

Last Week

Here is a photo of that Otis building that was previously mentioned: corporate rooms on top of a set of tall elevator shafts.

During this past week I became friends with Wang Shu Hua, (age 37) the woman in charge of the cleaning staff of our campus hotel. She is in the middle of this photo of our team. She cannot speak or understand English but wanted to communicate. So she and I spent many hours together as she helped me review my Chinese studies, plus introducing me to some new words. We had to use many different tools to translate particular words, often with hand gestures. We made progress. Now we are trying to communicate by email, which is an even greater challenge.



On Wednesday we had our final presentations. The first picture is of Yolanda and Jerry, the two students who were our intermediaries with the university department to help us with any practical needs. They served as the hosts of the program. Each class designed their own 15 minute program to review some of the things they had learned during the

program. The second photo is of my class as they talked about differences between Western and Chinese weddings.

That day we had flooded streets again, but about half the previous maximum depth.

I am about to leave for the airport to fly home.

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