release program participant contact information without consent. orientation we will gather this information with your consent and distribute it. Prior to that time, however, you can join the Facebook group for the Shanghai program, to which you have all received invitations or will soon receive such invitations. Until we have everyone's consent to distribute contact information, this will be the best way to share information with fellow participants, discuss logistical plans, or contact your roommate (if you are using SCU recommended housing (see-below)).

# Housing

Housing in Shanghai can be procured at any number of relatively cheap hotels and service apartments around Jiao Tong University campus. As one option for the class portion of the program, we will work with JTU to reserve some rooms at a nearby hotel. Housing will likely begin on Saturday, May 20 and will be booked through June 11<sup>th</sup>. If you require an earlier arrival date, we can attempt to arrange that in advance. If you desire to stay beyond that time, you will have to work that out after your arrival.

The cost in previous years has been around RMB 420 per night/per room. Given the exchange rate (roughly 1:6), this breaks down to somewhere between \$30-40 per day per person if you share, and double if you do not. We will need to wait to hear back from JTU as to the rate for this year. As with housing you procure on your own, you will be responsible for taking care of the billing and other logistical issues with SCU-facilitated housing.

The other option is to secure your own housing. Students in the past have secured their own housing (individually or in groups) in various places around Shanghai, using AirBNB, local connections, and other resources. We recommend you do some due diligence and make sure you are getting what you expect. If you do that, please ensure that you are not more than a few subway stops away from the school – morning commutes in Shanghai can be very difficult and long. I would strongly advise against staying close to the downtown/Bund area or in PuDong – the morning and evening commutes during rush hour are extremely packed and time-consuming. Of course, if you are staying with friends or family, and cannot avoid a long commute, that is fine. Just be aware that you will have to leave early and be prepared for the jam-packed subway system and roads.

## **Getting to Jiao Tong/XuHui from the Airport and Getting Around:**

There are public transportation options that will take you to campus from the airport and students in the past have successfully navigated the trains from Pu Dong Airport to JTU. Others, due to the long journey or because of their luggage, have chosen to take a taxi instead. Please make sure you are going to the JTU location in the XuHui neighborhood in Shanghai (JTU has another, large campus in Minhang – which is about 30-45 minutes outside of the center of Shanghai; do NOT go there).

If you are trying to get to JTU Shanghai campus, you can provide the following to the taxi driver: (translates to: "Please take me to Faculty Club Hotel, Shanghai JiaoTong University. (Tel: 62822822)."

In Mandarin: 请带我去上海交通大学教师活动中心宾馆,华山路 1954 号。谢谢! 联系电话 62822822

(PRINT THIS PAGE OUT SO YOU CAN SHOW IT TO THE TAXI DRIVER).

The taxi ride from the airport to Xu Hui district should be approximately RMB 150-200 (although inflation and prices vary greatly in China). Change money at the airport as most drivers will not accept US dollars. The rates are pretty uniform throughout China, so the airport exchange is as good as any other place. Please do not overpay as some students have been ripped off in the past. If you feel you are being over charged, take down the cab number and get a receipt. Do not argue with the driver. Get his plate number and get out. You can avoid much of this taxi "rip off" by standing in line at the regular taxi stand and NOT accepting offers of rides from gypsy cabs at the airport. They are especially good at targeting foreigners (including Chinese speaking ones) and can really take you for a ride. The taxi line is short and efficient and the legitimate cabs wait there.

The classroom is very close to The Faculty Club, as both are in the center of the JTU campus.

XuHui, the neighborhood where JTU is located, is one of the most vibrant shopping centers of Shanghai. The campus is surrounded by malls, restaurants and is served by multiple subway (MTR) lines. You can purchase a multi-ride stored value MTR card the first time you try the public transportation system. It is quiet convenient and will get you almost anywhere in the city, but very crowded during rush hours. Taxis are plentiful (except when it rains) and reasonable when several of you share one. Your subway card can be used to pay for any form of transportation in Shanghai – subways, buses, ferries, and taxis.

## Internships

Professor Han will separately email each of you regarding your placement. As I will explain during our meetings in Shanghai, you will be submitting your weekly reports and reflections to me, and you will be responsible for obtaining the certification at the completion of your internship from your supervisor.

## Cellphones

I do not know how many of you plan to bring cell phones to China, but if you do, you may wish to purchase a SIM card giving you a local number while you are there. If you plan just to use your US number, you need to make sure that your phone works there and be prepared to pay a lot for data and roaming. You can also buy a used China phone very cheaply around the campus. If you choose not to purchase, rent, or use a cell phone, you may want to purchase a phone card when in China for local public phones. Public phones are everywhere but they only take the phone cards. Again, the airport will sell these. I use my Apple iPhone, and purchase a SIM card when I'm there.

