

## Pictures & Testimonials

### Sacramento "Youth Ambassador" Trip to China in Summer 2006 - 2011



Being selected for the representative of Sacramento, Jinan-Sacramento Sister City Corporation kindly opened the door of opportunity for me: a trip to China. I have always learned about the Chinese culture through my teachers and read about the history through books, but seeing the great nation with my own eyes was such an extraordinary experience for me. For the whole 10 days I have been in China, many wonderful memories were made with new friends and family.- Vicky Yoo, Mira Loma High School, Trip of 2011

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I attended the 2010 youth ambassador trip to China and had loads of fun. I was able to visit three major cities in China, Shanghai, Jinan, and Beijing. Each city had its own highlights that made them enjoyable and exciting. Personally my favorite city we visited, was Jinan. Because Jinan was the main city of the trip we got to stay there a bit longer, but I sure am glad we did. I did a lot of shopping there and got a lot of souvenirs for my family and myself. If I ever got another chance to go again I would do it in a heartbeat. - Eagle Plant, JFK High School, Trip of 2010



China was always my dream. I always pictured myself climbing up the Great Wall of China and scream my lungs out shouting "yes". Now I accomplished this dream I need a new one. I feel blessed because not a lot of people especially students get this opportunity to visit such an amazing country and explore its culture and at the same time learn a lot from that. I feel like a different person since I returned from my trip. I am always happy and never say the word maybe because now I am more confident. I can do the most impossible thing if put my mind to it. - Juan Diego Castellanos, then Luther Burbank High School, Trip of 2009

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I first learned about the opportunity to travel to China through The Bee. You don't have to be in college; you don't even have to be a senior to go abroad. Take me, for example. I am 16 years old and I've been to China. Four chaperones and a group of 13 students went through the Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Corp. from June 30 through July 9. We landed in Shanghai, traveled part of the way by bullet train and ended our trip in Beijing. What happened in between was at times hectic, but interesting and always life-changing... - Scott Newman, El Camino High School, Trip of '08



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I will never forget my trip to China. I enjoyed the students, chaperons, tours guides, cities, historic sites and of course the food. I really enjoyed watching the students take in the sites, interact, and grow from these experiences. We all grew on this trip and will never be the same. - Meredith Nelson, teacher of Hiram Johnson High School and chaperon of the trip 2010