

Chinese Ambassade
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T.a.v. de Z.E. heer Ken WU

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Dear Mister Ken Wu,

In all my life I never had the intention to visit China as I was not attracted by the information about your country. Then our son got a job in Guangzhou and lived there with his wife and children for four years. By visiting our grand(children), I also met China, and was positively surprised. It was much different from what I thought it would be, as I found out during the 6 visits we did in these 4 years.

I enjoyed the food (the best I ever ate), the impressive and beautiful shopping malls with waterfalls, mirrors and thousands of coloured lights, which indicated the power and potential of the Chinese people.

But most I admired the abundant presence of trees, plants and flowers all around, also in huge towns and around highways. The beauty of nature in your country, which makes life so much healthier, the melodious songs of the countless birds who bring joy and good humour.

I regret a lot that in most Western countries the variety of green is more and more taken by asphalt and concrete. The impressive, characteristic buildings are increasingly replaced by the uniformity and bleakness of modern Western architecture. I was attracted by the Chinese touch in architecture in your cities and I hope you will stand by it.

I do hope too, with all my heart, that your country will protect the diversity and importance of nature, which is still impressively present in China. That its value and function may be appreciated and maintained, as man's welfare and the quality of his habitat goes hand in hand.

Since January, our son works in the U.S.A., so we probably will not visit China again, but I'll cherish the impressive souvenirs.

Dear Mister Ken WU, I do wish you and the admirable Chinese people all the best for now and the future!

Yours faithfully,

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