#### Internet

Please be aware that internet in China is restricted by the "Great Firewall." This means that several website that you are generally accustomed to accessing (Facebook, Netflix, Gmail, etc.) will not be accessible through Chinese servers. I generally download and install a VPN (virtual private network) so that I can access websites as if I was in the U.S.

#### **Dress**

Shanghai is generally hot and humid in the summer, so you will want to dress accordingly (light, breathable clothing; shorts, short-sleeved shirts). During the time we are there, it also tends to rain, and when it rains it can sometimes get a little cool (a raincoat is not a waste of space, or you can have one made-see below). There is no dress code for class (but please look presentable). However, because we will visit corporations and law firms, please bring some business attire. If you are doing an internship, business attire is usually required but many students have them made in Shanghai. You must wear business attire for our off-site visits. Oftentimes, students have business attire made in Shanghai, as suits and shirts can be made quickly and cheaply at the textile market.

### **Health and Safety**

Please check with your own physician as to any vaccinations that you may need for your travels. Be sure to disclose all possible destinations as the requirements differ from region to region.

The one item you CANNOT get readily during your stay is prescription medication. Please be sure you have all you may need during your stay. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that people carry a copy of their prescription with them as well and keep medications in their original containers in case there are any questions when going through customs. You should also check with the customs centers or embassies in the countries to which you will be traveling and inquire about which medications will be allowed through customs and the amount of medication that you are allowed to bring. Ask about any other requirements regarding medications or need for a doctor's letter explaining your need for these medications. I have also found that even though cold medication is available, the names and the mix are not what we might be used to so some supply of that is recommended.

**DO NOT** drink the tap water in China. Boil it or drink bottled water. Even with bottled water, be careful where you purchase it. Buy only from large chain stores and not stands or stalls on the street. Even bottled water can be "fake".

Should you need emergency care, the following hospital and clinic are recommended:

Shanghai United Family Hospital and clinic 1139 Xian Xia Rd Changning District Shanghai 021 5133 1900 shumarketing@ufh.com.cn

As part of the program, you will be covered by insurance and will be issued that you can keep with you in case you need it. I will explain in more detail at our orientation.

## **Program Directors and Select Faculty:**

### Program Directors -

Professor P. (Deep) Gulasekaram <a href="http://www.law.scu.edu/faculty/profile/gulasekaram-pratheepan/">http://www.law.scu.edu/faculty/profile/gulasekaram-pratheepan/</a>

## Instructors teaching for Santa Clara Univ. Law School in Shanghai-

Jiao Tong University Instructors (This a representative list based on past years).

Dr. Gao Wei

Professor GAO Wei earned her Doctor's degree in 2009 from the University of Bern and LL.M. degree in 2006 from the University of Heidelberg and received her LL.B. degree in 2003 from Wuhan University. Her research includes international private law, Law and Economics, ADR and ODR. She has a strong interest in the impact New Economy and new information technologies would have on dispute resolution.

Dr. Hou Liyang

Education

S.J.D., Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, 2011

LL.M., Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, 2007

LL.M., China University of Political Science & Law, 2004

LL.B., Beijing Institute of Technology, 2001

Expertise

Competition Law

**EU Law** 

Telecommunications Regulation

Prof. Hu Jiaxing

Education

PhD in Law, University of Edinburgh

Mphil, Zhejiang University

M.A., Hangzhou University

B.A., Hangzhou University

Expertise

Public international law

International economic law

WTO law

Dr. Liu Yongpei

Education

M.A. & Ph.D., Peking University Law School & Intellectual Property School

B.A., Harbin Shipbuilding Engineering Institute;

Expertise

Intellectual Property Law

Dr. Shen Wei

Education

Ph.D., London School of Economics and Political Science, 2008

LL.M., University of Cambridge, 2003

LL.M., University of Michigan, 2001

LL.M., East China University of Political Science & Law (ECUPSL), 1998

LL.B., ECUPSL, 1995

Expertise

International Investment Law

International Commercial Arbitration Commercial Law (company law, capital markets, etc.)

