

Follow the song to Prague

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*"I stand in the Prague Square at gloam
Throwing down a hope beside the making a wish pond
That white pigeons back on to the setting sun
That tableau is so beautiful that I dare not to see"
Have you ever heard the song<[Prague Square](#)> When I first heard
the name of Prague, it's from this well-known popular song. At
that time, "the Little I" became to be interested in the
beautiful country-Prague which seems to have something special
to happen or full of artist breathe.*



Legend has it that libue said a prophecy about Prague "A great city, its glory can reach the stars in the sky! I saw it on the VOR in the forest Tawa Riversteep cliffs. There is a man digging out a threshold(prah) for the house to build a castle called Praha . The princes and dukes should bow before the threshold, they are going to bow for the castle and wrapping city. It will be respected, get everyone's honor and the whole world will praise it"

History and prophecy meets! In 9th Century, the right bank of the Vltava River and the commanding high castle consists of the first Prague. From that moment, Prague is destined to be extraordinary prosperity, doomed like twinkling stars

Once upon a time, Prague is the capital of Bohemia, and became the Holy Rome Empire capital in Charlie IV, after became the financial centre of central Europe .Then, Prague

has become the most famous tourism city in eastern Europe. Follow the footsteps of music, walking into the church of Prague, looking for the colourful glass in lyrics .You will be surprised that the spired glass decorated the tall and dark church appearing so much lively.

A history of the city always with water .Verona Arno River Adige, Florence Prague Vltava River. A river , is not only breeding the people on both sides of the branch , but also containing the abundant history of life.

At that time, the old bridge over the Florence Arno River left a deep impression on me. The most narrow spot of Arno river gathered the most people. And the Charlie bridge over the Prague Vltava River made people feel a lot which is the oldest stone bridge in Europe .The 30 Saint statues on the bridge wait quietly and watch the time flow.

When Michelangelo praised the Florence cathedral dome: "I can build a larger dome, but can not be more than the beauty of it." So the dome became the world's the one and only. Prague also has the only astronomical clock.

In the Legend, in order not to let second magnificent astronomical clock born in the world, the authorities ordered to stab the craftsmen in the eyes, then the Prague astronomical clock becomes the only. The clock dial is drawn on the representation of the earth and sky background, and there are four main mobile disk, which are the twelve signs of the zodiac disc, old Czech schedule, the sun and the moon. Are they also depicts the world changes and the slip of time?

Perhaps, we have all forgotten, Prague, there is also a worth remember characters –Kafka

That a "Metamorphosis" perhaps out of you, also out of me
Now the Golden Lane also retains the former residence of Kafka No. 22

About Czech, about Prague. In the stage of history there is a word has not be forgotten before–

Bohemia. the people in Bohemia Born free, love life render a

romantic and leisurely life.

After fifteenth Century, the wandering world people— Gypsies migrated.

So the world civilization added Into the history of Czech. Also because of this

Czech's construction or Life or Dwelling all perplexing reflect the country characteristics .Gothic Baroque Rococo.. every gives this country heavy.

A rough description of Ireland

[Ireland](#), a beautiful European cities. It's capital city is Dublin. Has 4.5 million population.



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Since joining the European Union in 1973, Ireland has transformed itself from a largely agricultural society into a modern, technologically advanced Celtic Tiger economy.

Agricultural lowlands make up most of the interior, which is broken in places by low hills and includes considerable areas of bogs and lakes. There are coastal mountains to the west, rising to over 1 000m in places. Nearly a third of the

population lives in Dublin.

The Dáil , or lower house of Parliament, is composed of 166 members while the Seanad , or upper house, has 60 members. Parliamentary elections are held every five years. The President, elected for a seven-year period, mainly performs ceremonial duties.

Although the history of Ireland has seen troubles and turbulence, its people have always been associated with a love of music and storytelling. Often referred to as the land of saints and scholars, the country is the birthplace of many famous English-language writers, such as Yeats, Joyce, Beckett, Wilde and Shaw. Ireland is home to internationally known rock bands and singers such as U2, The Corrs and Sinéad



O'Connor.

Simple meat dishes and boiled vegetables such as the potato, carrot, turnip and parsnip form the principal ingredients of traditional Irish cooking.

