I realize that a lot of people are going to stay here at Easeland because it’s right next to a university. Therefore, I’m going to give it a second shot because, well, there’s no other place for them to stay that is as good as the hotel from what I heard from a few friends.

Last time, I liked the rooms, even though I was told they were the older ones. It’s got some wear and tear, but the rooms have decent tech.

This time, I got assigned to a balcony room. I promise you I did not ask for the upgrade. I was not expecting one, but frankly, I find the other rooms to be acceptable, so I am going to say that the upgrade is unnecessary unless you’re staying for an extended period.

I guess we should appreciate the fact that there’s five thousand pillows… (not really, more like four per bed)

A large TV is always nice. Boiler, cups, and fridge (inside the cupboard).

An ok sink. If you turn it on all the way, then you get splashed (simple as that). There is a good shower room…

And individual mini bottles!!! Well, I started bringing my own, so I used my own, but I definitely need to mention this. And I always will. Because it’s cost-cutting, and the execution of big junk is not good (aka not locking the bottles, etc. etc.). Yes, it’s the winter, so be aware.

But the entrance was well decorated. It’s Christmas. Don’t argue.

It’s getting settled in, and then it’s finding food. I have quite a few options, go into the city (or somewhere else), go downstairs, or ordering from outside. Confession: all three are good. This was a business trip too, so I’d have to enjoy the downstairs version…

Taoyuan Restaurant has… large seating and small seating. I’ve tried both. Apparently, it’s popular. My suggestion is to book in advance if you’re a party of five or more. Both contain same food. One’s in a private room with a bunch of people that you probably know or look forward to getting to know, and the other isn’t.

But what I’d recommend *avoiding* is the BBQ pork (char siu pork), because the fat content is… basically 100% that I actually sent it back to the kitchen. First time I’ve ever done this in… forever. I was actually horrified that they call this a “special” dish. Nothing was special, *I’ve seen much better dishes in the city. Their replacement wasn’t much better, but I accepted…*

But the others were good. Recommended is the BBQ Pork bun.

I’ve ordered *wai mai* (delivered food through an app) that was actually much better than downstairs. *For a large fraction of the price.* I enjoyed the BBQ, eggs and tomatoes on rice dish. We split three dishes between my friend and myself.

In terms of transportation, if you have DiDi, your life will be much easier. You could certainly ask the hotel to call one, they’d use DiDi, but make sure you know the price because very few people carry cash with them.

There’s a bus station as well. Just take a left after exiting the hotel, and walk until you reach a large avenue with a lot of bridges (easy to take a wrong turn when driving). Bring change.

And there’s also a subway station. The closest is Xiao-gang. Even that means a walk is required. Either find a bus that takes you there, or take a long walk. Some exercise is never bad, and the walk is… interesting.

There’s breakfast. I wake up late because I go out for morning runs. Do I feel the need to find more pictures?

Overall, the hotel is so-so. The experience I had was no different to last time. In one sentence, it is a nice place to have a bed, but I’d find alternate means of lunch and dinner (Meituan delivery service, works very well). It’s also a nice place for… a staycation if you’re visiting the nearby university.

Full disclosure: I obtained a deep discount from the nearby university booking the hotel for me.