

## China trip

Arriving at the airport and Jianlu Zhang picked me up, he was so nice waiting for me like an hour.

I couldn't use the wifi as it kept asking for a phone number, so dumb.

Two trains to downtown and we wakes to the amss campus, things look so similar to Saigon actual. The AMSS and Chinese Academy of Science is huge. We went to the hotel, checked everything out and went to AMSS, got a nice coffee and went up to take my office.

It is crazy that they have a new lounge for coffee that only opens 7 days ago. A nice lady working as a barrister made coffee for us, kind of fancy when they have one only for a not busy lounge like this.

Received some message from Esther finally, she must be worried.

Went to the bank with Jianlu, I couldn't get the money to Wechat at all, so no use of bike or anything, quite difficult to get around I think.

He has a tough life here too, not tenured yet. And the pressure is giant as well. He said a sentence that I won't forget: we are all alone in this math thing, doesn't matter where we are. It is super relevant.

I am quite tired already. I have so much work to do. Do I still want to travel to some places near by?

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