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West Lake and Hangzhou

Born in Hangzhou, I am so proud of myself for living in a world Heritage. West Lake Landscape was made a UNESECO World Heritage in 2011. UNESCO described it as” influenced garden design in the rest of China as well as Japan and Korea over the centuries. I t reflecting an idealized fusion between humans and nature.”

Living in the city, I know how precious this landscape is to the city. What’s more, I know it is precious to the world. Since ancient time, Hangzhou is so beautiful that Chinese artist come one after another. The prestigious institution China Academy of Art is located on the west lake. Artist portrait the beauty of nature and study the philosophy of nature. The view of west lake is printed on Chinese paper money.

West lake landscape include numerous temples and gardens. The west lake ten scenic spots are named since song Dynasty. Dawn on the Su Causeway in Spring, Curved Yard and Lotus Pool in Summer, Moon over the Peaceful Lake in Autumn and Remnant Snow on the Bridge in Winter constitute the classic Chinese atheistic. They reflects Chinese thoughts about the human and nature.

West lake is also the origin place of most famous Chinese green tea – “Long Jing”. Long Jing in English means Dragon well. According to legend, Qing dynasty emperor Kangxi visited west lake several times during summer. He granted Long Jing as imperial tea.

West Lake is so notable every Chinese speaker knew. However, it is known by English-speaking world recently. Since more and more people are visiting this prestigious place, how to preserve and appropriately develop become a critical issue to this heritage.

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