

Chinese New Year Shopping Trip Wednesday, 7th February

(Organised by the Dialect Ministry)



“Wow, Chinese New Year is approaching! I can’t wait to join my family in JCC (Dialect Ministry) on the annual shopping trip to buy new year goods.”

The above most likely reflects the thoughts in the minds of the CNY shopping trippers this year as it had been every year before.

Nuts (a good source of protein and antioxidants) are my favourites, and it was my pleasure that our first stop was at the Tai Sun (Lim Kee) Food Industries (Pandan Loop) where a variety of nuts of the famous Tai Sun brand packed the shelves and were sold at much lower prices than I could get elsewhere. Certainly, I was hardly

alone to enter the factory premises empty-handed (save for enough cash) and leave with two hands full of bags or cartons containing whatever attractive items that had caught our eyes and wallets.



At the end of the fruitful trip

The excitement of the shoppers increased as we moved on to the next stop – Song Fish Dealer Pte Ltd, a seafood wholesaler at Fishery Port Road.

Surrounded by sea creatures – like in an “aquarium” – it was a wondrous feast for the eyes. Of course, the feast for the eyes would soon turn into a great feast for the tummies at the approaching CNY reunion dinner.



Back sitting in the bus, I guessed that the 30 of us shared this thought:
 “Wait! Are we going back already? We have still a lot more to buy! We have to go more places to continue our shopping – for a great CNY!”

Yes, yes, we had to wait before continuing with our shopping. Now, stomachs were hungry and needed some filling. So, we proceeded to Woodlands Park for our packed lunch and a relaxing time to enjoy fond memories of childhood days – never too old to do so!



After eating our lunch, we then proceeded to “eat wind” (“makan angin”) on the bus as it travelled around the Woodlands industrial district searching for our desired destination spots to part with our money – all because of Chinese New Year. 😊



It was already past 6.30 p.m. when we returned to church. What a full day of CNY shopping to our hearts’ content!

Now, we were ready to celebrate Chinese New Year; and then one year later (in 2019), the same thought will ring out in our minds again: “Wow, Chinese New Year is approaching!”

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