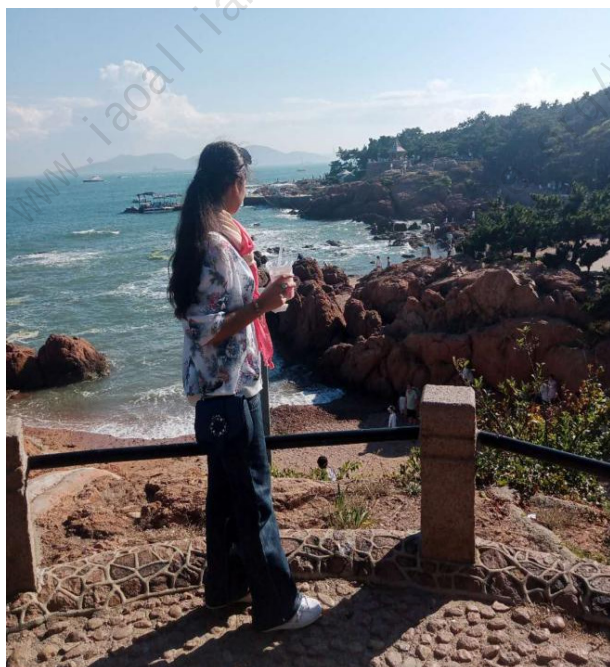


机遇的织锦：我在中国的青春求学时光

A Tapestry of Opportunity: My Life as a Young Student in China

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我叫沙米恩·法蒂玛 (音译), 巴基斯坦是我引以为荣的故乡。2022年夏天, 随着我们全家移居中国北京, 我的人生展开了崭新的篇章。开学前的一个月, 我沉浸在探索这座城市的喜悦中。这里古老传统与现代创新交融的景象瞬间吸引了我——人们既保持着专注勤勉的奋斗精神, 又洋溢着友善好客的温暖情怀。

My name is Sharmeen Fatima, and I am proud to call Pakistan my home. My life took an exciting turn when my family and I moved to Beijing, China, in the summer of 2022. The month before school started was a period of wonderful discovery. I was immediately fascinated by the unique blend of ancient traditions and modern innovation all around me. I found the people to be incredibly hardworking and focused, yet also very friendly and welcoming.

I started my studies at Pakistan Embassy College (Beijing), enrolling in the 5th grade. I have now happily progressed to my first year of IGCSE. This journey has been made so rewarding because of the safe and peaceful environment that allows me to go out alone. Additionally, the sense of safety is amazing. In fact, the incredible sense of security is the most liberating part of my experience. As a girl, I finally have the freedom to go out without fear, even late at night, which is a feeling I truly cherish. Back in Pakistan, it was normal for my Parents to be worried about me. The second thing is the outstanding cleanliness. The streets, parks, and public spaces are remarkably clean and well-maintained. I have never seen another country where citizens share such a strong sense

我在巴基斯坦使馆学校（北京）开启求学之旅，入学时就读五年级。现在，如今已顺利升入国际普通中等教育证书（IGCSE）一年级。这段时光让我收获满满，一切的美好，都源于这里安全平和的环境。事实上，这种强烈的安全感是我这段经历中最让我感到自由的部分。作为一个女孩，我终于能毫无畏惧地外出，即便在深夜也无需担忧，这种感觉我真的无比珍视。在巴基斯坦时，父母担心我独自外出是再平常不过的事。其次让我印象深刻的是这里极佳的卫生环境。街道、公园和公共空间都异常干净，且维护得很好。我从未见过其他国家的公民对保持环境一尘不染有如此强烈的责任感。这也让整座城市成为一个更舒适、更健康的居住地。

最让我倾心的是这里无微不至的便利性。无论是儿童、学生还是家庭，每个人都能享受到完善的公共设施。公交、地铁等公共交通四通八达，操作简便，足以带你抵达任何想去的地方。这里的一切，都为让生活更省心而设计。

另一件让我感到惊讶的事，是中国既弘扬自身文化，也接纳其他文化。就在最近。我的学校举办了一个国际日活动，来自世界各地的学生分享了各自祖国的美食、音乐和故事。

我也很幸运，能在这个幅员辽阔的国家里稍微游历了一番。去海滨城市青岛的那次旅行，是一段难忘的精彩回忆。那里的海景令人惊叹，我在海滩聆听着汹涌的海浪拍打海岸，度过了无比美好的一天。

我想，我在这里遇到的种种机遇，学术上的、文化上的、个人成长上的，都是我在其他地方或许根本无法触及的。在这里的经历让我发生了彻底的转变，而这种转变在故乡或许永远不会有。我过去总梦想着去英国、美国这类国家求学，但在这里生活之后，我的想法完全变了。不可否认，那些国家确实是很棒的去处，但我的亲身体验让我坚信：中国绝非仅仅是一个备选，更是优质教育与高品质生活的首选。我满怀信念与希望，渴望能回到中国攻读大学学业，并开展未来的事业。这个国家不仅是我生活过的地方，更已成为我生命的一部分，这片充满机遇、安全与无限成长可能的土地，我由衷地渴望称它为我的第二故乡。

of responsibility for keeping their environment spotless. It makes the entire city a more pleasant and healthy place to live in.

Finally, I love how convenient everything is. There are great facilities for everyone: kids, students, and families. Public transport services, such as buses and subways, are easy to use and can take you anywhere. Everything is designed to make life easier.

Another thing that surprised me is how China celebrates both its own culture and others. At my school, we recently had an International Day where students from all over the world shared food, music, and stories from their home countries.

I've also been lucky to travel a little within this vast country. A trip to the coastal city of Qingdao was an unforgettable highlight. The view of the sea was breathtaking. I spent a wonderful day at the beach, listening to the powerful waves crash against the shore.

The opportunities I have encountered here, academic, cultural, and personal, are ones I fear would have been beyond my reach elsewhere. Being here has brought about a total change in me that I might not have had back home. I used to dream about studying in countries like the UK or the US, but after living here, my perspectives have completely changed. While they are undoubtedly excellent destinations, my personal life experience has convinced me that China is not just an alternative, but a premier choice for quality education and a high standard of living. It is with great conviction and hope that I aspire to return to China for my university education and future endeavors. This nation is not just a place I have lived in; it has become a part of who I am—a land of opportunity, safety, and incredible growth that I am eager to call my second home.