

Bare Foot Journeys



A MA & MORLEY ZINI

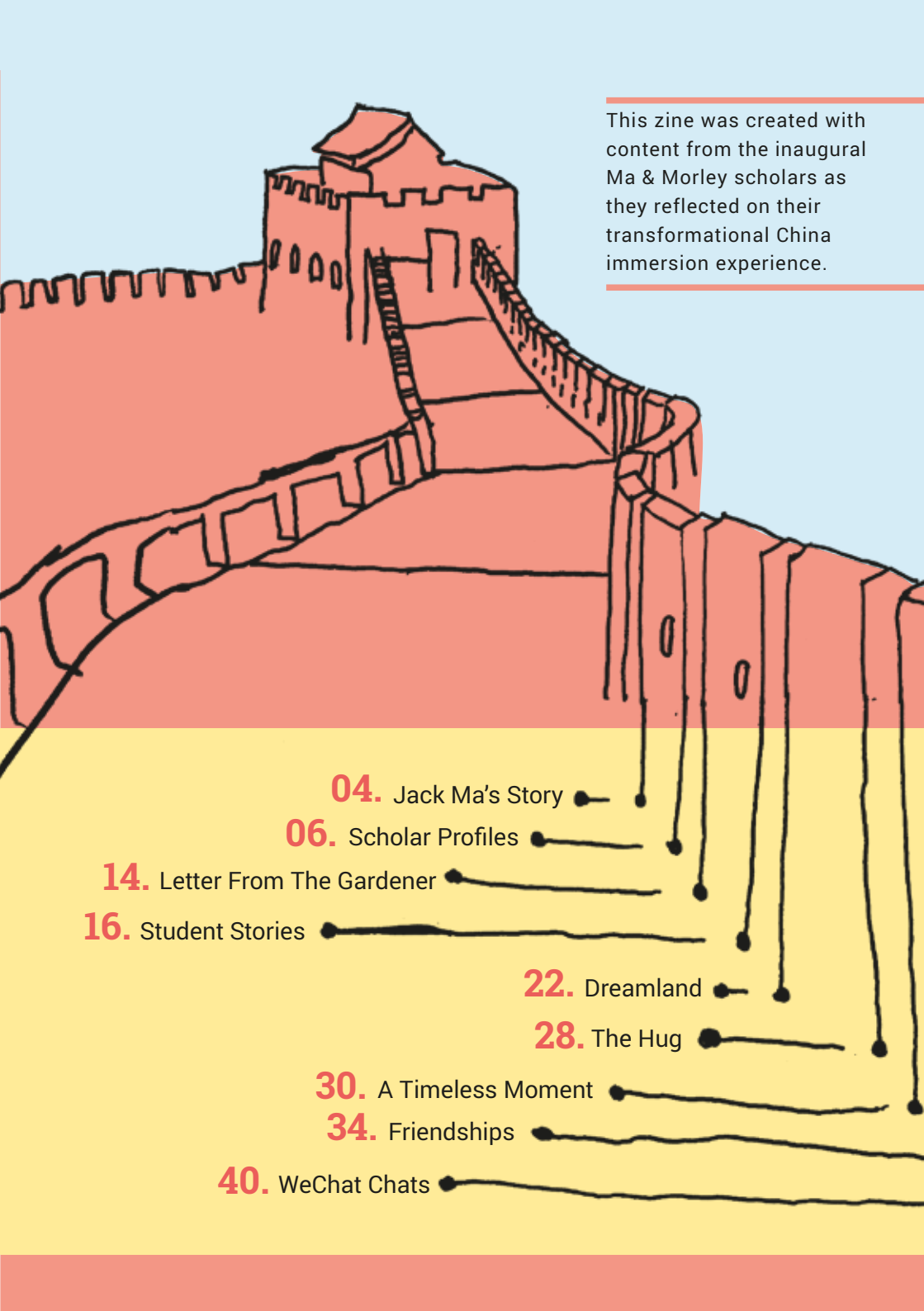
马和莫利奈志

We acknowledge the Pambalong
clan of the Awabakal People
and the Darkinjung Nation whose
Land this Zine was created on.

We pay respect to all Elders
past, present and future who
continue to protect the land
and foster cultural connection.

We acknowledge that sovereignty
was never ceded and that it
always was and always will
be Aboriginal Land.





This zine was created with content from the inaugural Ma & Morley scholars as they reflected on their transformational China immersion experience.

