

China Views

The trip to China was long, as expected, and with no problems. We left Los Angeles about 1 AM in the darkness of night. My strategy was to sleep as much as possible before our 7 AM landing in Hong Kong. Though that appears to be a flight almost entirely at night, when we were passing Kodiak Island, Alaska, it was sunny. There was a solid cloud deck below us, so I did not take any photos. It was the longest day of the year, and north of the Arctic Circle the sun never sets on that day.

It had recently rained in Hong Kong before our arrival. The photo is of a plane similar to ours, with rain on the window of the terminal.

The next photo shows ships across from the airport.

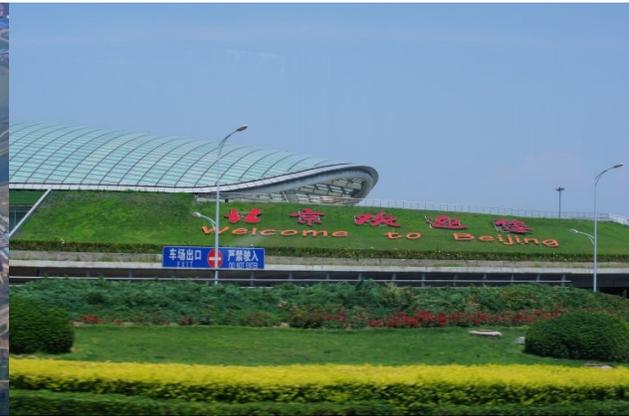


The two photos above show some tall buildings and a suspension bridge as we left Hong Kong.



The farming patterns in China are different from those in America. Chinese fields are small narrow rectangles

rather than our large 1-mile squares (often subdivided) and circular irrigation patterns. The left photo above shows some typical Chinese villages with small homes (white, dark trees) amongst their fields. The right photo above shows a western Minnesota town (upper left), square and rectangular fields in an orderly pattern, and isolated farm homes (white dots in small dark patches of wind-break trees). The photo at the right shows the mile-wide circular irrigation pattern in south central Colorado, with the dark fields being irrigated.



The left photo above shows some tall apartment buildings near a small river on the south side of Beijing. The orange words at the airport say Welcome to Beijing. Notice the clear air in both views and the blue sky at the right. The notorious air pollution has been absent for a few days.

Our training sessions have started and we are busy most of the time in a classroom. Sometimes we can get outside on the nearby streets to get some sunshine to help us overcome jet lag. I adjusted to the time shift quickly. China time is 14 hours ahead of Denver time.

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