

Sorry I didn't talk much in this trip, however, I believe I participated in every way that any team member had, if not more. This trip is quite inspiring, I think it will change someone's mind about wanting or not wanting to become a doctor. My parents told me that becoming a doctor is one of the major successes in career, though I think it all depends on your passion because no career is easy.

The internship was pretty intense, I pretty much followed another member Jackie in shadowing the doctors since early mornings. There were times we lost track of time on working in the lab and discussion sessions with the other real medical students. When it got dark, I was more reluctant to stay there. The hospital is big, sometimes when I had to work alone, I was afraid that I would get lost and end up in a mortuary or something.

At dinner, we joked about the creepy stuff and my doctor mentor told me that seeing death is part of their job which I never thought about before I came. I asked Dr. Chen if she'd be scared to see the dead, she said that when anything becomes a job, you would view it differently from a normal person would. To her, a dead person is just another "project" that must be turned to another coworker or diener, and she would have to move on to the next live patient. I never thought about this perspective before I joined this program. It makes me think a lot.

After the internship at the hospital our team went on to the Zhangjiajie National Park. I wasn't so interested in sightseeing until Jackie told me that the place inspired the movie Avatar. The place is truly magical and breathtaking. The sights are nowhere close my description. It's like a combo between Yosemite and Grand Canyon, the word beautiful doesn't even do it justice. The hike was pretty long, we had a lot of chats along the way. I got to meet new friends from both my peers and the doctors, and I think we can be lifelong friends. Lastly, I want to thank John Ma and his medical crew for planning this trip so worthwhile and gave us so many thought-provoking things to work on. I really appreciate the resources and experience that I got from this AE medical program.

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