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A Story of Friendship Continues...



Over three decades ago, along the edge of West Lake in Hangzhou, a Chinese boy approached a travelling Novacastrian family. From that chance meeting an enduring friendship was born.

That boy was Jack Ma, who is now recognised as one of the world's leading entrepreneurs and philanthropists. Jack's path was not easy. He started from humble beginnings and overcame a series of failures and obstacles. From his tiny apartment in Hangzhou, Jack co-founded Alibaba – one of



the most successful e-commerce ecosystems on the planet.

Jack Ma wanted to honour that friendship which inspired his success and helped shape his global outlook. In 2017, Jack Ma, through the Jack Ma Foundation, made a very generous US\$20million philanthropic commitment to the University of Newcastle. He announced the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program which aims to inspire, educate, and cultivate the next generation of globally aware and socially conscious Australian leaders.

Then, in June 2018, the inaugural Ma & Morley scholars travelled to the very spot that remarkable story began. They were invited to the Alibaba Xixi Campus in Hangzhou, to meet with Jack Ma. That life changing moment, and others from the journey, now live in the pages of this zine. Memories that will forever inspire....



An Inspired Story Begins...

Scholar Profiles

The Inaugural Ma & Morley Scholars are an incredible group, who lift each other up and are the first to celebrate each others' successes. For their bios, they have elected to anonymously write each others, to highlight what they believe to be the best parts of the people around them. The scholars have also been asked to answer the question:

"What's one moment from China you'll never forget?"



Elijah Lynch

Eli is the smiliest person you will ever meet. He is so loved by each person who went on the trip because of his warm glow, optimistic attitude, jokester personality and friendly nature.

Seeing Jasmine's face when the street food we ordered came out.



Alissa Lucas

Alissa is very focused and knows what she wants. An entrepreneur, very inquisitive, highly motivated and will do fantastic at life.

Sitting around as a group and reflecting on the experiences we were having.



Georgia O'Brien

Georgia is such a sweet and funny girl. I am so grateful that I got the chance to spend some time with her and get to know her better. Worth getting sick and nearly getting killed by that taxi driver.

When I got to meet Jack Ma, I will forever be grateful for this.

“What’s one moment from China you’ll never forget?”



Brent Cassidy

Looking for honesty, a listening ear, or an insightful conversation? Looking for inspiration, or a terrible yet hilarious joke? Brent’s your man!

Splashing in the waters at Lingyin Temple...Om Namah Shivaya!



Chezarne Cuffe

Chezarne is such a fun, loving, caring person. You can always count on her to have a laugh with you and also bring a little bit of her natural sass to every situation.

Eli belly sliding on the lobby floor of a 5 star hotel.



Georgia Young

Georgia is an awesome, caring and super cool gal that I’m lucky to call my friend! She knows how to break it down on the d-floor and she is the ultimate environmental conservationist. She rocks!

Out the back of our hotel in the playground. Jamie led night meditation under the moon.



Gidail Bakini

Gidy is an easy-going and down to earth human being with plenty of love and sarcasm to share. Behind his unapologetic cynicism, Gidy has an innate depth that is both empathetic and understanding.

A special friendship that was formed at the Hangzhou Normal University.



Grace Roberts

One of the most genuine people I've met. Incredibly intelligent and funny. Chokes on her food while laughing and expects friends to help.

On the bus with everyone, I felt a feeling of contentment and belonging. Pure happiness.



James O'Sullivan

James has kept me laughing during the entire trip. He is determined, intelligent, kind, selfless and an overall great person. I am glad to have met someone like him.

Having the opportunity to meet and sit right beside Jack Ma.



Jasmin L'Green

Jasmin is quite comical, but at the same time really down-to-earth and capable. She's just got an aura of fun and a genuine passion for conservation and law.

I believe it was a collection of moments everyday which, when put together, have created this unforgettable experience.



Jessica Philbrook

Jess is an incredibly strong and beautiful woman. She has a hilarious sense of humour and the ability to be able to talk to anyone. I believe our friendship has the potential to last for life.

Sharing my childhood dream of climbing the Great Wall with my Ma and Morley family.





Jarred Zeman

A down to earth person who has undoubtedly grown over his journey as a Ma and Morley Scholar. He never fails to make people feel comfortable.

Nervously waiting for Jack Ma to speak. His humbleness and generosity made a lasting impression on me.