In addition, is about the culture of Ireland on a diet. It's similar to the traditional diet and the UK Ireland, family diet to potatoes, vegetables, beef class is given priority to, bread is Irish diet. The potato recipe is rich, vegetable cooking way is given priority to with water. Due to Dublin near the sea, so there are a lot of fresh seafood, seafood cuisine is very much also. Ireland on the basis of the traditional diet has introduced the way of eating in other countries, such as France and Italy, Irish food not greasy, very light. Usually dinner for potatoes, meat (lamb, pork,

chicken or fish, one or two vegetables (carrots, celery, cabbage, Onions, peppers, cucumbers, mushrooms are seasonal vegetables), or eaten raw (a salad), or boiled; In addition, the Irish people love to eat dairy products, eggs, cheese, milk, yogurt, fruit, etc.

The anti-war-theme question in Grave of the Fireflies

Since the film Grave of the Fireflies was released, the debate that whether the theme of the film is anti-war or not had never ended. Audience, critics and even the director himself has been entangled in this heated debate. Apparently, people fall into two groups: the anti-war-theme group and the not-anti-war-theme group. Many audiences who have experienced the war time therefore burst into quantities of tears and they are anti-war-theme big fans. However, some critics and the director of this film repeatedly denied that the film was anti-war. Personally, I hold the same opinion with the director that the focus of this film is not anti-war.

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People who are in the [anti-war](#)-theme group attribute their attitude to the graphic and emotional scenes in the film that were bloody and horrible: including the scenes about dead corpse and buildings in ruins. They said they shared the same feeling with the characters in the film because they had experienced just the same horrible historical event as the characters did which

was still left in their mind and kept appearing in front of their eyes occasionally.



However, some critics and the director himself seemed to fail to agree with this kind of opinion. According to the director, he had just intended to convey to the audience an image of two children who lived a failed life because of isolation from society so that the sympathy could be invoked especially among the people in their teens and twenties. Because the director felt obliged to straight up these people through the film and make them show respect for their elders for all the pain and suffering the elders had gone through during the undoubtedly darkest period of Japan's history.

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First, this film was adapted from a book of the same name so it might be helpful to refer to the book and its author. According to the author of the book, he said he wrote this book just to convey a personal apology to his own sister who died from malnutrition during the World War Two. From this point of view we can find that since the film has paid more attention to individual memories and self-releasing rather than social cynical criticism, we can hardly say that the film adapted from it has a lot to do with a deeper, more extensive, critical anti-war-theme. Although we have to admit that the books and films adapted from them do not always share the same topic, however, in this case, they do because of the high conformity they share from plot to character setting.

Second, I do not agree with the opinion that the film's theme

is anti-war just because there exist bloody and terrifying scenes in this film. As well known, this film is set during the [World War Two](#) a war time. Therefore to depict the story more credibly, bloody and terrifying scenes in the war serve as a fundamental and indispensable role. Even though this kind of scenes exist, we can not say that they are thus the main trend or the theme of the film. In addition, it is not difficult for us to find that the film never focus on what horrible destruction the war has caused and how deeply the people detest the war. Instead, the director spends most of the time depicting the two children: Seita and Setsuko, just like what the director himself said: I had just intended to convey an image of the brother and sister living a failed life due to isolation from society and invoke sympathy particularly in people in their teens and twenties, whom I felt needed to straighten up and respect their elders for the pain and suffering they had experienced during arguably the darkest point in Japan's history. From this, we can also say that the horrible war scenes exist to beautify and accentuate the two innocent and pure lives.



However, of course we have to admit that in this film we can feel the cruelty of the war and that we do feel sorry for Seita and Setsuko's death and perhaps therefore denounce and accuse of the war. But as far as I am concerned, it is exactly what the films have in common of which the plots are set in a war time. But every film set in a war time has its focus and hence not every film set in a war time has to be an anti-war-theme film.

