Maymester in China Orientation

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- Your Questions?
Getting There

- 2 hours in advance minimum
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- Meet at the gate
Getting There

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- Emergency:
  - Me: 770-570-8756
  - Heather: 706-542-9295
  - Linda Reece: 706-335-5645

- Try to sleep on the plane
- Drink plenty of water
- Avoid caffeine and alcohol
  - Set your watch to Beijing time (12 hours forward)

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See Orientation Manual for packing list

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- A change of clothes in your carry-on
- Feminine products
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Things You Might Want to Bring

- Laptop or tablet?
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- Cell phone
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- Breakfast items
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- Questions?
What Not To Bring

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- Questions?
Health

- Water!!
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- Take it easy for the long haul
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- Health insurance
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- Immunizations and check-up (medical and dental)
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Safety

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- Normal precautions
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- List of credit card numbers and phone numbers
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- Shopping and bargaining
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Academic Issues

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Visa (tourism)
Forms

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- Agreement of Participation
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- Waiver of Liability
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Questions?
Finally

- Have Fun!
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- Questions?