Jason Connor

Jason is a kind and fun-loving person. He kept all of us laughing throughout the whole trip. He brought a new perspective to the experience, and it wouldn't have been the same without him.

Meeting Jack Ma, the question and answer time with him was fantastic.



Jessica Vickery

Jess' caring, considerate, 'mother-hen' nature has her forever thinking of others before herself. Jess' strength, resilience and courage are inspiring.

Dancing with new and old friends at the West Lake.



Joanna Fu

Behind her smile and positive outlook of the world, Jo is humble and generous. She's incredibly insightful, sophisticated and independent.

Watching people fall in love with the place I had grown up in but had never loved before.





Josh Walker

Always surrounded by sanity and peace, even in the craziest moments, Josh is quiet but when you get talking with him it's nothing but great, intelligent conversation.

There's always an innate sense of peace around nature, and for me, it was more serene in the tea hills.



Kishaya Delaney

Thinking of Kishaya, a few things come to mind; seeking out the deep friend dough for breakfast, her style (I am talking matching pink velour tracksuit), & her evidence based approach to her values.

Reaching the top of the Great Wall of China on a humid 35-degree day.



Nathaniel Arnold

Nathaniel is the best Tasmanian export that Newcastle has ever received! A kind spirit that always brings something unique to the table. Nathaniel is something real special and is an amazing addition to the Ma + Morley family.

The moment another scholar allowed himself to be vulnerable.



Odette Brown

Odette is a proud indigenous woman who is on a journey with people. She is always happy and never afraid to speak her mind. Odette is passionate about preserving the culture of her people – and that's admirable.

Definitely climbing all the way to the top of the Great Wall.





Liam Hassen

While he may have seemed quiet at first, this bearded legend's charisma and banter is not to be underrated. Liam was a positive presence the entire trip and I'm grateful for all the laughs we shared.

Getting the chance to connect with such wonderful people.



Luisa Amosa

Fierce from a distance, at least when she roars, Luisa's strength is balanced by delight and passion up close. The positive social impact she has already made is both remarkable and inspiring.

At the Paradise Foundation reserve, I spent 10 minutes alone reflecting on the day beside giant coy fish.



Olivia Carroll

Liv is an amazing example of the power of friendship. Her warmth and inquisitive nature means she will always make you feel welcome and heard. Liv's sense of decency, respect and hope are such valuable qualities to find in a friend.

"Failure is a reflection of your personal perception – we decide what failure means to ourselves."



Phoebe McIlwraith

Phoebe is a passionate and creative advocate for social justice and Aboriginal affairs. She is a strong willed individual who isn't afraid to stand true to her values and is a friend to all. Her ability to work the camera angles is enviable.

I'll never forget the night after meeting Jack Ma, elation was in the air and people were full of cheer.



Rachel Field

Rachel is one of the most kind-hearted characters of the group, she is always smiling, always laughing. She is someone who speaks her mind which is admired by many including myself.

I'll never forget when we bought silly rainbow umbrella hats at the Forbidden City.



Rosalie Connor

Rosalie is cool, calm and a voice of reason! No challenge is too great for her, she pursues her dreams with passion... Beat me up the Great Wall of China and then some.

The wonderful friendships that I have been able to create with some of the scholars that I hope will last a lifetime.



Thom Levick

Tom is super funny, honest and enjoyable to be around. He's passionate about social and environmental change and continually educates those around him to further positive change.

Coming back from the ethnic minorities conference and discussing the different ways in which China and Australia discuss and treat their ethnic minorities.



Vanessa McDonald

Vanessa is intelligent, generous, passionate, and ambitious. Vanessa is a 'fashionista,' never goes out without looking fabulous and loves a quality satin scarf. She's amazing and I'm blessed to have such a beautiful new friend.

China changed the way I see the world by really taking in my surroundings.



We're a diverse group of people, from all walks of life. Seeing 30 people come together in the way that we have, really is a breath of fresh air. The values of the program shine out of this group — all in different ways — bringing strength and depth to the program. I can't wait to see how this unfolds. I'm already shook thinking about the possibilities for positive change in our lives, and more importantly in the lives of others and our world. The friendships in this program have grown rapidly — it's heartwarming, refreshing. I see great value in the the ability to learn from each other and reflect on our experience as a whole. Lovely.

