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*Bienvenue à 2012*

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And all the readers.

## EDITOR'S WORD

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Big Desole to all my dearest readers for the delay of the Newsletter.

Big Bisou to all of you for the brand-new, fresh 2012.

Then, you can open your big eyes to this Newsletter.

I am writing these words under an orange tree in Sevilla, Spain, gorgeous cathedral just in front of my shorted-sighted eyes. Suddenly, My body falls several parts unconsciously, that my nose is pulled away by the sweet orange aroma, my eyes are seduced by the pinnacle of the cathedral, my ears are sited the next table listening Spanish bla~bla~bla~, and my mind are wondering the time channel of 2011. All the pictures appeared in my head are all the happy-hour and horrible-hour with my friends in Paris.

Voila, it is the Friendship in Cnam that was most precious to me in 2011, Lilian, Lumin, Nick, Aline, Roger, Qinhan, Vincent, Phuc, Lyhn, Victoria, Vivian, Huong, James... I believe the very first French word I learn in Paris is "Ensemble", and then later it just became a slogan for us. Working, Drinking, Being Stupid, Showing smartness are all started from the magic word: "Ensemble!".

For 2012, what I wanna most, maybe, eh..., Maybe get more tanned, maybe buy a Chloe bag, maybe receive more coupon from Sephora, no no no no no, I wanna be with all of you, old friends and new friends, sharing happiness and tears. Let us build our dreamland, Ensemble!

I need to go for "La Cuenta", so, Enjoy the amazing words from that he or she just beside you.



My favorite photo I took in Sevilla:

Sunshine, Orange, Love.

\*\*\*\*\*TOPIC FOR NEXT EDITION\*\*\*\*\*

### Stunning IT Epoch

As a member of IT generation, share with us your personal experiences and opinion about any IT, as facebook, twitter, online-shopping...

Deadline: Jan. 25th

## HOT HITS

### 2011 accomplishments and 2012 projects By Kim Anh



This year, there are 64 students of both master 1 and master 2 coming from Arabia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, China, Columbia, France, Iran, Jamaica, Maurice, Nigeria, Philippine, Russia, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam. 15 nationalities joining the international program master in management conducted in English at one of the most ancient and historic schools in France, in Paris.



After one or two years, we may meet or may not and gradually, your faces as well my face will be faded by time. Even we may no longer remember the faces of each other but the souvenirs and the sweet moments with you, with the professors may remain for good if we could take time looking back to see what did we do this year 2011.

The day we first met officially was **October 03, 2011.**



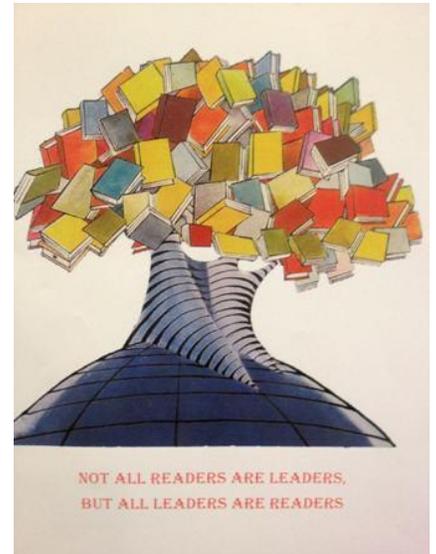


\*\*\*\*\*I am a beautiful "LINE"\*\*\*\*\*

And, the activities we joined together,

**October 24 and 26: First book fair.**

More than 400 books from MIM and MBA programs are distributed freely to all MIM students. There were 30 titles and the books were divided into 3 big sections: Economics, Accounting & Finance, Management & Strategy and Information.



**November 04, 09 and 10: Library visit.**

This activity becomes our frequently annual visit. The chef of the library with her team guide the MiM students from the library's history through how to search the books via website and in the library. We do hope that this place will become a paradise for you to study throughout the year.



**November 29: Visit of OECD.**

This NGO may be considered as the first contact to MiM students into a real working environment. Although there were 23 students registered for the visit, only most of M22 students came. It is very difficult to be OECD's intern but it seemed to me that many of you were dreaming about this position. Why not one day, Victoria, Julia and you all?



“Do not tell the things you intend to do in advance, otherwise, they cannot be done”, a Vietnamese proverb, thus I won't write anything about 2012's projects. Only you, students can let us know about them. Just wait and see!!!

## EXPERIENCES

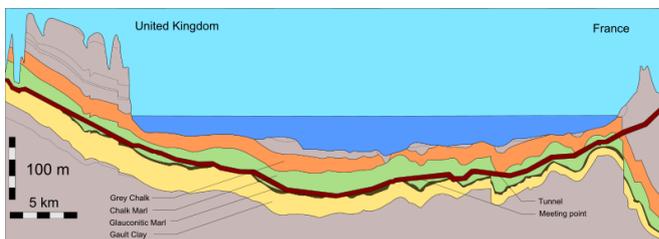
### Chunnel to My Heart

By Regine Figueroa



Back in my younger years with my geography class, every time the teacher started the discussion, I was excited to hear about the different cultures, breath-taking views and interesting people in different countries. I said to myself that one day I will travel and see all these beautiful things. Until, I've had the chance to visit France, the Eiffel Tower, and I'm sure everybody knows the history, impressive right?

