



IB PROJECT HUMANS OF WUXI

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Lights beside the road are twinkling, the darkness varies at times.

The city is illuminated, showing its own prosperity, under the shiny stars, the crowds fill everywhere, but no one cares about others.

Strangers have no idea about his hard experiences, the only thing they can perceive is scars on the face. In nowhere of the street, there is someone praying or looking for the way out.

Happiness, sadness and pain inside the bottom of hearts, weaving a dream net for the youth, for the whole city.

After trying so hard, the result doesn't matter that much. The whole process and cheering from others decorate everyone's feeling.

No matter what happens, everything will be fine from the next morning.

Locate Humans of Wuxi, follow heartbeats of this city with us.

1 WHO ARE WE & WHAT DID WE DO ?





INTRODUCTION

Our project aims to raise people's awareness of the culture of Wuxi as well as the spirit of Wuxi people by doing interviews, questionnaires and propagandizing on some platforms, such as Wechat, video etc.

There are two parts of our project, vicissitudes of Wuxi and inspirational stories

of Wuxi people. In the 1st part, we will go to down town area, e.g. Sanyang Plaza, Huijin Plaza & Yucainong to interview elders, inviting them to show their recollections of the development of Wuxi over the past years in order to show how Wuxi's culture or lifestyle changed. In the 2nd part, we will go



to Centre 66 and Nanchan Temple to interview people in different ages, inviting them to talk about how they overcome struggling period of time or difficulties in their lives, in order to spread positive energy among Wuxi people.

We will record all interviews by taking photos, shooting videos and writing down notes. After each interview, we

will make summary by means of articles, photo album, short videos etc and then public onto our Wechat official account twice a month. By doing so, we can make more people to better understand and respect our own culture, to improve the sense of civic pride among Wuxi citizens.



Our Aims & Goals

1.To increase our awareness of understanding and respecting the culture of Wuxi via doing interviews with citizens.

2.To gain positive energy and improve our sense of civic pride through gathering inspiring stories among citizens.

3.To raise people's awareness of the culture of Wuxi as well as the spirit of Wuxi people.

**How are we going to
achieve the IB learning
outcomes?**

**1. Identify own strengths and develop
areas for growth.**

Our main idea is to interview some people
outside the campus, just for the raw
material. Then they will be modified by us
and turn into some pictures or videos which



should be set on our Wechat account. But, what are the processes and bases for us to allocate the labor recourses? As far as I am concerned, the answer is related to our different strengths and advantages. In order to complete one result, four main parts should be paid attention to: the filming and recording, best choice for interviewer, designing the interface of Wechat account and interpreting. These things ought to be well prepared before each interview. We choose this interview as our project because all of us show confidence to each significant part. We will not be disappointed if any trouble appears during the process. All the things we can do is to fix them.

2.Demonstrate the challenges have been undertaken, developing new skills in the process.

To my classmates and me, we only see the interviews on TV but never experience that sort of things. It is totally new and definitely a challenge to us. Maybe we are lack of some skills to finish these interviews without problems. Although professional knowledge will be needed during the interview, we still have to conquer them by consulting one certain expert. To let the interview go through smoothly, knowledge will be required by certain ways.

3.Demonstrate how to initiate and plan a CAS experience.

The interview is initiated and planned by ourselves. The inputs, which include money and time, should be well organized just before the interviews. No matter how huge the problem we meet during the process, the work that needs to be done is just between we and the CAS advisor. We should take charge of it, even the problem is hard to solve.

4.Show commitment to and perseverance in CAS experiences.

We all know that the project will last at least 6 months and it is difficult to say that finishing it would be easy. There must be all

kinds of problems when we are going on the project. And nobody will be 100 percent sure whether we will give up for one certain reason. So the most significant thing for us to do is to keep positive and show the perseverance when the problem appears.

5.Demonstrate the skills and recognize the benefits of working collaboratively.