Letter from the Gardener



In a garden, no plant grows alone. The unique growth of each leaf, tendril, root and branch is a result of the surrounding garden. Yet, each plant is on its own journey to bear its own fruits. In this way a garden is not a collection of plants, it is a synergy – a whole greater than the sum of its parts.

The Ma & Morley scholar community is synergistic, just like a garden, and the China immersion experience was a fertiliser that boosted its growth. Within the pages of this zine are reflections and snapshots of individual personal experiences that cannot be separated from the journey of the group. The weather of one Scholar, impacted the outlook of another.

In 10 years from now when you peruse the pages of this zine you will be reminded of the remarkable moments. Meeting Jack Ma and learning from his grace, wisdom, humbleness. Being inspired by the tendrils of Jack's vision for the world – Alibaba, the Paradise Foundation, the Jack Ma Foundation, OFO. Climbing the Great Wall of China together and laying witness to an ancient culture with global contemporary significance.

What you won't see in the pages of the Zine are the stretch marks on your mind and the expansion of your heart that each moment created, the invisible bonds between each of you that could have only formed by embarking on a journey like this together.



As aspiring agents of change the fruits of your endeavours will be the fairer, peaceful, and sustainable society you help shape - may your fruits be more bountiful thanks to this inaugural Ma & Morley Scholar China Immersion.



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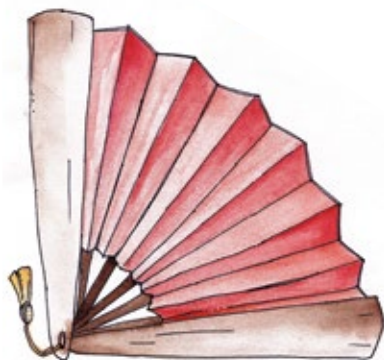


Grateful Project –

Story #093 – 02/07/2018

A story. A fellow scholar and I were shopping for a fan and found a little shop with a beautiful owner. She tried to help us, not sell to us, which was such a welcome change. I browsed through the fans whilst my friend struck up a conversation with the shop owner about the stress balls in the shop.

Eventually, I found a fan that I liked. It was a tad faded and damaged, yet it was built well and it had character. As it turns out, it was the owners personal fan that she had been using for a year... and had just sat down for a moment.



We asked if it would be ok to buy the fan, and she offered a price. We gladly paid slightly more than the asking price, and before we could stray too far she called out to us. She gave us the stress balls my friend had looked at earlier as a gift.

We left that shop with more than just a fan and some stress balls, we left having made a new friend.

I am grateful for this memory.



West Lake





茄子



EXPLORE

成长



友谊

GROWTH

most basic of human
needs - love and friendship.



"It's really just the end of the beginning..."

FRIENDSHIP



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INSPIRING



鼓舞人心的

Today was insightful and motivating.
I am so lucky to have this opportunity;
even luckier to have formed the
friendships that I have.

Ken went on to become a highly influential figure in Jack's life, instilling core values and a global perspective that positively impacted Jack's future and contributed to his personal success.

The degree of failure is reflective
of your personal perception

Diversity is
humanity's greatest strength.

CURIOUS

CREATIVE

OPEN
MINDED

LOVING

HAPPY

SIMPLE

Calvin! Staff member for Atte Jack
Ma foundation focusing on their
report boarding school initiative.
Exchanged details on WeChat.

