

## My first time in China

I went to China 3 months ago. I was given this opportunity by Aj. Sakon Pingkan from LIT College. He invited me to perform his Thai dancing shows in China and also wanted me to help him teach Thai dancing for his Chinese students. This was my first time in China and everything there was free. I paid almost nothing!! I stayed in China just for a week. Actually, there were students and teachers from LIT College who went on the trip to China too. I was the only one on this trip who was a student from LCCT.

We didn't take any flights to get to China, but we took our college bus departed from LCCT to Chiang Khong. Then, we took a harbour from Thailand to Laos. After that, there were Lao drivers who picked us up from the Laos border to get to Mohan, on the Chinese border. We felt a little carsick when we arrived there. We walked around Mohan while we were waiting for Xingshungbanna College's bus. Mohan was really awesome!! I saw many stores and buildings which were built according to Thai, Lao and Chinese cultures. They're very colorful and made me feel like I was in an amusement park. Four hours later, we arrived at Xingshungbanna College.

Xingshungbanna was so good for me because it wasn't too big and it was relaxing. You can walk around the city without getting tired. My new Thai friends and I spent our time travelling and sightseeing there. The first place that we went to was the Ta-shing supercenter. There were lots of people, stores and cheap goods. I bought many gifts and souvenirs from there. The teachers feasted us in every meal. They always took us to different restaurants each day.

I tried Chinese foods and found them very delicious. We also rehearsed Thai dancing with Chinese students that's how I met some new friends and they're so kind.

We rehearsed Thai dancing as much as went traveling. The teachers and Chinese friends took us to travel in many places such as Kalanpa Market, Kalanpa town where many Tai-Lue people live and Tai-Lue village, where Suan Mon Temple is located. We also went to Manting park which was located in the center of city. The Chinese believe that this place is a center of souls.

After we had traveled enough, it was a time for us to perform Thai dancing. We showed our Thai dancing for 2 days. On the first day, we performed Thai dancing at Xingxuangbanna College. I felt a little nervous because there were lots of people watching our shows. I was so glad to hear that they liked our shows. The second day, we performed Thai dancing in the center of the city but sadly, we couldn't finish our shows because it was raining all that night.

I was really impressed with my new friends, the Chinese people and the places there and I'd love to say thank you to LCCT and LIT college for giving me this good opportunity. I really had a great time in China and I hope that I'll be chosen in the next year because I'd love to go there again.

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This picture is taken from Ta-xing supercenter.



It's taken from Suan Mon temple.



Taken from Manting park.



My performing which called "Rabamrobburi".