



## 我的中国相册里的华府青年



### Jack Wang—reflections on the my China Album event

By: Jack Wang

On Wednesday, March 28th, I attended the “My China Album” event, hosted by the Chinese Embassy in the USA. I felt very honored to be a part of such an event.

Entering the Embassy, I immediately notice various promotions for tourism across China. China, being a very large country, contains many different forms of landscapes and culture, from the high-tech areas in Guangzhou, to the high mountains in Tibet. It is great to see that travel to China has now been much easier for people in the US, with a 240 hour visa-free layover period, allowing for a more immersive experience in China without the hassle of applying for a visa. Traveling to different countries is not just for fun, but also allows the sharing of cultures, enabling people, particularly from places as different as the US and China, to understand each other more. I hope that Americans attending this event could use these new policies to travel to China and experience its wonders.

The upper floors also contain a couple demonstrations of technologies that were being developed in China, such as a robot dog, which is able to mimic the actions of a regular dog, performing various gestures like bows and handshakes to people. I also saw smartglass which incorporates AI, allowing it to have useful features like improved real time

translation and quick messaging. These technologies showed how China progressed since the 1970s, becoming a major hub of technology inventions today.

### My Experience of the “My China Album” Event

By: Angela Li

On May 28, 2025, I attended the “My China Album—My China Footprints” event, co-hosted by the Chinese embassy and China Daily. As reflected by the name, this initiative features personal photos, short films and interactive exhibits that explore US citizens’ experiences and personal stories with China. The first half of the event, Glimpses of “Modern China”, was showcasing many things, such as Unitree G1, a 1.3 m tall humanoid robot and Unitree B1, a robot dog. The robots were really cool, and the robot dog jumping around amused the crowds and received lots of applause and laughter. Unitree G1 awed the crowds by waving and shaking hands with everyone. There was also a photo spot and many little activities, like painting a mask and making a poppy magnet using air dry clay, which I tried out. Making the poppy magnet was honestly really relaxing and enjoyable.

At about 7 pm, the “My China Footprints” Premiere & Storytelling began. We first saw a little film premiering the “My China Footprints” that lasted about 5–10 minutes. It dived deeper into the meaning of “My China Album”. After this we listened to a speech from Ambassador Xie Feng, who emphasized the foundation of China’s path to modernization. After this we listened to a video message from the Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of China Daily Qu Yingpu. His message was received with applause from the audience.

After Yingpu’s video message everyone listened to four short video highlights. The first was “My City, My Home”, and we were introduced to the experience of two others who’s traveled to China. “Welcome to the Future” showed the audience China’s journey through technological advancements. “China, Misconceptions vs Reality” debunked many stereotypical thoughts about China, and “City or Not City”, was about the travels of Thelma Lancaster and Evan Kiel, who explored Beijing and Tianjin. When these videos concluded, they were received with much applause.

When we finished listening to these

videos, we heard from two people who have traveled to China. We learned about their experiences, the new friends they made, and how they felt about leaving. After they spoke about their stories and experiences, we heard from two people who talked about the companies they worked at. The first was about Unitree Robotics, the company that made Unitree G1 and Unitree B1 as we saw earlier. The second was about Rokid, a company developing AR glasses. After this we had the lucky draw, in which two people were selected to win a model of an Air China plane or new Rokid glasses. When the draw was over, everyone dug into the buffet. The event concluded at about 9:00 pm or so.

Overall, I found this event to be really fun. I learned more from the experiences of others who’d been to China, and learned more about China’s technological advancements. The activities and food were great, and the showcasing was really cool.

### The greatest Wednesday night

By: Aric Deng

Usually on Wednesdays, most kids like me undergo a very ordinary day. The usual schedule is to go to school, get home, do afterschool after afterschool, sleep, repeat. My mom surprised me on the date of 5/28/25 that the schedule has been paused for a day, and I’ll be going to the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China for a formal event “My China Album”. It was crazy exciting and a change in my boring schedule.

From start to end, this event is nothing like anything I’ve done before. Red carpet outlined the hallways as soon as we passed through security, and everywhere you look there were people dressed most formally as they wandered around the exhibits. Now, I have to stop for a second. See, the event is all about explaining how life in China is far better than we’ve seen from the covers of newspapers and how easy it is to travel and live there for Americans. The main hallway was lined with different booths, from Visa, to vibrant Chinese clothing, and to robot dogs, every corner of the exhibition hall was filled with eye-opening displays. We were even lucky enough to see the Chinese Ambassador came through the hall, with the usual gaggle of reporters around him, just like on TV!

Along with that, CYOC members worked

hard to keep the program up and running, including giving out freebies, writing calligraphy, and even dressing up as a panda to entertain guests! Great job everyone!

After enjoying what we had upstairs, it was time to descend a beautiful staircase with little fountains scattered underneath it, and enter the venue hall for the premiering of a beautifully made video, different people also came on to talk about their experiences in China, and even a raffle was held for some really big prizes.

Though in the eyes of us hungry children, the big buffet was what mattered the most. We packed our plates full of the most delicious Chinese cuisine and sat down to eat a king’s feast. There were all sorts of delicious goodies, from the most insane vermicelli that I’ve ever tried, to some very spicy, but delicious, pieces of shrimp. Even the strawberries and juice were so delicious.

This is such a great opportunity and I deeply thank CYOC for providing us this. So, next year when this comes around, sign up! Cause if you’re one of those tech-nerds, culture lovers, or gourmets, you better come check out this once in a lifetime experience. Man this is good!

### A Footprint of the Future: My Visit to the Chinese Embassy

By: Sophia Wang

The event My China Album and Glimpses of Modern China was incredibly eye-opening and exciting. From the moment we stepped into the Chinese Embassy, I felt curious and eager to explore. The displays showing modern China’s innovations immediately drew my attention. There were some displays showing the technological side of modern China. There was a robotic dog that could walk, jump, climb stairs, and even do tricks! This was super impressive to watch, and I was struck by how similar this dog was to an actual dog, with very realistic movements. It was really amazing how advanced the technology was. I also got to shake hands with a humanoid robot, which was really fun and unexpected. The robot could also wave back, recognizing people’s movements in real time. It was super fascinating and really fun. It made me realize that China has come so far in the technology field, and that the future holds so much more potential!