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## Additional factory improvement - production processing integration

The new high-speed double-edger (flat polish) was set up and put into production in mid May, This machine was integrated with an existing double-edger, a washer, and three drilling machines to improve the efficiency. This new edger is able to polish up to 2500mm x 2500mm, in a thickness range from 4mm to 19mm. In theory, this machine could polish 11,500m (453,000 inches) each day or the equivalent of approximately 2 containers 6mm shower doors by itself but the efficiency would be much higher once it is paired with another double- edger and washer.



▲ New double edger for flat polishing

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▲ Paired with another double-edger



▲ Washer and drilling machine stations behind the two paired double-edgers ▲

## Shanghai Glass Show

From April 2nd to 5th earlier this year we exhibited at China Glass 2012 held in Shanghai. It was our 7th time to participate in this national show and it provided us once again with a great opportunity to welcome several customers. Of course we were also able to rekindle old and to establish new friendships. Although overseas attendance was down we were glad to welcome some of the die-hard glass people.

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▲ Setting up the booth



▲ Customer visiting

## My First Trip to the USA

**By Wendy Zhong, sales coordinator for the North America territory**

No one ever forgets his/her first trip abroad. I had the same feeling on my first trip to the USA in October of 2011. This trip made my eyes reach farther than before. I would like to share with you some experiences with the differences between China and the USA.

First of all, the diet in the USA is very different from China. People in the USA start their day with a very good breakfast, including bread, sausage, cereal and milk or juice. It is followed by a simple lunch of hamburger, sandwich or hot dog. The day finishes with a good supper. We have an old saying in China about the meals that says, "well-fed food for breakfast, ample food for lunch, and simple food for supper". Because our ancestors thought people needed plenty of nourishment and energy from breakfast for working in the daytime, especially, after a whole night without any food; Ample food for lunch is because people needed the supplementary energy for the afternoon's work; The simple supper was because people do not need much energy while sleeping and too much food would make the stomach uncomfortable.

Secondly, family life in the USA is also remarkably different from that in China. In China many senior citizens live together with their sons or daughters and enjoy life by looking after their grandchildren. Some Chinese families even have four generations living together, so the family relationship will be more complex. From the angle of education I do not believe it is good to live together with one's parents because many grandparents would spoil their grandchildren. But one of the advantages is that we can take better care of our parents.

The last observation I would like to share is about sports. Outdoor sports like fishing, skiing, and mountain climbing are more popular in America. Sports like these are not very common in China because of the huge population; it is very difficult for people to find some suitable areas for outdoor sports in crowded cities, so we have to focus on indoor sports instead such as basketball, table tennis, and badminton.

No matter how different life is between China and America we still have the same hospitality and sincerity to treat friends.

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▲ Peaceful lake at the backyard of an American family



▲ Terrace in the sunshine of southeast China

Editor Brook Wu's note: many people may not agree with Wendy's opinion about Americans' dinner habits or family life. Like an old Chinese idiom “盲人摸象” (Pinyin is mang ren mo xiang), the direct translation for this idiom is “blind feel an elephant”, which means everyone has his/her own idea of the same thing.

Here is the story about the idiom “the blind feel an elephant”. In ancient times four blind men heard of an elephant walking on the street and they all wanted to know what an elephant would look like. After they touched the elephant, the first man thinks the elephant is like a snake as he touched the elephant's tail. The second one disagrees and believes the elephant is like a wall as he touched its body. The third one says that the elephant is like a palm leaf as he touched its ear. The last one insists that the elephant is like a cylinder as he touched its big leg.

So who is right about what an elephant looks like?

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