Prof. Xu Donggen
Education
Ph.D. in Law, Fribourg University, 1992
LL.M., East China University of Political Science and Law, 1987
B.A., Institute of International Relations, 1984
Expertise
Financial law
Business law
Conflict of laws

Prof. Xu Xiaobing
Education
J.S.D., Stanford Law School, 2003
LL.M., Harvard Law School, 1994
LL.M., Foreign Affairs College, 1985
B.A., Zhengzhou University, 1982
Expertise
Public International Law
International Investment Law
ADR

Dr. Yan Lin Lecturer of Law, KoGuan Law School, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (2007-); Assistant Dean, KoGuan Law School, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (2007-2008); PuJiang Scholar, Shanghai City

Attorney Instructors teaching on behalf of SCU Law School in Shanghai

John Huang (McDermott Will & Emery)

John Z.L. Huang is a founding partner of MWE China Law Offices (MWE China) and serves as its managing partner. John focuses on creating practical comprehensive solutions for a diverse array of multinational corporate clients. Providing legal counsel in China for over 20 years, he has handled numerous landmark cross-border transactions and disputes for both Fortune 500 companies and well-known Chinese enterprises. As the Chinese regulatory environment has evolved, John has also acquired expertise in liaising with authorities at all levels of government. Whether related to tax, employment, foreign exchange, or antitrust issues, John has led multi-disciplinary international teams in proposing, negotiating, and achieving solutions for companies doing business within China. In recognition of his experience in intellectual property (IP) law, John was recently appointed by the newly established Shanghai Intellectual Property Arbitration Court as one of its arbitrators.

# Harry He (Allbright Law Office)

Harry He is a partner with AllBright Law Offices in Shanghai. He practices in the areas of Corporate Law, Cross-Border transactions, and Commercial Litigation. He holds an LLM from Northwestern University School of Law, a law degree from Fu Dan University of China, and a degree from Northwest University of China.

## Ningling Wang (Finnegan)

Ningling Wang serves as the managing partner of her firm's Shanghai office. Her practice involves patent prosecution, opinions, due diligence, client counseling, licensing, and patent litigation in the areas of chemicals, chemical engineering, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, semiconductor materials, 3D printing, and nanotechnology.

## **Helpful Insights/Links for Travel**

For local housing (internship): asiarooms.com, airbnb.com

For general information: smartshanghai.com http://shanghaiist.com/ http://cnngo.com/shanghai

City Weekend also has a family magazine, which is great when you're looking for activities for the kids: http://www.cityweekend.com.cn/shanghai/listings/parents-and-kids/

As for things to do, places to go, you'll see City Weekend, Shanghai Talk and Urbanatony (used to be "That's Shanghai") magazines scattered around, but to find things online CNNGo and SmartShanghai are still the best.

In the past, students have enjoyed doing the following things:

- 1) KTV/Karaoke these are all over the city, but make sure you go to a reputable place. Many KTV's are also "hostess bars" or seedier types of places you want to avoid. Students in the past have had a great time doing this as a group activity.
- 2) Hanging out in the former French Concession area part of Shanghai that is like Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills; high-end shopping; very nice malls and shops; nice restaurants.
- 3) Getting foot massages from the blind masseuses there are several reputable places around the city where you can get a foot massage; almost all the employees at these places are blind.
- 4) Getting clothes made Shanghai is known for tailors, and you can find districts and large buildings around that are the home to several tailors. Clothes will be custom made, usually ready within a week, and a fraction of the cost of purchasing in the U.S. Many students have custom-tailored work wear (suits, slacks, shirts, etc.) made; in addition there are places that will make eyeglasses and sunglasses (even prescription) for much cheaper than the U.S.
- 5) Visiting the "water towns" outside of Shanghai if there is interest, we can try to organize a group trip there on a Saturday or Sunday; these are small towns build on small waterways; quite touristy, but fun to see.
- 6) Visiting "Thames town" town outside of Shanghai (but accessible by one of the metro lines), that is built to recreate an English town (complete with copied architecture and James Bond statue!).
- 7) Taking a weekend trip to Beijing (usually by riding the high-speed train there and back) can usually work in a trip to Great Wall and Forbidden City in a day.
- 8) Taking a weekend trip to Hong Kong (note: doing this requires having a visa that allows for a re-entry).

For general background/orientation: http://travel.nytimes.com/2009/03/15/travel/15hours.html http://www.time.com/time/travel/cityquide/article/0,31489,1851908,00.html

#### From an Alumnus of the Program:

I wanted to share some tips and links that were very helpful to me during my stay in Shanghai. Please feel free to forward this message to the SH students. It will probably be a good idea to bring a cellphone that can accept SIM cards, or buy a cheap phone and purchase a cell phone card from ChinaMobile. You can buy "pay-as-you go" cell phone minutes from any convenient store if you run out of minutes.

#### Websites:

http://www.smartshanghai.com/ http://www.shanghaiexpat.com/ http://www.movingtochinablog.com/

# Jiao Tong University:

Travel Agency: There is also a small room for a travel agency office (mandarin speaking only) in the Faculty club if any students want to purchase plane or train tickets. If I remember correctly the prices were very comparable to booking them yourself through the internet.

Laundry: There is a very cheap and clean place where people will do laundry for you on the Jiao Tong Campus. You will need to bring your own detergent. You might also find some local laundry places where you drop off/pick up.

