

Your Experiences

您的体验

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 ☺

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
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.
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

在这一章节，我们将收录您在中国和華工的生活体验，好的坏的对于我们都非常宝贵。您可以用简练的语言把您的体验发送到 experts@scut.edu.cn，您可以选择留下姓名或者保持匿名。期待着听到您的声音，我们将认真阅读每一条留言☺

1. 关于洗手间。我第一次使用蹲式洗手间的感觉好像是在做体操！在中国大部分的洗手间都是蹲式的。另一个让我几次有些小尴尬的事情是，大部分的洗手间里不提供卫生纸。现在，一包纸巾已经成为我出行的忠实伙伴！
—— 匿名，澳大利亚
2. 关于步行。在来到广州的最初几个月里，步行出门让我越来越觉得无所适从，倍感无奈。行人、自行车和电动车似乎到处都是，随意朝各个方向前行，而我根本不知道该如何应对。在与一位朋友的交谈中，他提及到在中国，行人应与车辆“同方向”行走。这个信息对我来说简直太有用了，因为之前我都是按照在美国的生活习惯，与车辆“面对面”行走。自从学着和车辆“同方向”行走之后，在广州步行出门变得自如许多。
—— Gary Histan, 美国
3. 在中国的生活和工作丰富了我对生活的认识，让我珍视并融入这种有趣的文化。每个人都有不同的想法与经历，但是没有人会否认在中国的生活是他们人生中重要而有趣的组成部分。在华工工作的这段经历是我人生中的重要篇章，也是我职业生涯的增彩点。在华工你可以感受到历史、文化、科技的完美融合，而作为这里的一名教师，教书育人所带来的成就感足以让我一生回味。

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

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.

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"!

在华工的这些年里，我拍摄了很多广州的照片。传统与现代在这里交错，即使是在短短的几分钟时间里，你也能体会到穿梭在古老的中国建筑与现代化摩天大楼中。世界上还有哪座城市会带给你如此般感受呢？

—— Alexander Lloyd, 哥伦比亚

4. 在广州骑自行车出行，乍一听似乎充满艰巨，但其实是非常有意义的一种体验。广州繁忙的街道上，行人如织，车水马龙，骑自行车确实不易。无论在华园道路，还是市区街道上，时刻都要根据行人和车流的调整行驶方向。骑车的好处包括：首先，它是一种方便快捷的出行方式，省时省力，而且是一种不错的健身方式。其次，校园附近有不少自行车商店，不同款式、质量、价格的自行车琳琅满目，还有便携式可折叠自行车，让你大开眼界。此外，您可以在校内及周边很方便地租用共享单车，起租价大约五毛钱每小时。华工大学城校区在一个岛上，道路平坦适合骑车，而且岛上有自行车租用。广州自行车俱乐部里就有华工的学生，他们会组织骑车活动，给您骑车出行的好建议。

—— William Smith, 美国

5. 有礼貌又随意的广州人。广州人彬彬有礼、待人和善，在公交车上经常会看到乘客给老人小孩孕妇及行动不便的人让座的现象。但是广州人也比较随意，比如在校园里会经常看到行人和学生过马路时或在公交站等其它地方排队时很随意，你在校园里开车或骑车时，就会发现，行人是如此的“任性”。

学习及外专服务。华南理工大学在广州市具有重要的地位，其工程、科技、经济等领域都是一流的，吸引着全国众多学子。当我初来机械与汽车工程学院担任助理教授一职时，感觉新环境带来很多困难，遇到了很多意想不到的事，

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

甚至至今也经常遇到，所幸，国际交流与合作处的工作人员非常友好、热心，她们给予我极大的帮助。我感觉到，华工不仅是一所学习工科的理想之地，而且是给外籍专家教师提供无限关怀的大学。

——Jahangir Alam, 孟加拉