LEARNING



学习

DIVERSITY



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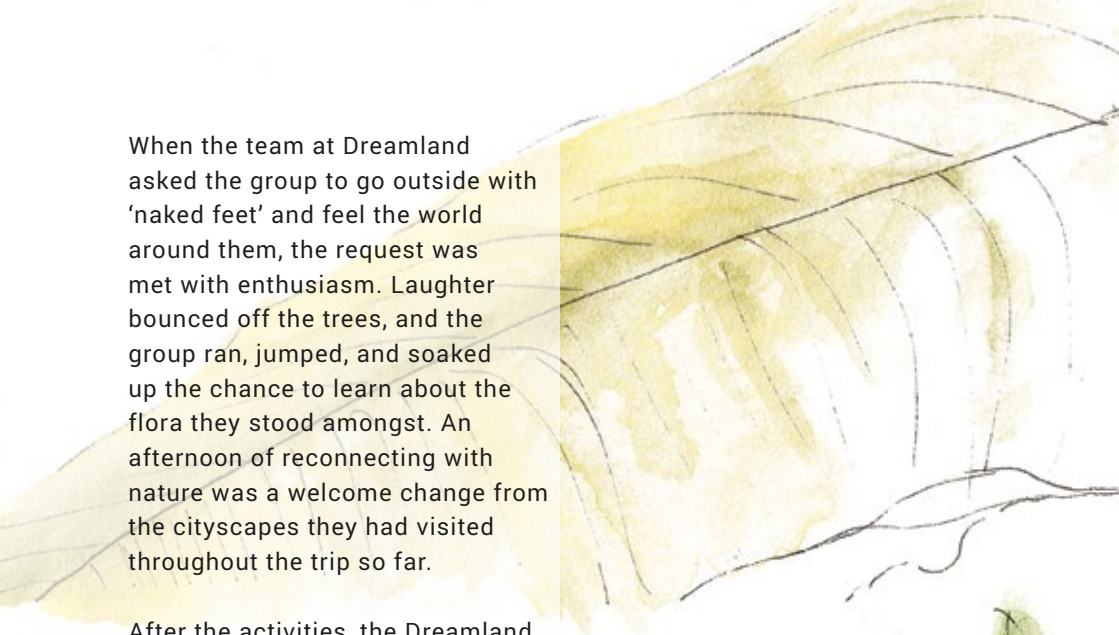


A Piece of Paradise

What is your idea of paradise?
Close your eyes, rest your head
back, and picture this:

The blistering heat of the day swells around you as you step into the flourishing botanical gardens. With that one step, the concrete jungle of Hangzhou fades away. A cool oasis waits for you in the shape of a small cabin nestled amongst a thick forest. As you enter the room, you're met with smiling faces, and the trees outside dance to soft breezes, as if waving down at you. Welcome to paradise, The Dreamland Nature Centre.

The day spent at Dreamland was powerful. The staff crafted a space that allowed a group so concerned with environmental issues to see how that plays out on a global stage. It was there in that room where an important question was posed; what is your idea of paradise? For many it was sparkling blue water, for others it was rolling hills or arid land...a sunburnt country. For all, it meant a connection to the land.



When the team at Dreamland asked the group to go outside with 'naked feet' and feel the world around them, the request was met with enthusiasm. Laughter bounced off the trees, and the group ran, jumped, and soaked up the chance to learn about the flora they stood amongst. An afternoon of reconnecting with nature was a welcome change from the cityscapes they had visited throughout the trip so far.

After the activities, the Dreamland team asked the group to be still, and reflect on their discussions of the day. With the goals of conservation and protection in their minds, and the feel of fresh grass under their feet as they walked back to reality, it was a moment worth savouring.

Upon walking back, the scholars were asked to observe the towering tree above them. They were challenged to consider what was special about this one tree. "The white cedar tree" Jamie's voiced echoed through the clearing, "is the only tree native to both Australia and China." It was there under the majestic white cedar, the tree that spanned nations, where the world seemed to stand still and the air was calm and clear, that the word paradise took on a new life.



Di San Xian 地三鲜

(Sautced Eggplant Dish)



Ingredients:

- ¼ cup oil
- 8 oz. green beans, cut into 2-3 inch long pieces
- 1 long purple eggplant (approx. 8 oz), cut into ½" x 2" strips
- 2 slices ginger, julienned
- 6 cloves garlic, smashed and coarsely chopped
- 1 red holland chili, de-seeded and sliced (Too hot? substitute with red bell pepper)
- 2 tablespoons light soy sauce
- Salt, to taste
- ⅛ teaspoon ground white pepper

Directions:

1. In a flat bottomed frying pan, heat the oil over medium heat, and fry the green beans. Roll the beans around slowly until wrinkly and slightly crisp. Use a slotted spoon to remove them to a plate and set aside.
2. Using the oil in the pan, repeat Step 1 with the eggplant using slightly higher heat. Roll until skin is slightly brown, and the eggplant is tender. Remove the eggplant from the pan and set aside with the green beans.
3. Add one tablespoon of the leftover oil in a wok over medium heat. Add the ginger, garlic, and red chili, and cook for a minute. Mix in the green

beans and eggplant, and then the light soy sauce, salt, and white pepper. Stir-fry for 1-2 minutes, and serve.



Serving Suggestion: *Serve on a lazy susan, atop a round table. Best enjoyed by 8 hungry vegans.*

- MY FIRST MESSAGE HOME

Dear Nihsa,
I am so much
in love with
you!
I am so much
in love with
you!
I am so much
in love with
you!





