

## **Introduction: China Study Tour May 6 – 20, 2007**

Shanghai, People's Republic of China - with a population of over 13 million - is located on the east coast of central China. Shanghai is China's capital of commerce, industry and finance. As one tour book states, the pulse of Shanghai is the pulse of Asia's future. The city consists of two main areas, Pudong (east of the Huangpu River) and Puxi (west of the Huangpu River). Pudong is a special economic zone of banks, skyscrapers and new residential complexes. In Puxi is the Bund, a riverside park bordered by the Jardine Matheson & Co building, the Peace Hotel, and the Palace Hotel all built during the late 1920's. The Bund is the centerpiece of tourist attractions. To the west of the Bund is the former International Settlement which stretches along the main shopping street, Nanjing Road. To the south of the Bund is what is called the old Chinese City, a maze of narrow streets and alleys. West of the old City is the French Concession area, with tree-lined streets, 1930s architecture, and cafes and bars.

One hour to the northwest of Shanghai is the city of Suzhou in Jiangsu Province with a population of nearly 6 million. Referred to as paradise on earth, Suzhou is a famous city of history and culture in China. Suzhou is well known for its beautiful, detailed Su Embroidery and its elegantly landscaped Chinese gardens. The city is also a growing manufacturing center with several large industrial parks such as the Singapore Industrial Park and the Suzhou Industrial Park.

Xiamen, People's Republic of China – with a population of 1.24 million – is located in Fujian Province on the east coast of southeastern China, 90 miles across the Taiwan Straits from Taiwan, the Republic of China. Xiamen, formally known as Amoy, was a British Treaty port during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Now Xiamen is a growing modern city that utilizes its deep harbor to facilitate international trade. In Xiamen is Nanpu Temple, just outside the gates of Xiamen

University, and the beautiful Gulang Island (Gulangyu), the location of the former International Concession area. This tiny community of 20,000 has more pianos per capita than anywhere else on the planet -hence Gulangyu's nickname "Piano Isle." One hour north of Xiamen is the ancient city of Quanzhou.

### **Xiamen University:**

<http://www.xiamen.edu.cn>

### **Xiamen Investment Guide:**

<http://www.fdi-xiamen-cn.com/v4/html/en-home.php>

### **Travel Information for China, Shanghai, Suzhou and Xiamen:**

<http://www.frommers.com/destinations/china/>

<http://www.amoymagic.com/main.htm>

### **Links to businesses in China visited by past tours**

- **Shanghai:**

Emerson Process Management China  
Shanghai Office

<http://www.emersonprocess.com.cn/>

- **Suzhou:**

Contemporary Controls

<http://www.ctrlink.com/suzhou.htm>

Sloan Valve Water Technologies (Suzhou)  
Co., Ltd.

[http://www.sloanvalve.com/contacts/international\\_sales\\_support.asp](http://www.sloanvalve.com/contacts/international_sales_support.asp)

A.J. Antunes & Co.

<http://www.ajantunes.com/htm/Visit%20Suzhou.html>

Andrew Telecommunications

[http://www.andrew.com/contactus/manuf\\_ia\\_suzhou.aspx](http://www.andrew.com/contactus/manuf_ia_suzhou.aspx)

- **Xiamen:**

Wal-Mart of Xiamen, China

<http://www.walmartchina.com/english/walmart/>