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Aufenthalt an der Fudan University im Rahmen der Strategischen Partnerschaft

It is of great value for me to visit Fudan University under the financial support of Strategischen Partnerschaft. I benefit greatly from this two-month visit. It not only advanced my PhD research but also in a way promoted my professional career. The beautiful campus, the kind professors, the industrious students and the good research support system all impressed me deeply.

Short portrait of the host institution

Fudan University is among the top-five universities in mainland China, located in the city of Shanghai. Established in 1905, the university has expanded to 77 research institutes, 112 cross-disciplinary research institutes and 5 national key laboratories, covering a wide range of subjects. Fudan University enrolls over 45,000, including full-time students and students in continuing education and online education. Additionally, there are nearly 1,760 students from overseas, ranking second nationally (the data is from Wikipedia).

Fudan is now composed of four campuses, including Handan, Fenglin, Zhangjiang, and Jiangwan, among which Handan campus is the main campus. Handan campus contains the majority of the schools and departments. It also consists of four sub-campuses, namely the headquarters campus, the south campus, the north campus, and the east campus. The Department of Psychology is located in the Humanities and Social Science Building at the south campus. In addition, the international office is located in the headquarters campus.

First contact with the host university

Once I arrived in Shanghai on 11 March, I phoned my Fudan’s supervisor Professor Guohong Wu directly and made an appointment with him to discuss my visit plans. It was a rather pleasant experience to meet him at the first time. He is a very nice, considerate and conscientious person. He was very concerned about of my living in Shanghai and even proposed to find an apartment for me. We talked firstly in his office and had a lunch together then. I gave him a detailed introduction of my Ph.D. research in Goethe University and also talked with him the schedule of my visit. Since Professor Wu is a renowned expert of intelligence research, he gave me quite useful advice of how to advance my research, and how to make best of the stay in Fudan University concerning my research project. Additionally, he invited me to give a presentation introducing the development of psychological research in Germany and parts of my research to their graduate students in Fudan University.

In addition to getting in touch with my academic supervisor, I also visited the international office of Fudan University and gave them a copy of the authorized documents issued by the International office of Goethe University. I was very glad to learn that I am the first exchange