The Hug 探索

We never really spoke at the welcome event.

Throughout the year, with all the community involvement I did, I kept hearing people speak so highly of this incredible, passionate, brave, inspiring young leader, who just happened to have values that aligned with my own.

So, I was hopeful that a friendship would unfold organically between us...and it did!

In an 'around the campfire' way, one evening in Hangzhou I came to tell the story of my past. The group listened on, more intensely

than I would have anticipated, but such made me feel accepted and interesting to these new people in my life.

This one person though, with tears in their eyes and a voice that crackled with emotion, extended their arms and hugged me tight. Told me how I had changed their world view. This person who was by reputation inspiring, I had inspired.

We really bonded I think, two different people in our normal lives, but this program has connected us. We share similar dreams, and when your dreams are as big as ours...



I connected deeply with at least a handful more, and shared many laughs and moments with the rest. I think every scholar came back with this handful of strong connections too.

For me though, that hug was the most magical moment of the trip. What made it so was, this guy who I had started to imagine as my hero was now my mate...and he still is. Since we have been back we volunteer together, talk shop about changing the world together, and even dream about how we can give back to the program down the track.



A Timeless Moment



7,771 kilometres separate Newcastle and Hangzhou; the Ma & Morley Scholars had travelled a long way for this moment.

The day began with a guided tour of Alibaba, past walls that were alive with technology, and rooms with history weaved into the carpet. To walk through Alibaba was to experience the future.

Anticipation swelled, Alibaba was awe inspiring, but the pinnacle of the day was moments away.

The scholars would meet Jack Ma.

Words had not evaded them the entire trip, yet they sat in nervous

silence awaiting Jack's arrival. Whispers of Jack's arrival swept through the room and the scholars held their breath and sat taller in their chairs.

A raucous applause broke the silence as Jack Ma entered the room. The group exhaled as one. Time seemed to slow, it was somehow both hazy and crystal clear. As four scholars addressed the room, the group was all smiles, brimming with pride.

Decades of history connected these scholars to this one man. Their stories interweaving and expressed through a shared vision for a more just, peaceful, and sustainable society.



As Jack spoke the room became still, an atmosphere of utter focus. The scholars soaked in the words that flowed from Jack's mouth, "Without love, no one is brave", his words of wisdom rung throughout the room.

It was time for the scholars to pose questions to Jack, "Before I answer, let me ask you a question..." he replied, with interest and passion. Caught up in the moment he continued, "One more question... two more...".

The timeless moment gradually came to a close. An abundance of photos were snapped as the group walked Jack from the building,

keepsakes that will line the walls of homes for years to come.

The scholars exhausted smiles painted the room, and the memory was already sinking deep into their hearts, where it will lay forever. Jack's words left a permanent imprint on their mind, ready to be recalled when inspiration beckons, or when courage needs to be stirred...

***"You are the
ambassadors of
responsibility,
courage & wisdom."***

Jack Ma



We used to take these great hikes on the Great Wall, from our hikes, we developed a friendship that ended up with us combining forces in forming this new Chinese company.

