

In early September 2004 a small group of Americans visited Guiyang for educational and tourist purposes. We visited primary and middle schools where students were delighted to practice their English. After finding a professor at the Guiyang Normal University who was teaching my subject, remote sensing, he invited me to spend two hours the next day speaking to his students. I also gave him computer disks with my lecture materials. In roaming about the city many of us discovered the Qianling Mountain Park in the northwestern corner of the city, at walking distance from our hotel. This report shows some of what we enjoyed there. First is a satellite view of the area with yellow markings that I added.







Though I had forgotten its name, our hotel has a “Miracle Hotel” sign on its roof. It is the middle building in the second photo, taken from a hilltop to its southeast. A more modern photo shows the “Ramada” name on its top.



0158 Park entrance

The park entrance was to the west at a walking distance along a main roadway of about 2.4 km. The main valley of the park has a series of ponds with walkways on both sides. Large gatherings of local people are there in the mornings, especially. Some are singing, some dancing, some exercising.



11821 Singers in the background.



0533 Dancing

0529 Going places



11840 He plays and she sometimes sings.



11822 bird cage



11843 Bird (Hwamei) on cage floor

Numerous people brought their singing birds in cages to the park. The Hwamei is a melodious Laughingthrush.





0536 aerial tramway

There is an aerial tramway to the left (west) of the park entrance. I never rode on it. More modern photos show gondolas that are closed and more weather resistant. In addition to many walkways and stairs, there is a pedestrian tunnel through the mountain that gives quick access to the large lake on the west side. A small zoo was in the park but I recorded little in photos.



11823 pathway



11846 A bar-headed goose was in this pond.



11845 Monkeys were in this zoo cage.

Wild monkeys were more interesting.



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11839 The pigeons stayed on one side of the rope that passed over the chairs.



11824 part of large lake



9080152 main edge of lake



0568 boats on lake



11826 along shore direction to Miao museum

Two of us walked along the shore of the lake and across a bridge to visit a museum of the Miao culture.





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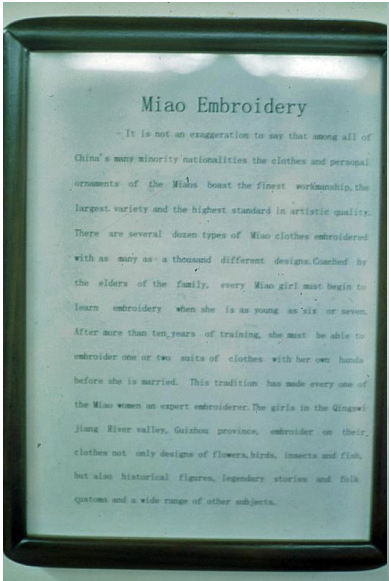
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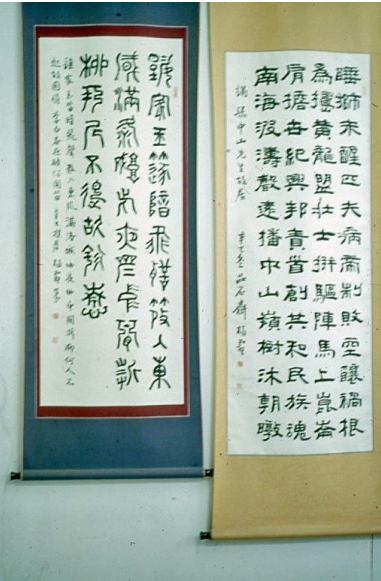
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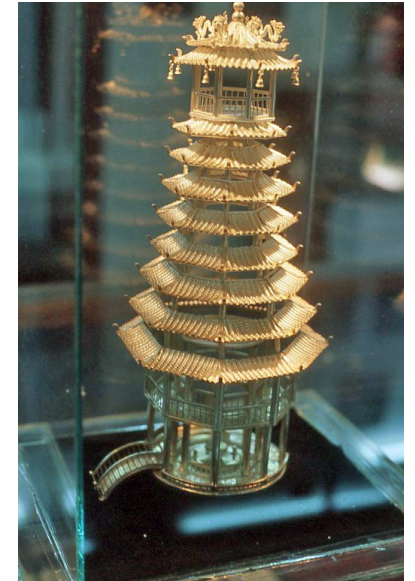
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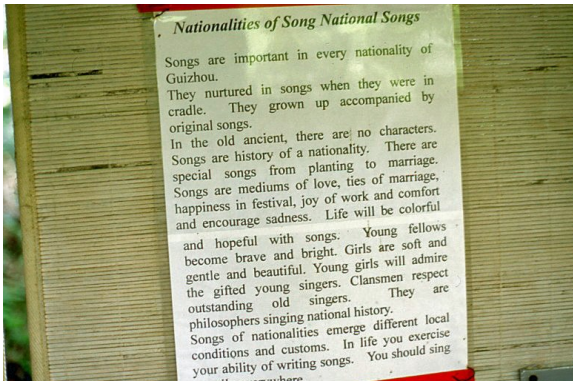
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Perhaps this museum is no longer in that location. I could not find references to it on the Internet.

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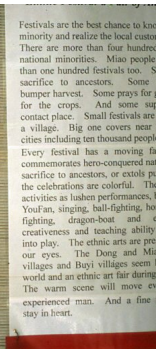
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