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*"I arrived in Shanghai, China on April 1st and am supposed to stay at the Tongji University for 5 months. The purpose of my travel is to finish writing my MA thesis under the guidance of Prof. Dr Markus Taube, and with help of Prof. Dr Sun Yuchun from the School of Economics and Management at Tongji.*

*A course on Strategic Management in China, meetings with relevant foreign and local managerial staff who should provide the invaluable information for the practical part of my final paper on HR management in China, and other two seminar papers have been keeping me busy until now.*

*Being aware that one should not work on a topic for which no empirical data can be gathered, my research started by looking for contacts in German-invested companies who might be interested in helping me with my thesis, and inquiring into the relationship between foreign managers and local staff in foreign invested enterprises.*

*If everything runs smoothly, May will be reserved for determining the final title and outline of my paper, and working on the theoretical part. A questionnaire for the empirical part of the paper will be developed at the same time. I will be conducting my research in German companies throughout June and by the end of July have it all neatly written down and submitted as an 80-page final paper.*

*It's a tough schedule ahead, but here's my motivation: meet the July deadline, and you'll treat yourself with 10 days off in Hainan."*