

In this chapter, we are delighted to record your experience in China and at SCUT, pleasant or unpleasant. If you have some experiences you'd like to share, please send a concisely written version to experts@scut.edu.cn. You may remain anonymous if you wish. We are always looking forward to hearing your voice, and we will read all your thoughts with interest and care ☺

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1. About Toilets. The first time I used a squat toilet it felt like I was doing some kind of gymnastics! Little did I know that outside of my apartment, the majority of toilets in China are of the squat variety. The other thing which caught me out a couple of times was the fact that most toilets do not have toilet paper. These days, a packet of tissues is my trusty companion!

--- Anonymous, Australia

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2. Being a pedestrian. During my first months in Guangzhou, I grew increasingly frustrated with walking around the campus and the city. It seemed as if people, bicycles and electric bikes were everywhere, going in every direction, and I did not know how to respond to them. In talking with a friend, he mentioned that in China pedestrians are to walk "with traffic". This was wonderful new information for me as I had been acting American and walking "against" traffic. Since learning to walk "with" traffic my pedestrian experience in Guangzhou is much more pleasant.

--- Gary Histan, U.S.

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3. Living and working in China has enriched my views about life and allowed me to value and live inside an interesting culture. Everybody might have different opinions and experiences, but nobody would deny that living in China was an important and interesting experience in their life. Working in SCUT has been a remarkable experience and an addition to my professional life. History, culture and

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technology meet all together at SCUT. Contributing as educator in Chinese society is a privilege that will count as life achievement.

Guangzhou City as I have photographed in my years at SCUT, it is a mixture between old and modern times, in matter minutes the city can be crossed and travelled through the times from classic China (SanYuanLi) to beautiful skyscrapers (Zhujiang New Town). Which city in the world can give you such experience?

--- Alexander Lloyd, Columbia

—— Alexander Lloyd

4. It might seem daunting at first, but don't be too quick to dismiss the experience of riding a bike in Guangzhou. It may look busy with many pedestrians and vehicles going every which way. However, you can adapt to the flow, as do the many others you will see riding bikes on and off the campus. Here are some of the benefits to you for bike riding. First, it will save you a great amount of time. You can also carry books and groceries which you would have been carrying by hand. The bike riding is good exercise. Second, it will also quickly broaden your horizons. There are many bike shops nearby with a complete range of design, quality and price. Fold-up bikes are also for sale. Third, bikes can also be rented at various locations nearby for around 50 cents per hour. The University Town Campus of SCUT is an island with good roads for bike riding. You can rent the bikes there. Some students are members of the GZ bicycle club, which organizes bike rides. They can also advise you. Have a nice ride.

--- William Smith, U.S.

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—— William Smith

5. Good Manner of People Carelessness of People! The people are quite in nature as well as friendly in Guangzhou. I am usual to see the people's excellent attitude when I am in the bus; most of the people respect to the old people, babies, pregnant women, disable people etc., and offer their seats to them. While around the SCUT campus, usually I found that some of the people and students are very much careless to cross the road, queue in the line in the bus stop or other places. If you drive a car or bicycle in the campus, some of them act as "don't care anything"!

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Study and Foreign Expert! The SCUT is the heart of the Guangzhou city to learn engineering, technology, business, and so on. When I came to join SCUT as an Assistant Professor in the School of Mechanical & Automotive Engineering, it was a difficult and new environment; I faced a lot of unexpected things even still now it is happening. Later I found, the International Office of SCUT is friendly, cordial, and willing to help me as well as they support me for any unexpected situation. SCUT is not only an excellent university in Guangzhou to study for Engineering but also very serious to take care of foreign expert and faculty.

--- Jahangir Alam, Bangladash

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