

## Hangzhou—A Beauty in Eastern China

During April 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> in 2012, I have been in Hangzhou for visiting Professor Han Haoying, who is an associate professor in the College of Public Ministration at Zhejiang University. Prof. Han is also a senior student in the Department of Urban Engineering, the University of Tokyo.

Hanzhou, located along Southeast coast of China, is the capital of Zhejiang Province and works as the center of politics, economy, science, education, and culture of the province. I have been in Hangzhou for a 3 week internship in 2003. From my memory, Hangzhou is a dirty city even if it is a key national tourism city, historical city and is well-known as “Paradise on Earth” in history.

However, this time when I arrived at Hangzhou, it becomes quite clean and beautiful. Perhaps since Hangzhou is known as one of the most beautiful cities in China and the fame attracts huge amount of foreign tourists these years, therefore the government and citizens try their best to keep this city clean. Along the lakeside, there are many sanitation workers at work. Another reason might be the relocation of industries from the coastal regions to inland areas, which helps the air much cleaner than before.



Location of Hangzhou



At the lakeside, a sanitation worker is having a rest. There are also sanitation boats on the lake.

Hangzhou is renowned for its historic relics and natural beauty. It is also ranking as one of the most scenic cities. Although Hangzhou has been through many recent urban developments, it still retains its historical and cultural heritage.



The present master plan of Hangzhou restricts development around the West Lake area. On the other hand, this policy perhaps contributes a lot to the extremely high housing price of Hangzhou.



Foreign tourists crowded at Hangzhou. This family is taking a wood boat for a sight see on the West Lake. They come from Germany.