The team work must be considered as the most important thing when we are doing the project. Our project is consisted of four students. Each student has their own strength and they need to take care of their part. Whenever one of us is facing a problem, other members should assemble immediately to help the student get out of

the trouble just for one reason: we are a team and we should act like a team. We all have the same goal which is to have a great outcome when we finish the project. To reach this achievement, we ought to work collaboratively.

6. Demonstrate engagement with issues of global significance.

Our interview will contain many different ideas which can inspire people around us. Everyone will have their own bad time and that's the exact reason why we initiate this project: to help the people with the mental support. The motivational stories from other people will be uploaded to our Wechat account frequently. Different ideas are

expressed through these stories. I think our interview is going to fit people's tastes.

7. Recognize and consider the ethics of choices and actions.

Giving local people the mental help would not be the only one idea of our project. We also prepare to put more efforts on the advertisements to propagate our main idea. In order to get more attention from the society, we will persuade our relatives, friends or classmates to favor our Wechat account. We believe our project will influence more people than we think.



2 WHO WE MET & WHAT DID THEY TELL US ?

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I have soon used up all of my money when I came to Wuxi for the first time, it's one of the toughest times I've ever been in, my salary was low, and I just don't know what to do next. But one day, an opportunity changed my life, I've accidentally found out that my neighbor next door was one of my colleagues at the mall that I work in, she noticed the difficult condition that I'm currently in, and surprisingly, she decided to give me some financial support to jump out of this mess, my eyes were filled with tears when I heard this news, I don't know what to do to pay her back. During the time when she was supporting me, I've worked extremely hard, I've tried my best to earn as much money as possible, later on, I've had my own savings and my business had a successful boost, so I often invite her to meals to show my appreciation to her. I was really touched at the time when she decided to offer me help, you can say that without her, I'll never be what I'm like today. From then on, we've been best friends forever.

“As the saying goes ‘Great Shanghai, bustling Wuxi’ .I In the past, there weren’t many tall buildings in Wuxi, but now Wuxi’s tall buildings earn a place in Jiangsu Province. We’ve made quite a bit of progress. I came from Nanjing, and I didn’t have a place to live when I first arrived in Wuxi. I slept in an attic of a tower bridge until my firm first divided residence to me. It was just a 14-meter-square single room with timber structure. Later we moved to a three-room apartment. Then we moved to a 90-meter-square apartment and now we live in an apartment with more than 100 meter squares. I think whether the house is comfortable or not depends on how big the bathroom is. It is important to take a comfortable shower . And the dining room is supposed to be large . A big dining room is necessary when my son brings his families here. The use ratio of back-balcony is also very high because my grandchildren will play at the back balcony. Additionally,I heard that Wuxi is now in the top of green construction and energy conservation activity of the whole province. It was really a great progress!”

