

## Ayala students, teacher spend part of summer vacation in China

Some Ayala High students and a teacher have just returned from a nine-day trip to China where they visited famous cities, art museums, local schools, and major landmarks.

The trip was led by Lin Guo, Mandarin Chinese language teacher and Chinese Club advisor at Ayala High.

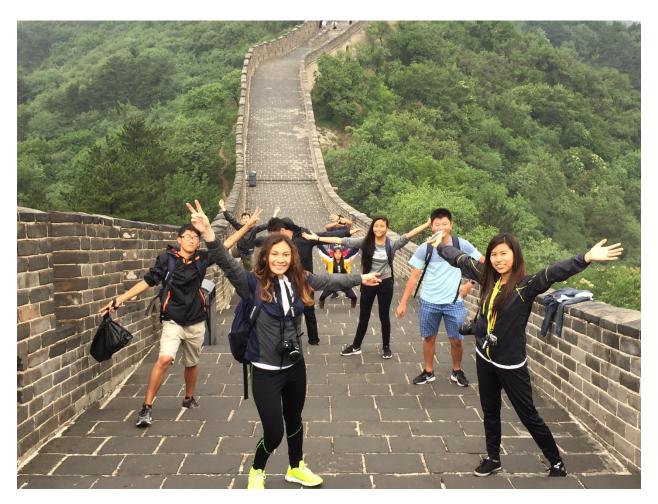
The students visited Beijing, X'ian, and Shanghai. They visited art museums to view Chinese folk art and paintings, and toured a local school where they were able to interact with Chinese students.

In addition to learning and practicing the Chinese language, the Ayala students also learned about Chinese culture by practicing Tai Chi-gong fu, Chinese calligraphy, a traditional tea ceremony, production of pearls, and the process of silk-making. The students also enjoyed experiencing authentic Chinese food like Beijing duck, their advisor said.

The group visited a variety of famous sites and landmarks, including the Forbidden City, the Great Wall of China, the Terracotta Warriors, Heaven Temple, Yuyuan Garden, and a cruise on the Huang Pu River.

"Throughout this China trip, the students were able to attain a deeper understanding of the

Chinese language and culture," Guo said. "I've received nothing but positive feedback from both my students and their parents about this entire experience."



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