- Jack Ma



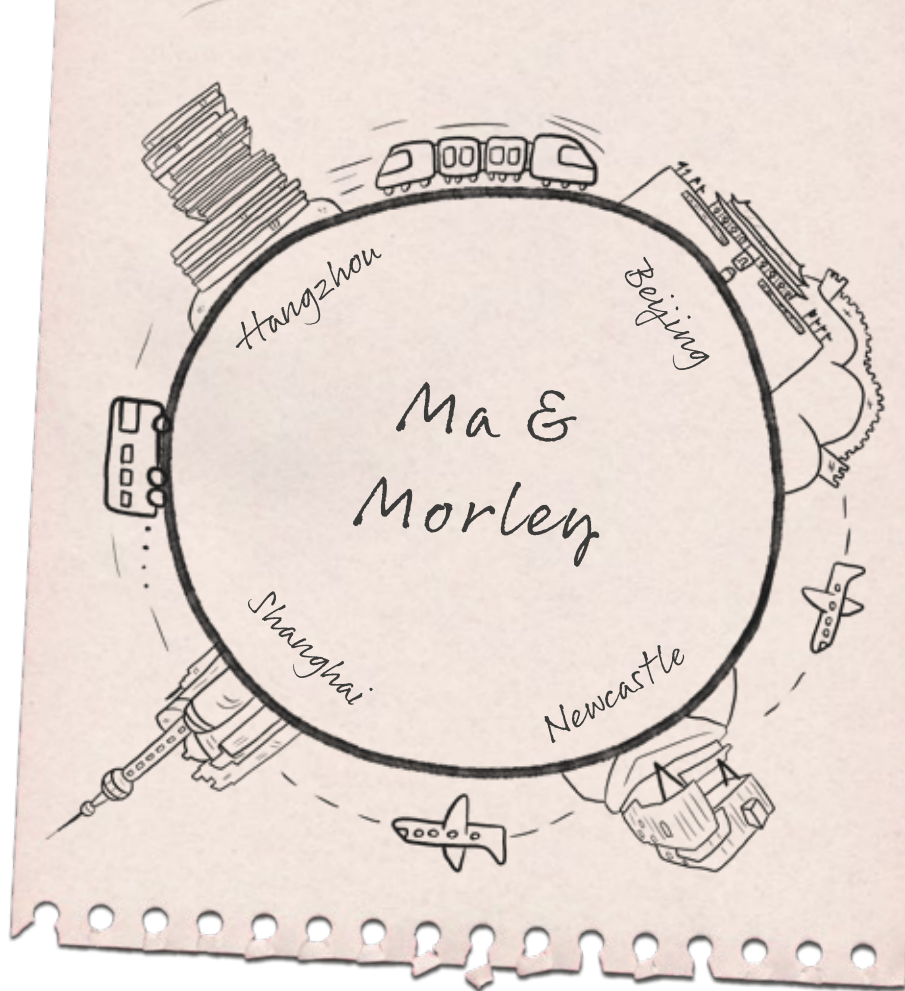


Woo Hoo! Today I climbed the Great Wall with the most incredible group of people! Wow, what an experience, I'm still up on cloud nine.

The friendships we've made on this journey are growing everyday spent here in China and after today I feel like the bonds are even stronger.

Just when you thought it couldn't get any better!
Who knows where this journey will take us?







"Making new friends in China was an effortless experience, as lifelong authentic connections were made from the fun we had, conversations, laughs, and meals shared. Memories that will last a lifetime."

"Going to the tea plantation and being welcomed into the family restaurant was a really unique experience."

"Seeing a small family run a business like they're welcoming long lost friends back into their home was something I'd never experienced before."



"The friendships and connections formed on this immersion made me feel a part of my very own family away from home. I am forever grateful for my amazing new 30 brothers and sisters."



Friendship



Friendship at its core,
Is universal.
It pulls me in
With its enduring nature.

Two people from
two cultures,
Coming together to build.
Building memories,
Building a story.

Friendship impacts lives,
Not just your own,
But those around you,
Those who love you.

It's connection.
The unbreakable bond
between two souls.
It's opportunity and passion,
Enlightening and inspiring.

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Friendship is likeminded people,
A tête-a-tête over coffee or beer.
Connectedness and drive,
Impacting the world around you.

It is easily acknowledged,
Taken for granted and swept up
in the day to day.
Dismissal of relationships,
Relative and important.

Friendship is a beautiful community,
It is constructs; music and art.
A bridge to connect us
as individuals,
Cross the bridge to come home.

It's perseverance, strength, will,
Surreal.
Thoughtful and flowing,
Paradise.



Friendship is the enormity
of opportunity,
Knowing no bounds.
Friends becoming family,
Blending together to create beauty.

The beginning of something amazing,
Impactful and kind.
Trust in the future,
Trust in love.

Friendship is extreme gratitude,
Quiet moments,
Between two strangers,
Leading to special experiences.





It is indescribable.

Comfort in turning to a friend,

Comfort in feeling loved,

Comfort in connection.

Friendship is phenomenal,

A series of moments,

All leading to this...

Life changing friendship.



That was crazy tbh we went to china



w i l d

Love you all miss my fam already xo



Can't believe it's over already,
stay safe everyone and rest up!
Hard to say goodbye but many
catch ups in the future

Thank you so much everyone!
Miss you all already! I've had
so much fun over the last week
and a half with you all



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Wow, what an amazing trip guys!! Thank you to each and everyone of you for making this trip so special, it was truly a life changing experience. I'm feeling so much more connected to all of you and I'm so grateful we were given the opportunity to have been able to spend the past 12 days in a completely foreign culture, sharing, bonding and laughing together. I have made lifetime friendships, love ya all and stay in touch.



