

NUIST Diary

Day 1 and 2 (25-26/03/24)

On Monday 25th March, we left campus on the 21 bus to the Reading train station so we can get the Rail air coach to Heathrow T2 airport to catch our CA-938 the 8:25pm flight, we got there at 5:30pm ish and boarded around 7:55pm for our 10 hour flight but we managed to get in Beijing in 9 hours then we wait until we boarded our next plane around 16:00pm on Wednesday for our CA- 1503 flight to Nanjing. When we arrived the Nanjing airport around 9pm and took a taxi to the Nanqi Hotel around 10pm.



Day 3 (27/03/24)

We woke up early for our start today, we had breakfast at 8am until 9:30pm, so we can collect our campus card and visited the Reading Academy and the professor in charge. We had lunch at 11:30am on the second floor of the EastCanteen and ordered “Fragrant chicken” which was a little spicy. We were pleasantly surprised with the amount of choice of food available. Class ends at 11:50am in NUIST so we are lucky to avoid the afternoon rush. Then right after we visited the supermarket on campus to see what snacks we could buy. There were so many snacks available. Staff at the shop were very helpful and we felt very welcomed. Due to the bad weather, we planned to visit the campus later on in the week.



In the evening, we attended an English class, where students were encouraged to join for the evening and participate in activities around the '4 seasons of China'. Here, students practiced their English-speaking skills and guided us around different activities. We decorated fans, learnt how to write in Mandarin, made string flowers and practiced dumpling folding!

Day 4 (28/03/24)

One of the most important parts of the trip was the offline presentation to NUIST's Year2 students majoring in Environmental Engineering and Geography. We shared a PowerPoint presentation and videos about study and life in Reading with Hong Yang (Environmental Engineering Programme Director), and a total of

24 students attended the talk. Students very enthusiastically asked some questions about the transfer process, visa applications, optional modules, dissertations, and applying for postgraduate courses. We also explored around campus, walking from one end to the other and visiting the Geography and Environmental Sciences buildings! Whilst we were walking around campus, we noticed there was a science show which we watched. Students were taking it in turns to test robots they had created.



Day 5 (29/03/24)

Was pretty much an ordinary day, we wake up early to breakfast with Holly and Hong then right after we went to the Environment Engineering class at 8:55am to 9:40am talking about environmental impacts. We were supposed to attend a Microbiology class, but it was a revision class anyway so went back to the hotel early. We pretty much had a free day, so we spent the day walking around campus it was a very sunny day we were surprised seeing so many students with professional cameras to take pictures then had a dinner after.



Day 6 (30/03/24)

It was a fun but slightly stressful day, as Hong left for Hubei to see his family, some, Holly, Xiaoheng and Andy from Meteorology decided to have a road trip by the metro to Nanjing city centre. We visited many temples (The most famous is called "The Confucius Temple"), museum, cafés and restaurants, and the city wall ("The Nanjing Circumvallation") we were walking to the direction to the city wall but struggled to find the directions as Google Maps doesn't work properly but we just give up and used the metro to get back as we mastered how to use it. Louis remembered what stand the sizzling hot plate is, so Holly took a picture to translate. Louis did best in Mandarin to order 1 portion and it worked. We managed to order and eat without help.



Day 7 (01/04/24)

We chose to attend the Morning the Earth from Space and Environmental Planning and Management lectures in the morning. We joined the Geography students to discuss and find the papers required by professor, and also participated in the calculation tasks of the Environment students. On Xiaoheng's recommendation, we ordered the Orange Americano from Luckin Coffee and went for the "Fragrant chicken" again. We spent a lot of time in the coffee shop and the canteen because we had been chatting very happily.