In my opinion, people who regard this film as an anti-war-theme film fail to distinguish the film's theme from their own

emotion. Many of them themselves have experienced the war time so it is unavoidable that they would feel more impressed and sentimental while watching the film. Since the film is adapted from a semi-autobiographical which is based on real people and real events, the audience's empathy towards the war time might be easier to be aroused and thus the audience might be easily overwhelmed by their emotion. In this way, since the audience have been manipulated by their own emotion, it is understandable that the audience mix their own emotion with the theme of the film.

what's anti-war <http://zh.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

more information about world war two <http://baike.so.com/doc/335501.html>

Mobile phone game brings health crisis



Mobile phone games are the major reason in overuse of mobile phone. Normally,

people will use phone more often.

BY Zhu Qianyuan class 3

In a report, they say the Government is underplaying the potentially 'enormous' health risks – especially for children, whose smaller, thinner skulls are more susceptible to radiation. [The study](#), experts say, raises fears that today's young people may suffer an "epidemic" of the disease in later life. Besides, playing phone games in long time will cause eye fatigue, attention fell and loss of appetite, insomnia, and many other health problems.

In UK, At least nine out of 10 British 16-year-olds have their own handset and they will play the game on it, as do more than 40 per cent of primary schoolchildren. Children are spending significant time on mobile phones. We may be facing a public health crisis as a result of mobile phone use."

Although the experts concede the links are not proven, they argue that 'schools, phone shops and the health care system' should be enlisted into a campaign to reduce mobile phone use. Their report states: 'Both the Government and phone games companies could very easily do far more to alert the public, particularly children, to the emerging risks and safety measures.' It accuses officials of 'downplaying uncertainty' over safety, adding: 'This was the kind of wishful thinking that cost lives with tobacco and asbestos'.

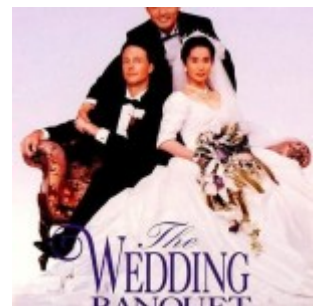
However, scientists have found inconclusive evidence and a campaign would cause panic. Professor Denis Henshaw, emeritus professor of human radiation effects at Bristol University, He said: 'Vast numbers of people are obsessed with playing phone games and they could be a time bomb of health problems. It would be a serious public health issue. It is really necessary that we should restrict the time on phone games.

Lee: Attitude toward marriage to be loyal, but making a film, how fun is how to take it.

I believe that most people think ang lee is a rational, calm, traditional filmmakers, but today I want to analyze “crouching tiger, hidden dragon”, “brokeback mountain”, as well as “lust, caution” to work out some secrets about lee. like what is the meaning of the hulk and tiger? What kind of story can attract the ang lee? and Why is “lust, caution” so controversial?

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The first time I know ang lee is because of a movie “wedding banquet”, which is a popular play about traditional ethics, entirely in Hollywood Chinese movie. If i remember clearly, it was a summer vacation ,my brother and i watched this film together. My brother is Lee’s fans .He said Lee is crazy about adventuring, take “wedding banquet” as an example, the story is in Chinese sensitive topic – gay and lesbian issues, but he hold was in place, he used the Chinese unique ethical point of view to deal with this problem, made the tragedy turned into comedy, and won the audience’s consistent high praise



After entering university, in the classroom of “analysis of the film” ,he teacher told us that “crouching tiger, hidden dragon” is his writing career of watershed, and there are big differences in his early movie. In early movie ,he give priority to family and the father-son relationship. And start

from the “crouching tiger, hidden dragon”, lee unconsciously into the subconscious level. In his middle age, the love, desire, all take turns from “crouching tiger, hidden dragon”, “brokeback mountain”, and rushed out of “lust, caution”. Here, I would like to briefly introduce three films. “Crouching tiger, hidden dragon”



is the Chinese martial arts kung fu, but there is no general martial arts films that thrive of heroism, instead of looking for runescape humanities connotation of a kind of deep thinking and reserved; “Brokeback mountain” is about the complicated relationship between two men love and sex; “Lust, caution” is more than the 40 s of Shanghai during the Anti-Japanese War as the background, tells the female college students turns (tang wei) using beauty close to Mr Yi (Tony leung) intention to assassinate the traitors. When lee leap into this new field, he abandoned the previous dull, in the movie, he seemed to tear off the mask, face the real self, explore the human nature.

