

# WEEK 8-9

## Chengdu American Center

### Field Trip to Western Sichuan

On April 23rd, students from the World Music class took a two-day trip to Western Sichuan to learn about the musical culture and heritage of the Tibetan ethnic group. World Music professor Dr. Wen Liu, her graduate students from Sichuan Conservatory of Music, and other students from G-MEO's program also joined this trip. During the trip, the students got to enjoy the beautiful scenery and voices of the western Sichuan plateau.



*Group photo in front of a snowy mountain*



*Professional performances from the Tibetan locals*



*A traditional Guo Zhuang dance*



*A sharing session by the bonfire after watching the performances*

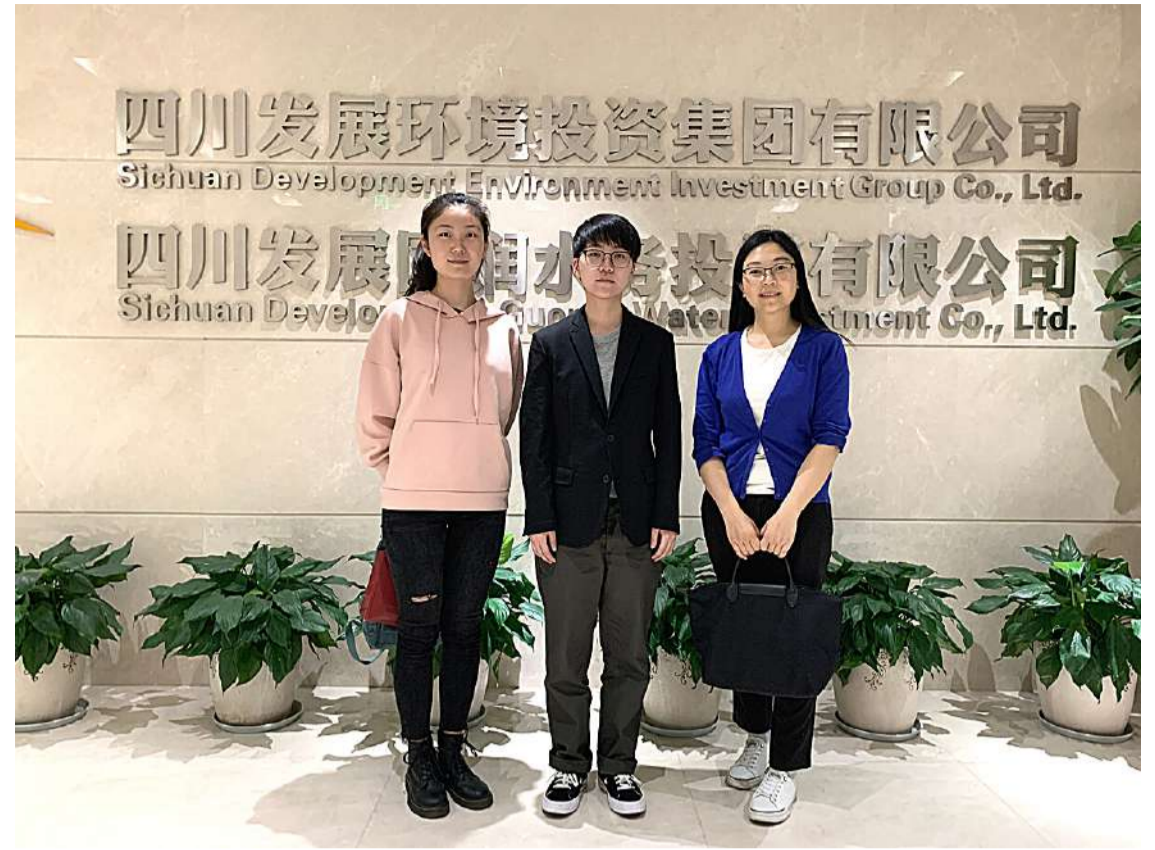
### Student Voice

"The field trip to Shenmulei in western Sichuan provided me an opportunity to relax from my busy study life. During the trip, I learned about the customs and traditional culture of the Tibetan ethnic group. Their enthusiasm made me quickly adapt myself to their lives. It's pleasant to hear them singing and dancing. I also got a clearer understanding of world music. The only pity was that the time was limited and we only spent two days there. I will continue to participate in more activities like this in the future."

**--Mingtao Zhao, Finance major, Sophomore from American University**

## Visit to an Internship Provider

Last week, the Center's Director Ms. Sara Luo and Program Coordinator Ms. Crystal Nie paid a visit to one of the internship providers - Sichuan Development Environment Investment Group Co. Ltd. During the visit, the students' internship supervisors talked about how they have performed since starting their internships at this company. G-MEO appreciates the patience and professionalism from the internship supervisors in guiding our students and we look forward to further cooperation.



*The Center's Program Coordinator Ms. Crystal Nie, student internship supervisor Mr. Long, and Center's Director Ms. Sara Luo*



*Students were finishing the scavenger hunt assignments*

## Field Trip to a Local Farmers' Market

During the 9th week, students from the World Food and Culture class made a visit to Chengdu Yulin Comprehensive Market. During the trip, they got into groups and did a scavenger hunt where they had to find items from different categories such as fruits and vegetables, meat and seafood, rice and grains, and other spices and ingredients. The students were asked to learn the names of the food, take a picture, and ask about their prices. By organizing various kinds of field trips, we hope our students can learn not only from the classroom, but also have the opportunity to step out of the classroom and learn by experiencing and practicing.

## Student Voice

"My experiences studying with G-MEO have been great. The professors here are committed to English instruction, while also arranging different field trips. For World Food and Culture class, we went to the largest comprehensive market in Chengdu to observe and learn about different cooking ingredients. In the meantime, G-MEO also offers different themed snack-and-dessert days and activities to help us better engage in the learning community and experience distinct Chengdu features."

**--Ziqing Qiu, Business Management major, Junior from American University**

## Student Voice

"The two-day field trip to Qiaqi Tibetan country has ended. In the past two days, this group of Chinese international students from G-MEO and I experienced a special World Music class with Professor Liu. We watched Tibetan dancing performances and experienced folk music. We also participated in a bonfire party with local people. On the second day, we had a tour around the Shennmulei scenic spot, where the beauties of nature astonished all of us. Thank you G-MEO and Professor Liu for inviting me on this fun and fruitful trip!"

**--Ting Wu, Graduate Student from Sichuan Conservatory of Music**