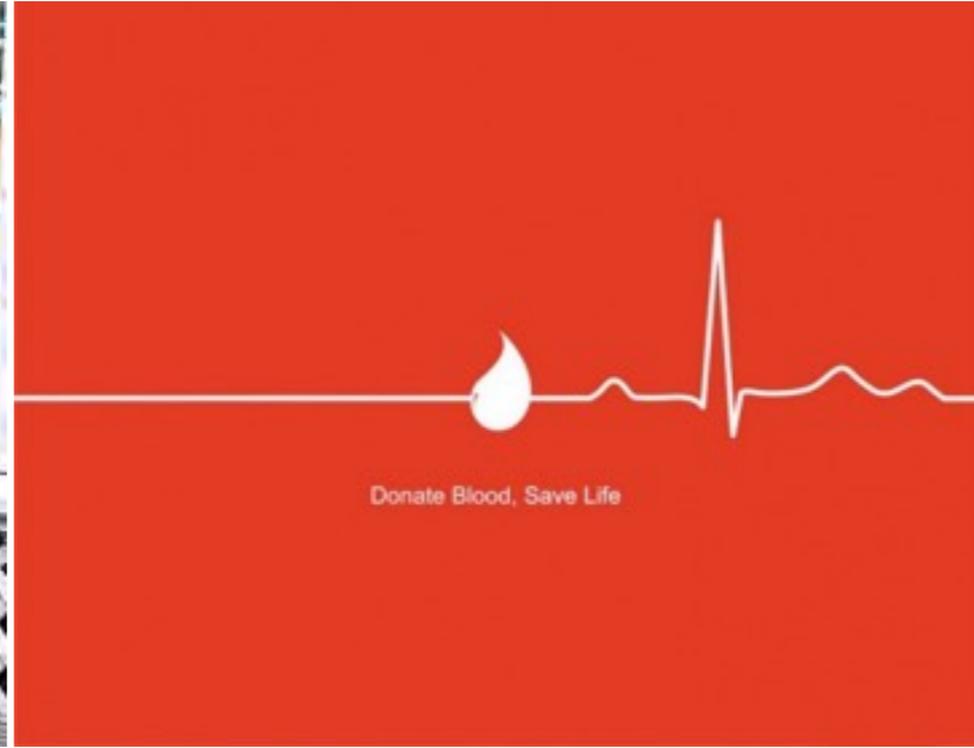


Wuxi is a wonderful city, people here are friendly. For instance, Nancy is a nice girl. We became friends on the plane from America to China. I come here just for touring and she has finished her first year in college. Coincidentally, Nancy majors business and I've got a job in a private bank. So it seemed that we had things that we are both interested in to share with each other. On the plane, she said she felt confused about a topic in business and I was willing to give her some advice to see whether I could help her. After that, Nancy invited me to the dinner at her home and her mother is good at cooking. Why don't I learn more about Chinese culture? We've just finished buying raw materials for the dinner!



“ Actually, I had high blood pressure before. The doctor showed my report for the physical examination and told me that my blood pressure was too high – if I did not pay attention, I would get a stroke. I was frightened. Recalling the life of my husband with stroke, I suddenly realized the potential danger. As a result, my son often takes me for a run in the Taihu Plaza. Although the recent days are hot, sweat is good for health.





I am a student from the Health of Higher Professional and Technical School in the new district of Wuxi. I have done a lot of voluntary work before, especially in the new district hospital near my school. This time I am going to act as a volunteer of the blood-donating station, my job is mainly to help the people who is willing to donate their blood to fill in some forms and do some brief introduction to them, so it could make it easier for those people. My dream is to become a nurse, I know that it is a very tough job to do, but I have faith in myself, I know that I will and I can do it well, so I get the chance to treat and cure those people who are in pain and sick, they need our help.



Our feelings

I am the founder of Humans of Wuxi. In the past one year, I called my partners, Solomon, Alan, and James to accomplish this CAS project. In this project, we go outside to interview different people from different places in different locations in Wuxi. We interviewed their life, their knowledge and understanding of Wuxi, and how they think Wuxi is, and what they want Wuxi to be in the future. Our project aimed to let everyone in Wuxi, or even outside Wuxi to know what the city is look like, and how are the people here and let more people know about our culture. Thank you!

Kevin

I am a group member of Humans of Wuxi. My job is to do the interviewing with some strangers in the street. Our aim is to raise the overall awareness of Wuxi culture and find out what Wuxi is like in everybody's mind. We have gone to some places like Nanchan Temple, Chongan temple and some local communities. Because these places usually have very large amount of people. We can select some of them to do the interview.

Alan

I'm responsible for translating the interview scripts into English vision as well as making this video. I regard "humans of Wuxi" as a trip on searching for the root of my culture. I've been living in Wuxi for more than ten years, I think she means much more than merely childhood to me. Here is the place where a little soul for the first time touch and feel the big world, filled with startle of growth, and fear to the unlimited. When we grow up, a world of logic and knowledge starts to occupy our world, we feel so much pressure from obligations that we have no time to look around at who we are, where we come from. I think this is the last chance that I can really do something before I leave her for college to firm my belief of what make the current 'me' and share the place I live to the whole world.

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