

## Lesson 27 - Houhai (Lotus Market)

### 第二十七课 - 后海（荷花市场）

兰兰：小明、麦克，走了这么半天，我好累啊。咱们歇一会儿吧。

小明、Mike：好吧。我们也有点儿累了。

Mike：兰兰你看，这里的景色真是漂亮极了！

兰兰：是啊，绿荷叶、荷花、倒影……太美了！

麦克，你知道吗？这些酒吧在北京都特别有名，每家都很有特点。

小明：是啊，不过，这里的酒吧傍晚才会开门。到了晚上，整条街灯火通明，非常漂亮。

Mike：小明，那边是老北京的胡同和四合院吗？

小明：没错。原来大部分北京人都住在四合院里。现在啊，很多北京人都搬到楼房住了。

Mike：住在四合院里多有意思啊。

小明：是啊。以前我爷爷就在四合院住，不过我没有住过。

兰兰：不过现在后海还保留着一些老的四合院，不过那是让外国游客参观的。

小明：走，兰兰，我们带麦克去看看吧。

Mike：太好了。

兰兰：这里的房子真宽敞！比起公寓，我更喜欢四合院。

小明：是啊，你们看每家每户都有一个大院子，真棒！对了，麦克，我们帮你在胡同照张照片吧。

Mike：好的，谢谢。

小明：一、二、三、茄子。

Mike：小明、兰兰，我们一起照张合影吧。

兰兰，小明：好啊。

兰兰：您好，能帮我们照张像吗？

路人：没问题。一、二、三。

Lan Lan: Xiao Ming, Mike, we've been walking for ages. I'm so tired. Let's rest for a while.

Xiao Ming, Mike: OK. We're a little tired too.

Mike: Look Lan Lan, the scenery here is so pretty!

Lan Lan: Yeah, the leaves, lotus, reflections...just beautiful!

Do you know Mike? These bars are very well-known in Beijing. Each one is special in its own way.

Xiao Ming: Yes, but the bars here only open at dusk. By night, the entire street is lit up and looks so pretty.

Mike: Xiao Ming, are those old Beijing hutong alleys and square courtyards?

Xiao Ming: That's right. In the past most Beijingers lived in square courtyards. Now many Beijingers live in high-rises.

Mike: It would be so interesting to live in a square courtyard.

Xiao Ming: Yeah. My grandfather used to live in a square courtyard, but I've never lived in one.

Lan Lan: Houhai has preserved some old square courtyards, but they're for foreign tourists to visit.

Xiao Ming: Come on, Lan Lan, let's take Mike to see them.

Mike: Excellent.

Lan Lan: Wow, these houses are so spacious! Compared to apartments, I like square courtyards better.

Xiao Ming: Yes, see each family has a big yard, it's so cool! Mike, let's take a photo for you here.

Mike: OK, thanks.

Xiao Ming: One, two, three, cheese!

Mike: Xiao Ming, Lan Lan, let's take a photo together.

Lan Lan, Xiao Ming: Sure.

Lan Lan: Hello, can you take a photo for us?

Passer-by: No problem. One, two, three.