Once, ang lee has a reporter to interview, ask he made what is the feeling of “crouching tiger, hidden dragon”, lee said: “this is my first time to blatant for love movie.” Later, when the “brokeback mountain”, body language has become the focus. In the film the great mountains of rock wool to sudden sky, clouds and wind, and darkness of the earth, even the flow conditions of the river, stream, lake, reflects the character’s psychological mood from time to time, make the audience daydream. Especially in “brokeback mountain,” the two reunited, fled to the mountains for the



first time, whether two people stripped tie, jumped into the lake, or chat late at night, behind surging pentium river, is a metaphor of the inner states as well as the relationship between each other's characters. In a word, this a series of details are said ang lee is constantly changing, from the beginning of conservative director, to now is good at using body to render the emotional liberation, but everything is so reasonable. This is reflected in the "lust, caution" was just right.



In "lust, caution", Ang lee directly omit metaphor, indirect expression, to directly enter the body entanglements to echo the characters' inner struggle and external situation changes, this is really too shocked, too attractive. But it was banned by the Chinese, and the reason is not civilization. In fact, in my

opinion, even if lee does not make the film "lust, caution", he also can choose other subjects to express their inner change. It is interesting to note that ang lee fighting the sex scenes in the movie always entangled, even some traces of abuse. Like Luo Xiaohu in "crouching tiger, hidden dragon," Li Mubai with jade jiaolong, in "broke back mountain," jack and ennis, If you only see pictures of ang lee, you absolutely can't imagine his heart will have a really love, love deeper, but unfortunately the world of love. But I think this is what I am willing to take the time to understand the secrets of his work.

What the deepest impression on me is a sentence said by Lee," if a story is insufficient scary, sensitive, I'm afraid it can not attract me." I Can't fully understand until last year when I begun to try to write a movie script, I totally understood if a story is black and white, the writers are not attracted,

so how to attract the photographer, the actor and the audience? As far as i known,there are a lot of romantic stories appeared in the films of ang lee, but in real life, he had a very happy family.For the reason that something can not be achieved in real life, moved to the big screen display. So, i what the safest thing is risk in the movie.

Living the Chenglish Life



To a British person, the word China brings to mind pagodas, lanterns, chopsticks, noodles... However, the reality in comparison to the expectations of the Irish folk was a shock to the system.

By Blank Class3

When I first met a British person, I feel like a gentle wind in such a high temperature. They are so kind that we had no trouble interacting. Meanwhile, the Irish have been struck by the constant generosity and thoughtfulness of the Chinese people, and luckily not by a scooter...yet. Afterwards, we got to know the numerous differences between us, like language, the food, and the climate. For the students from the University of Ulster, the language was as hard to pick up as were all the new dishes with chopsticks. They were tying Chinese knots around themselves instead of making the bracelets as shown.





The food in China comes in many different shapes, sizes and flavours, sometimes shocking to the bland British palate. The Chinese have many ways to cook, including frying, steaming, boiling and so on. So we students in schools can choose indeed different food we like eating, and we all have different tastes. In Ireland, we have...the potato. New to us as well was the integrative nature of a meal. A spinning table?

This was just another aspect of the culture for which nothing could have prepared us. Culture is a word we're constantly hearing, and the Chinese culture is without a doubt as rich as their food. Every aspect of daily life has an underlying meaning, a story behind it, a tradition... Culture here is real and definite, almost tangible. Whereas the culture in the UK is a more subtle thing where the food and people don't see or appreciate it as much in their every day life as the Chinese people. It's inspiring and thought-provoking and sometimes terrifying, as is the driving.

Despite of our differences, we still find things to connect us and we believe that different habits, styles, tastes and kinds of differences between us make the world colourful and also

we'll love the two countries more than before.

Crazy shopping



Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Burberry are well-known [fashion brands](#). Many people are crazy about them. Buying famous brands even becomes a hobby. Recently, China has overtaken Japan, making it the top luxury consumer in the world.

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Nowadays, it is obvious that Chinese has strong purchasing power. Thus, in the development of tourism, shopping gradually plays a necessary role in economy. This way even turns into a means of forced shopping.

