I’m heading three years prior into 2017 to compare flights for review purposes. This was a flight taken in 2017 with China Eastern on the same type of plane.

There interior of the plan was very different back then- there was no TV screen, instead they were all shared in the middle. The armrest had a audio port with channels (I remember those times), and business class was in 2x2x2 (I think some still are, but not the A330-300 planes I’ve flown on this year). I spent the flight reading a book.

The food was… ok… I had a coffee that was not memorable and I was glad I ate in the airport. The congee has not changed for morning flights.

Overall, my experience had me booking away from this flight. I would like to sleep and have at least some type of food that I can eat (not piping-hot liquid that spills and is, frankly, tasteless with no type of condiments). If I could fly, let’s say, Air China and receive something semi-decent (at least I have a choice) while getting a map, then I’ll take it.

Now China Eastern has gotten better. In fact, I would actually choose this flight if the timing was right. Good seats, with TV, and Wi-Fi being installed is actually pretty good. I took a shorter flight and had a nicer experience (though it was at night and in the evening).