Food: There is plenty of food right outside the campus. They will range from more westernized restaurants in the Mall to more "local" restaurants and food carts. Unfortunately, for vegetarians the options in China are limited. I remember the vegetarians in the group always eating at a bakery right outside the campus. Additionally, there is a supermarket that is across the street in a mall. There also used to be an incredible fried rice/skewer stand near the back street of Jiao Tong (more towards the localized foods section) who only comes out at night.

Other recommended food places: Mesa for brunch, Wagas for Western Style healthy fare, Element Fresh, Sproutworks, Liquid Laundry, Cantina, Da Marco (Italian fare), El Willy (clever take on "El Bulli")

#### Tailors:

Last year we all got a lot of suits and clothes made from a tailor shop named "Jason" located on the second floor of the W Nanjing Fabric Market (No. 399 Lu Jia Bang Rd). The prices were quite reasonable after we negotiated with them. Both the men and women were quite happy with how our suits and jackets came out. If you tell them you came with a group of law school students last year, they will probably start you off at a lower price. (Note from Professors Han and Gulasekaram - "Jason" is probably fine (if still there) but that place is full of tailors so shopping around is a good idea. Almost everyone will bargain with you.)

#### Restaurant Recommendations:

Jesse - Traditional Shanghai Food -

http://www.smartshanghai.com/venue/4669/Jesse\_(Tianping\_Lu)\_shanghai

Din Tai Fung - They are all over the city.

Yang's Fry Dumpling -

http://www.smartshanghai.com/venue/5488/Yangs\_Fry\_Dumpling\_Nanjing\_Dong\_Lu

Blue Frog/Malones - when everyone eventually gets sick of Chinese food, here is a good alternative to McDonalds for burgers. They have a very good promotion on Mondays for burgers. Food Delivery Service: http://www.sherpa.com.cn/

Lost Heaven on the Bund

From Prof. Gulasekaram: In the interest of full disclosure, I have several friends who are restaurant owners in Shanghai, and these are their places. You will find, however, that they are also some of the most popular places in town, especially with expats —Liquid Laundry (general American fare + craft brews), Boxing Cat Brewery, Sproutworks (multiple locations; healthy, fresh food), Bellagio Cafe (multiple locations; Taiwanese).

## Recommendations from Prof Han-

For a splurge, M on the Bund or Mr. and Mrs. Bund are good western places.

- "Designer-inspired" Markets:
- -Science and Technology Market: http://www.shanghaiexpat.com/article/underground-market-shanghai-science-and-technology-museum-12246.html
- -580 Nanjing Road
- -Disclaimer: I would never support this, but I've "heard" that you should always start bargaining 30% of what they offer you. Buying big suitcases to bring back souvenirs could be a good idea... Professor Han: Careful on the purchase of knockoff goods- again, orientation topic.

## Housing:

- -New Harbour Service Apartment is somewhere that a lot of the SH students have stayed at in the past. It is a westernized service apartment so it can be a little pricier but the location is good and the rooms are clean. The rates can also be negotiated.
- -I would be careful going through local agencies for students who are looking for places to live during the internship. I would also bring someone who is very fluent in Chinese when negotiating with the agents and owners. We got slapped with a 30% agency fee on our first month rent which we did not know about until we started paying rent. (Professor Han- almost all service apartments now list on the net and you should NOT need to pay an agent fee).

## Day trips:

Xitang Water Village: We did this as a group and it was a great one day trip. Approximately 1hr bus ride from Shanghai.

Hangzhou: About 120 miles away from Shanghai, we took a ~2 hour train ride there. Another perfect city for a day trip.

Beijing: Weekend trip; will have to take high speed train there and back; possible to see Great Wall if you're willing to have a pretty packed Saturday.

# Some Dos and Don'ts Shanghai

- 1. Don't bring any (non prescription/illegal) drugs into or out of China. Trafficking narcotics can carry the death penalty and China executed some Japanese nationals for trafficking not so long ago.
- 2. Don't accept invitations for drinks from strangers. A student from a few years ago was taken to an unlicenced bar by two attractive women, charged 5000 RMB (US\$735) for a beer and not allowed to leave until he paid with his credit card. He also thought his drink was spiked.
- 3. Do look VERY carefully before you cross streets. There are motorist, bicyclists and all manners of vehicles on the road (sometimes on the sidewalks). Pedestrians DO NOT have the right of way in China. I try to be in the middle of a crowd when I cross-safety in numbers.
- 3. Do be careful of pickpockets on subways and other crowed areas (e.g. Expo, Yu Garden, malls). China has a low crime rate but property crimes are on the rise. Keep copies of your passport on you but leave the original in a safe unless you know you will need it.