Once I traveled in Japan, my purpose was simple to feel different culture and met different kinds of people during the trip. At the beginning of the trip, the guide was warm-heart and told us many anecdotes. To be honest, I fall in love with the journey. But after this, the guide acted as a seller on the bus. And he showed many goods to us and expected us buy some. Finally, but none of us bought the goods. And then, the guide got angry with us. The tour guide's behavior was beyond the scope of duties, and it directly affected my good moods. What a terrible trip!

And when I traveled the U.S, shopping and tourism, I felt the former seems to be more important for Chinese. People were crowded in the mall like outlets, and the luxury gave me a kind of illusion like cheap goods. Actually, most buyers do not know how to purchase and also do not know the culture of brands. The causes of this phenomenon are the expensive tariffs in China and Chinese tradition of giving gifts. These goods are sold at a high price because of their unique brand culture, history and value. And the same brand is not suitable for all people. It depends on each person's temperament. People who pursue famous brands generally should have higher economic and education level.

Shopping is an ordinary way to relax, not an important lifestyle. The pursuit of famous brand can't meet all of life. There are many the others worthy to care. Of course, fashion is as an art giving us beautiful feeling and the inspiration of novel. I have to say it reason is the highest.

<http://baike.baidu.com/subview/35982/5064493.htm?fr=aladdinlink: shopping-luxury>

Gulang island—a romantic island

Have you ever been to Xiamen, which in Fujian province? And if you have been to Xiamen, I think you already went to Gulang island. Because Gulang island is the symbol of Xiamen. Now follow me to walk into Gulang island. By Yixuan Lin 130701122

class 4 Gulang island is famous for its piano museum. There are many kinds of piano in the museum, many of them have a long history. The museum witness the development history of piano. You can meet eastern building and western building on



the island, and this amazing view originate from its history. So you can see foreigner have afternoon tea in the yard of the western house, and pass corner, you can see the local people sell the local snacks in front of their eastern building. The common activity is playing in the beach. Sky is light blue, sea is dark blue, sand is golden, island is green. It's a happy thing to play in the beach of Gulang island. Motor vehicles are forbidden to appear in the island. So it is a good idea to live on the island. I have a dream which is live on the island at night, have a walk with wearing slippers and feel the night of the island. And if I go with my boyfriend, I think it is romantic. Gulang island is a romantic island, go with your soulmate!

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A memorable place – Qinghai



I'll take you on a tour of the beautiful Qinghai Lake through the article. I'll show you a wonderland you never forget it. You may find your own over there I think when you go here, Qinghai Province, you can feel very comfortable and relax. I thought there can wash our mind, away from the city noise and fickleness. You must slow down your pace to feel the real nature.

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Today, I will take you to go to a mysterious and beautiful memorable place called Qinghai. It's next to Tibet, belongs to the Tibetan area. Over there, even in the heat of summer, you can see the local tibetans wear long robes, we use a sentence to describe their dress: "wear a hand, leave a hand", means that the robes they wore outside usually dress only one sleeve, the reason is the high altitudes, the different of temperature between morning and night is very large, there also

in strong illumination, so you can always see their tan dark face, but, their eyes are not dark, they are bright and beaming of religious belief.

There has the famous monastery of Tibetan Buddhism – [kumbum monastery](#) (“kumbum” is from tibeban language), the birthplace of Tsong Kha-pa, the founder of the yellow sect, is one of the six major lamaseries of yellow sect in Tibetan Buddhism. Now the monastery’s commercialization is serious, but occasionally, you may see few devout believers, still making one-stone-bow pilgrimage to there. You can enter the temple, looking for the secret of Tibetan Buddhism, have a taste of the different architectural features. You can also find an unknown small temple, live like a real Tibetan Buddhism believers, the experience must gives believers a spirit guide. Expect all of this, you can turn the rotatable design with tibetans ,to feel the mysterious charm of Tibetan Buddhism that can’t say only in one word.