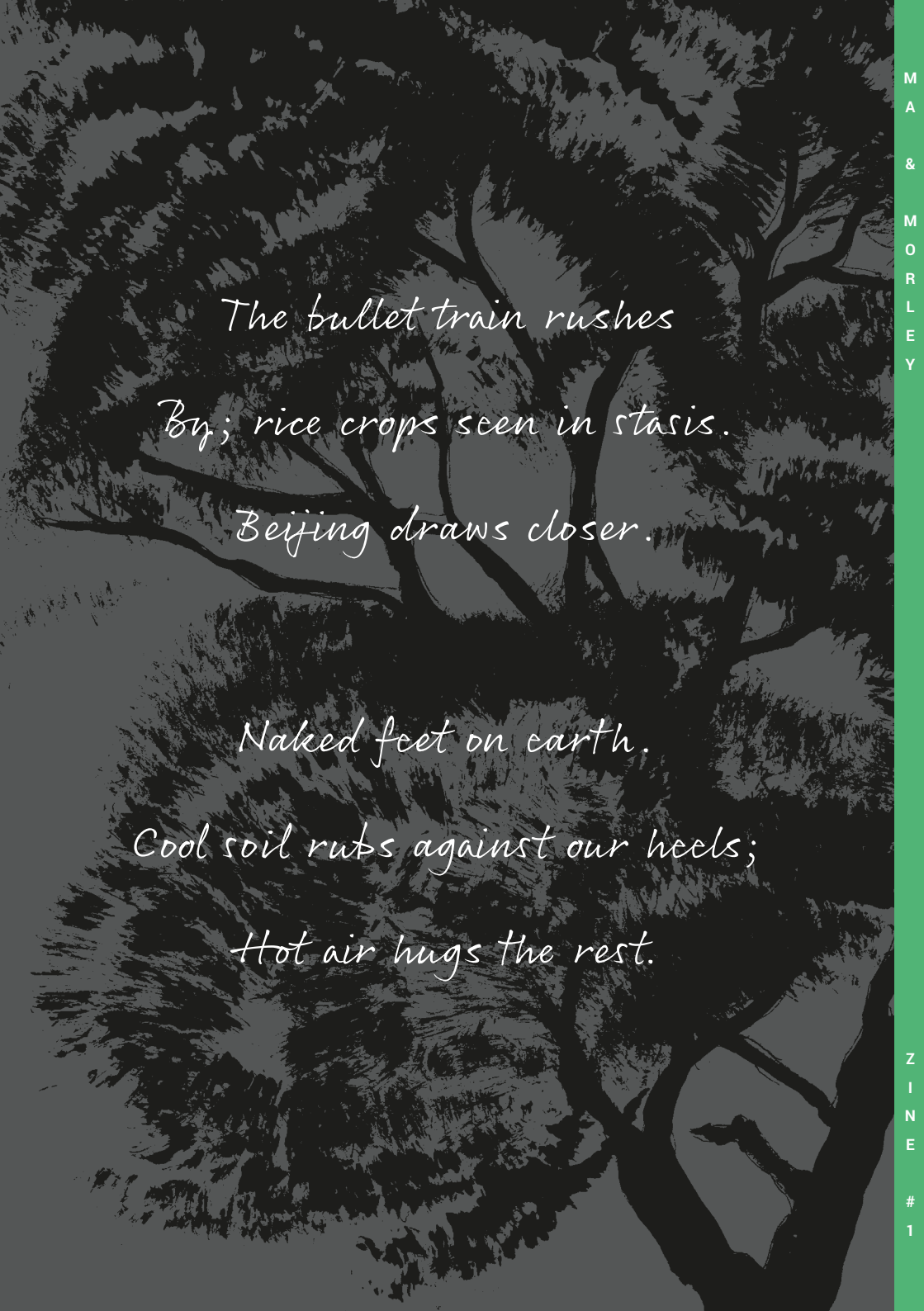
Follow the sun woo hoo!!! I feel like each of u have created sunshine in my life, you guys are so inspirational, like the sun. I will try my best to follow your inspiration

Hangzhou Tea Fields -
28th June 2018





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*The bullet train rushes
By; rice crops seen in stasis.
Beijing draws closer.*

*Naked feet on earth.
Cool soil rubs against our heels;
Hot air hugs the rest.*