

Confucius Institute at Troy University Organizes Developers China Trip

From June 5 to June 15, 2012, Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) organized Developers China Trip. The Trip was co-sponsored by Confucius Institute Headquarters, Beijing, China, and Hebei Normal University of Science and Technology (HNUST), one of the cooperated universities of Troy University, and organized by CIT, Dr. Iris HongXu, Director of CIT, devoted endless time and energy to make the trip as wonderful as possible.

13 group members, including the group leader and also the coordinator, Prof. Maple Xiaofeng Chen, Deputy Director of CIT, arrived in Beijing, the capital of China, at night on June 5, and started their ten days travel in China.

In Beijing, the developers delegation embraced the city's traditional and modern spirit by tasting wines from all over the world at International Wine Exhibition, sitting in National Stadium (built for 2008 Olympic Games), walking around Tiananmen Square, touching the huge door to the solemn palace-Forbidden City, standing on the center of the square at the Temple of Heaven, especially climbing to the Great Wall, which is already the longest man-made structure in the world, also one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

In Shanghai, developers visited Shanghai Museum, where it displays the economic achievements include

What impressed the developers most was the visit to Qinhuangdao, a seaside city, where Hebei Normal



阿拉巴马企业家代表团参观位于秦皇岛昌黎的华夏葡萄酒公司

Economic Developers Group Visiting Huaxia Wine Company in Qinhuangdao

the city becoming the commercial center of East Asia, attracting banks from all over the world, and art achievements include movies and literature depicting the golden days. The modern Shanghai also attracted the delegation by its Oriental Pearl, the Bund as well as evening Huangpu River cruise.

In Suzhou, developers went to the famous gardens like Lingering Garden, Net Master Garden, where the delicate characteristic buildings, precious plants, winding paths and elegant ponds told the story of Suzhou; meanwhile, riding in the boat on the Grand Canal impressed the developers deeply with this south water town.

University of Science and Technology (HNUST), Troy University's partner university, is located. Dr. Xin Yanhuai, Chancellor of HNUST, welcomed all the developers from Alabama. He made a brief introduction of HNUST and hoped that the friendship and cooperation will be strengthened by mutual visit and communication.

The delegation thanked the hospitality of the chancellor, then in the days after, they visited the Animal and Plant Specimen Exhibition Hall at Changli campus of the university, visited Huaxia (a famous wine brand name) Winery, and they also met with local developers, discussing about the future cooperation in agriculture and wine production. Besides activities in HNUST, the developers were arranged to visit the starting place of the Great Wall---- Laolongtou (it means the old dragon's head).

The ten-day China Trip left the great impression on Alabama developers with the beautiful sightseeing, multicultural arts as well as hospitable people of China. They hoped they could come back to China again, with their family, friends and co-workers.

特洛伊大学孔子学院 成功组织阿拉巴马州企业家团 中国之旅

2012年6月4日，由美国特洛伊大学国际商务与经济发展中心主任威利·布兰肯西普先生和副主任柯特妮·泰勒女士和特洛伊孔院中方院长陈晓枫女士带队的阿拉巴马州企业家代表团登上了飞往中国的飞机并于6月5日晚到达北京，开始了他们为期十天的中国之旅。

代表团参加了国际葡萄酒博览会，品尝了来自于世界各地的葡萄酒并参观了国家体育馆（鸟巢）2008年盛大的国际奥运会举办的主场所。之后几天的谷物博览会也使他们印象深刻。对这些博览会和体育馆的游览加深了代表团团员的现代中国、尤其是中国北方大都市的现代形象和气魄。踏上了他们期待已久的天安门广场的土地之后，团员们又参观了中国明清两朝皇帝的宫殿--故宫，也是世界上最大的皇宫。代表团还游览了世界上最大的帝王祭天建筑群--天坛。几天之后他们又登上了向往已久的长城，在长城上团员们非常兴奋。对故宫、天坛等和长城的游览加深了团员们对中国历史的了解和更深刻的认识。

企业家代表团还去了上海，参观了上海博物馆。博物馆提供的关于老上海的金融和生活的各个方面的丰富的视觉的冲击使得团员们对老上海有了直接的认识。通过对东方明珠的游览和晚上的夜游黄浦滩，团员们对现代上海这个繁华的大都市深深迷恋、流连忘返。在苏州，阿拉巴马州企业家团游览了著名园林--留园、网师园以及苏州运河和同里水乡，对苏州水乡的生活感到非常新鲜有趣，同时也对小巧秀美的苏州心生由衷的赞叹。团员们还参观了丝绸厂并且观看了丝绸表演，对蚕茧成丝的过程和丝绸的辨认等有了更丰富的知识。

在北京、上海与苏州之行之间，代表团到达了美丽的夏都--秦皇岛。特洛伊大学共建孔子学院的合作院校河北科技师范学院对代表团进行了热情的接待。欢迎仪式上河北科技师范学院对秦皇岛和大学都进行了详细的介绍，校长辛彦怀博士发了热情洋溢的欢迎词，代表团团长威利·布兰肯西普先生也讲话感谢河北科技师院的盛情接待，表达了两校加深友谊、加强各方面的合作的良好愿望。代表团除了参观了该校昌黎校区的动植物标本展览馆之外，还参观了华夏葡萄酒厂，并且和秦皇岛昌黎县各界企业家进行了会谈，谈论了农业和葡萄酒业等各方面合作，为以后的相关方面的合作奠定了坚实的基础。第二天，企业家们还浏览了万里长城的起点，著名的水上长城--老龙头。企业家们对这个风景雄壮而又不乏秀丽的海边城市留下了非常深刻的印象，而河北科技师范学院的热情而周到的接待和服务也让企业家们感觉宾至如归。

在行程紧密的参观游览之余，代表团还观看了令人叹为观止的中国功夫表演，也去了玉器店和秀水市场和丝绸厂等为美国的家人和朋友购买喜爱的礼物，紧张的参观之余的休闲购物也使得他们的行程有张有弛，让他们觉得无论精神和购物都收获满满。

为期十天的行程很快就结束了，此次中国之旅使得这一批阿拉巴马州的企业家们满怀美好回忆和收获。他们得到了关于北京、上海、秦皇岛、苏州等中国大小城市的深刻印象，以及对中国的经济发展、风土人情、历史和现代、茶艺、功夫和丝绸等方面都有了更加深刻的了解。他们中的一些人说今后还要到中国来，并且有机会一定要发展和中国的企业和贸易的合作。在特洛伊大学孔子学院徐弘院长的精心安排下，这次美国阿拉巴马州企业家团的难忘经历无疑是一次充满收获的、为今后的友谊和贸易合作打下了扎实基础的中国之旅。