In addition, there’s a famous lake named [Qinghai Lake](#). Have you ever seen a lake’s color just like the sea, but much blue and clearer than the sea ? Qinghai lake can satisfy all of those, even more, you can see the water birds skim over the lake. Very beautiful and very relaxed. The color of the lake just like the sea, azure blue and it was as far as the eye can reach. The lake and the clear blue sky, mix into a line, make a very wonderful scenery, can give the man a clean ,holy and pure feeling. Besides where you are, if there’re large areas of rape field must be very lucky, this will add a bright color in the scenery. Lucky more, to see ethnic calves and little lambs, will more has the flavor of nature.

All of this, the residents, temples, and the lake... Will let you experience the enthusiasm of tibetans family, the vast of Tibetan and Tibetan’s pious to their belief, the real nature feeling different from the quick pace of city. Isn’t this the best choice for a vacation to relaxed?

Finally, if you can spend your night in a tibetan's home, just drinking a bowl of butter tea, feeling the beauty of the lake in morning and twilight, dancing a tibetan dance named "Guozhuang" together with the family. Then, I believe, this journey that let you washing the soul and relax the mind can be said perfect. And I think you will never forget this trip, it must be a memorable place you have ever traveled.

Travel in HangZhou

I traveled in HangZhou in 2008 and that is my first traveling in HangZhou. Before our experience, I imagined a host of beautiful sceneries and looked through some pictures and articles about HangZhou, which made me very delighted and looked forward to go there. In that day, we family got up early and took train to there.

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Hangzhou is located in the southeast coast of China north, is the capital of Zhejiang province, sub-provincial city, the largest city in Zhejiang, one of the cities of the Yangtze River Delta economic circle in two sub-center, tourist attraction of Hangzhou a number of selected Chinese Association of World Records world record create a group of most of the world. Hangzhou long history, since the Qin Dynasty set up county governance, more than 2200 years of history. Hangzhou is famous for its historic relics and natural beauty. One of the most popular sights is West Lake, including several most notable historic and scenic places around it. Despite the tourism, Hangzhou is also a rapidly developed industrial city. It's a good place for living not only because of its good scenery, but also the mild climate and Hangzhou cuisine.

The moment we arrived there, we took bus to Xi hu. The first thing made me deeply impressed is that the dense trees and the broad lake surface. Then I could not wait to have fun and we prepared to tour the lake by ship. Before ship start Before ship start, my first introduce Xihu the survey: Xihu is located the Hangzhou west end, three goes around a mountain, the east side borders on the urban district, the north and south long approximately 3.2 kilometers, the thing width approximately 2.8 kilometers, circles lake week nearly 15kilometers. The area approximately 5.68 square kilometers, including the lake in the islands are 6.3 square kilometers,

the hydraulic mean depth 1.55 meters, most deep place about 2.8 meters, most shallow sufficient 1 meter, water-holding capacity in 8.5 million to 8.7million cubic meters between. Outside Su Di and the Bai Dike divided into Lake Surface the lake, North In the lake, the mountain lake and the small Lake Nanhu 5 parts. Xihu everywhere has the beautiful scenery, in the history except has "the money pond ten scenery", "the Xihu 18 scenery", besides, what is most famous is the Southern Song Dynasty chooses a name "the Xihu ten scenery".



In addition, we visited the Tiger Running Spring. Hupao Spring is located six kilometers from Hangzhou city. Hupao Spring forms as the result of underground water seeping through veins and cracks within quartz sandstone that will not be eroded by acid materials. Due

to its low content of mineralized ingredients and high percentage of radon, a radioactive element, the spring water, tasting pure, sweet and cold, is an ideal beverage for health. What is more, the spring water has high surface tension. Put a coin into a bowl filled up to the rim, and the water rises three millimeters above the bowl edge, but it does not overflow. The next day, we went to the some other famous places, for example, Lingering Snow on the Broken Bridge and Lingyin Temple and so on.

When it comes to the unforgettable experience, I would remember the latest Dragon Boat Festival, I went to the West Lake with my friends and to see the customs there. It was exciting to see the Dragon Boat Race and it attracted many a tourist. Boating around the West Lake, strolling through the old streets and listening to myths and legends. In order to memory Qu Yuan, they cast zongzi into the lake and we also tasted the delicious zongzi. We really spent a happy and

colorful time there. I expect the next time to visit HangZhou.