

Key dates of Dr. Joseph Needham's visit to China and Korea, June – September 1952

JN gives a chronological summary of the meetings of the Commission (based on his diary) in Appendix A (pp. 63 ff) of the Report.

JN Departs by Plane from Paris - Prague, **16th June**. Prague – Moscow, arrives 17th June. Depart midnight 18th to Peking [Beijing], via Kazan, Sverdlovsk, Omsk, Novosibirsk, Krasnoyarsk, Irkutsk, Ulan Bator, arriving in Beijing 22nd.

Beijing 23rd June to 9th July.

23rd June evening: dinner with Guo Moruo, Zhu Kezhen, Cao Richang, Wu Youxun, Liang Sicheng, Ji Chaoding, Qian Sanqiang.

24th June evening: Meeting/ dinner? with Zhang Xihe, Zhou Peiyuan, Fei Xiaotong, Luo Longji, Ji Chaoding, Qian Sanda (?).

24th June Beijing, visit to Tang Feifan's laboratory with Wu Huanxing and Zhong Huilan.

26th June afternoon: Meeting / [epic] dinner with some members of Commission, and China Medical Association reps, Wang Yinglai, Jiang Shangfeng, Zhu Jiming, Jin Baoshan, Tang Feifan, Zhong Huilan, Chen Shixiang.

29th June: visit to CUMC (China Union Medical College)

4th July: to Peking University Medical college

Depart BJ to Shenyang 10th, arrive 4 pm 11th July

12th July at Fanyang.

13th July visits in Shenyang to Shenyang Univ and Mukden Medical College to examine things.

15-16th visit to Gannan, back to Shenyang 17th July.

17th Shenyang, Qiong Qiuyun visit.

19th Shenyang, "Containers exhibitions session".

20th Shenyang, visit to Beiling.

22nd – 23rd Shenyang, interviewing "laobaixing".

27th July to Andong 安東, then into Korea, after a supper at 11 pm, they drive on through the night and arrive Xili village at dawn the following morning.

28th Xili village

29th – 2nd August. Pyongyang.

31st Pyongyang, visit to bookshop and then laboratories - meets Kim Il-sung

1st Aug. Speech to Kim Il-song etc. Women's reception, performance. Depart for Yunshan 8 pm.

2nd arrive Yunshan 4 am, hot spring bath, swim in river, depart 3 to Wuhao 五号, arrive evening

3-5th August at Wuhao. Interviews with airmen at the "War prisoners' camp" [Appendix A.]

3rd Quinn and O'Neal, 4th Kniss and Enoch.

5th, boat trip, then depart, arrive at Sakchu 朔州 at 8 pm, hot springs. Depart 10.30 pm, cross bridge at 3.30 am, arrive Andong 4.30 am. The photos of the ferry trip should be this day, or possibly the next on the way back to Andong.

6th Aug. Andong and on to Shenyang.

8th Aug. Back to Beijing, arrive 9th.

12th August. Final meeting.

18th Aug. visit with Rewi Alley and Ma Xiaomi to Tiantan 天坛, where there was an Army Education Exhibition.

19th Aug. dinner of *jiaozi* with Qian Sanqiang.

29th Visit to Ming tombs with RA, etc. [See letters of 1st September and 18th Sept.] They depart with "some Burmese and Indonesians", but get stuck on the way, so decide to walk with RA's handyman (Lao Shao) and an Indonesian. Meet "two charming farm boys, 14 and 16". RA's sons are Mike (Lei Xue?) and Alan (Duan Shimou) secretary is Ma Xiaomi (no Chinese characters). Date of visit to Marco Polo Bridge not yet identified.

31st August: Signing Ceremony. Presumably the meeting with Chairman Mao is on this day.

4th September: Britain China Friendship Association arrives. Met by Needham.

Monday 15th September, Departs Peking (Beijing) to return to UK.

18th September, Moscow.

20th September, arrives UK.