

Advance Publicity for “Adventures in Shanghai”

Shanghai was once known as “The Paris of the East” and “The Pearl of the Orient” – a sophisticated city in the heart of a huge but backward land. Today Shanghai is the pride of a new modernizing China. It is the world’s second largest city and boasts the longest subway system on the planet. Come and see both the old and the new as we go on three different adventures: An intimate look at an old-style neighbourhood, a ride on the ultramodern MagLev train at 431 km per hour; and shopping in a modern street market in Suchow.

Richard Jordan is a former President of the Etobicoke Historical Society and a former **Toronto Star** local history columnist. His feature articles on historical subjects have also appeared in the **Saturday Star** and the **Sunday Star**. He says, “I like to look at a city and imagine how it changed through time – who once lived there and how the residents live now.”

The photo below shows Shanghai in the 1930s. Sophisticated high rises built in the Art Deco style overlook ancient junks sailing on the Huangpu River. Trees line the Bund, the concourse that separates the business district from the water. Today these historic buildings are still there and Shanghai has overtaken Hong Kong to become the busiest port in the world.

