



Shanghai Expo Event

The first World Expo was held in London in 1851, and since that date they have been held successively for many years. Throughout its 150 years of its existence, the World Expo has brought in new knowledge from a given era and reflected development trends in human civilization. The main attraction of the first World Expo in 1851 was the Crystal Palace, and from the 1933 Chicago event the idea of a 'theme' was introduced, with this year's event in Shanghai being:

"Better City, Better Life"

With its long history of civilisation, China favours international exchange and loves world peace. Its successful bid for the World Exposition in 2010 is down to the international community's support for, and confidence in, its reform and 'opening-up'. This year's event will be the first registered World Exposition in a developing country, highlighting the importance placed on China's future development.

Expo 2010 Shanghai China offers the perfect opportunity to explore the full potential of urban life in the 21st century, and a significant period in urban evolution. Fifty-five percent of the world population is expected to live in cities by the year 2010. The prospect of future urban life is a subject of global interest which concerns all nations, developed or less developed, and their people. Being the first World Exposition on the theme of city, Exposition 2010 will attract governments and people from across the world, focusing on the theme "Better City, Better Life."

Over the 184 days that it is running not only will participants display urban civilisation to its full extent; they will exchange their experiences of urban development and explore new approaches to human habitat, lifestyle and working conditions in the new century. They will also demonstrate their ideas on how to create an eco-friendly society and maintain the sustainable development of human beings.

At Gabbitas we have been given the exciting opportunity to offer independent schools the chance to send students to Shanghai to experience this amazing event first hand. The trip is open to current sixth form students only and includes two days at the Exposition together with a variety of cultural experiences including:

- A visit to Yu Garden
- A cruise on the Huangpu river
- A visit to a rural Chinese community
- The opportunity to meet students from a Shanghai school
- A gala dinner at the Pearl TV Tower – the fourth highest tower in the World.

See the itinerary for full details.

The activities with the students will take place in a local school, the Shanghai United International School. During the visits to the Expo some of the companies that will be participating are:

From China:

1. State Grid
2. Bao Steel
3. China Daily
4. China Mobile
5. China Telecom
6. Bank of communications
7. General Motor-Shanghai

From the UK:

1. British Council
2. Barclays
3. BP
4. Diageo
5. AstraZeneca
6. UK Trade & Investment

The trip will be an unforgettable experience for students both academically and culturally. Academically, the experience can enhance knowledge in Business & Economics, Geography, Mandarin and Cantonese, History and Sociology to name just a few. For students studying towards the IB the trip would enable them to gain research material for their 4000 word extended essay, and for those applying for universities the experience will be a wonderful addition to their personal statements. For those students who would like to go along just for the experience – who could blame them!

Initially the trip will only be offered to schools where Gabbitas students are studying. Places are understandably limited for such an exciting opportunity to 20 per week, **and as such we are happy to either liaise with schools who would like to send a group of students, or deal with students and parents directly once the information has been forwarded on to them by yourselves.**

Students/school groups will have to arrange their own travel insurance and visas/inoculations as required, and bring spending money for souvenirs etc, but apart from these items the £1750 per student cost for the trip is all inclusive. For teaching staff, the organisation is offering a reduced cost of £1200 per teacher - this is restricted to two teachers per group.

Provisional dates for the trip are as follows:

20/06/10 – 28/06/10

01/07/10 – 09/07/10

11/07/10 – 19/07/10

Flight details will be confirmed nearer the date. If there is a large group from just one school we do at these early stages have some flexibility with the dates but do ask that you let us know the confirmed numbers and the dates required **as soon as possible**.

If you are interested in students from your school taking part in this wonderful trip of a lifetime I would be grateful if you could complete the form below and return to the address given **by Friday 26th February**.

If you have any queries or would like further information please contact debbie.cowley@gabbitas.co.uk or sofie.liao@gabbitas.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you in Shanghai!

Best wishes

Debbie Cowley
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Please tick as appropriate. If option 1 is chosen, please complete the form below

1. We are interested in taking a group to Shanghai (maximum 20 students)

CONTACT DETAILS	
Name of School/College:	
Name of School Contact	
Department	
Job Title	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	
TRIP INFORMATION	
No of students	
Nationalities of students	
Number of teachers	
Nationalities of teachers	
Chosen dates (please tick)	20/06/10 – 28/06/10 <input type="checkbox"/> 01/07/10 – 09/07/10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11/07/10 – 19/07/10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Total no of students	
Total no of teachers	
Overall total	

Signature _____ Date _____

2. We are happy to forward the information on to our sixth form students for you to deal with them directly if they are interested in taking part in the trip.

(if you would like us to send separate information specifically for students for you to forward could you please let us know)

Once completed, please return the form by **Friday 26th February** to:

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