

# GSS China Expedition Trip

## *Chengdu and Xi'an*



### Fostering Friendship

During the June 2011 semester holidays, Greenridge Secondary School Leaders and Key Personnel went on a 5-day expedition to China to visit four schools:

- Chengdu, Dayi Middle School
- Chengdu, RenShou No.1 Middle School
- Xi'an, Gao Xin No.2 School
- Sichuan, Sichuan Normal University Affiliated Secondary School

The objective of this expedition was to explore the potential in partnering schools in China for international exchange programmes for both staff and students of GSS.

Besides visiting schools and introducing Greenridge Secondary School to our foreign partners, the expedition team also visited numerous places of interest for possible learning programmes for future visits by our school students and staff.



*GSS presented the token of appreciation "Friendship forever" to Gao Xin No.2 School*



*A big welcome on the electronic billboard during the visit to RenShou No.1 Middle School*

## *From Each His Best*



## Chengdu Panda Research Base

Chengdu Panda Research Base is a non-profit research and breeding facility for giant pandas and other rare animals. Founded in 1987, it started with only 6 giant pandas that were rescued from the wild. Today, it has more than 62 captive pandas in the facility.

## Xi'an World Horticultural Expo

This horticultural exposition was held in Xi'an. The exhibition theme was "Harmony between human beings and the nature". The aim was to promote different the development of economy, culture and technology of different countries.



Xi'an  
Flora



## Terracotta Warriors Museum, Xi'an

The magnificent 'Terracotta Army' is a collection of terracotta sculptures depicting the armies of the first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. Buried with the emperor in 210-209 BC, their purpose was to protect the emperor in his afterlife. It was discovered by some local farmers in 1974. It was estimated that the site contained over 8000 soldiers and 520 horses.

## Xi'an Ancient City Wall

This old city wall of Xi'an was part of the city structure layout of more than ten ancient China dynasties. Within the ancient city wall, there are pagodas, palaces, Buddhist monasteries, and museums showcasing the various relics and sculptures of various dynasties.



Xi'an Old City Wall  
西安古城墙