Then story always started with "One Day", I've received a letter from a friend and she was inviting me to visit her country. I was so excited, and I've booked the tickets, packed my luggage and take the famous train "Eurostar". But wait, during the travel I've noticed something amazing, all these solid bricks, twinkling lights and I've asked myself what is this? Suddenly, a lady sitting beside me said, isn't impressive? We are passing the "Channel Tunnel". It is a 50.5 km long undersea rail tunnel



linking Folkestone, Kent in UK with Coquelles in northern France beneath the English Channel at the Strait of Dover. At its lowest point, it is 75 m deep. It is the longest undersea portion of any tunnel in the world...wow! And an hour later,



train arrived at St Pancras International in London, the capital of the United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland). I couldn't tell how excited I was, while I am waiting for the people to go out from the train.

After two hour of unpacking things, talking about the trip at my sister's place, finally, I am ready to explore "The Amazing UK", so I took my camera with me and take the Tube or Underground (photo in right is Westminster Station ) which we call it in France Metro, fifteen minutes later we went out at the Station of Westminster.



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In this area you can find the Palace of Westminster, also known as the Houses of Parliament or Westminster Palace (photo in right), is the meeting place of the two houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom. The House of Lords and the House of Commons. It lies on the north bank of the River Thames in the heart of the London borough of the City of Westminster, close to the historic Westminster Abbey and the government buildings of Whitehall and Downing Street. The name may refer to either of two structures: the Old Palace, a medieval building complex, most of which was destroyed in 1834, and its replacement New Palace that stands today. The palace retains its original style and status as a royal residence for ceremonial purposes.



Then on the other side, you can find the London Eye (photo in left) is a giant Ferris wheel structure is 135 metres (443 ft) tall and the wheel has a diameter of 120 metres (394 ft). It is the tallest Ferris wheel in Europe, and the most popular paid tourist attraction in the United Kingdom, visited by over 3.5 million people annually. It was the tallest Ferris wheel in the world, before Star of Nanchang with 160 m (520 ft), in 2006

and then the 165 m (541 ft) Singapore Flyer in 2008. It is still described by its operators as "the world's tallest cantilevered observation wheel" (as the wheel is supported by an A-frame on one side only, unlike the two Ferris wheel).

If you start walking backward from the Westminster and London Eye, about two kilometers far, you will see the Buckingham Palace (photo on right), this palace is the principal residence and office of the British monarch. Located in the City of Westminster, also, the palace is a setting for state occasions and royal hospitality. The only thing is, people aren't allowed to enter inside the Palace to take photos and see a lot of interesting paintings, old chandeliers etc...



Another prehistoric monument I've visited which is Stonehenge(photo on right), located in the English county of



Wiltshire, about 2.0 miles (3.2 km) west of Amesbury and 8 miles (13 km) north of Salisbury. As one of the most famous sites in the world, Stonehenge is composed of a circular setting of large standing stones set within earthworks. It is at the center of the most dense complex of Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments in England, including several hundred burial mounds, hhhmmm interesting.

One of the tower that I admired was the Tower of Bridge( photo on left) (in which we mistakenly

referred to as London Bridge), the tower was built during 1886-1894 and is a combined bascule and suspension bridge in London, England, over the River Thames. It is close to the Tower of London, from which it takes its name. It has become an iconic symbol of London. The bridge consists of two towers tied together at the upper level by means of two horizontal walkways, designed to



withstand the horizontal forces exerted by the suspended sections of the bridge on the landward sides of the towers. The vertical component of the forces in the suspended sections and the vertical reactions of the two walkways are carried by the two robust towers. The bascule pivots and operating machinery are housed in the base of each tower. The bridge's present color scheme dates from 1977, when it was painted red, white and blue for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Originally it was painted a chocolate brown color.

Now, of course after all this historical moments, let me tell you about London Shopping, believe me or not, London is expensive to do shopping unless you are rich or wait for the Boxing Day like Soldes or Sale in France but they have only 2days sale but really interesting to do shopping and it occurs on 26 of December and end the 27 midnight and they start with 80% off already, isn't that interesting to do shopping? Well if you are planning to do visit UK try to put in your agenda the Boxing Day. Hmmm! Now, you have already an idea when you visit UK.



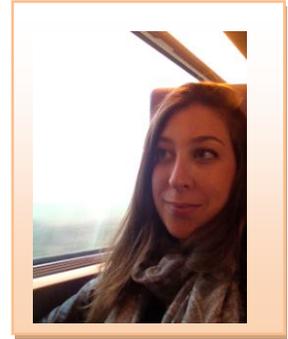
I hope this year 2012 will be more fun so I can share more of my adventures.

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## MANGEZ, BUVEZ, DANSEZ...

### The Things about Paris – 1st Year

By Lilian



Last year on my birthday I invited some friends to a Mexican bar, **Max & Jeremy**: tapas, mojitos, and of course shots! Later we went out dancing in a place I also recommend: **Favela Chic**. Always full of hot music and fun. It was just great! But this year, for my second birthday in Paris I felt like there are so many options to go out in this crazy city that sometimes we don't know where to start.



I picked a place I found out while just passing by. A very charming little place, called **Ave Maria**. Hidden in a small street close to Metro Oberkampf, it was so different inside with its mixed decoration and very lively. Not so expensive, the average price for the plate was about 15€, and the food was well served. However the problem was they didn't let us eat our homemade desserts---Brazilian dessert, and a cake being baked specially for the occasion.

Finally all of us decided to come to my apartment to eat our awesome desserts (putting modesty a part), which I was really happy about, because I love to welcome friends in there. But we were 11 people, how



could we fit in 15m<sup>2</sup>?? We were not able to move much; at least with all the human warmth there was no need to turn on the heating system. But I thought... hummm... let's just jump into the light fosse that there is inside the building and let's call it a

revenge on my noisy neighbors.

Later on, already feeling sorry for my neighbors (but not too much!) we left the apartment and went out dancing at **Concoran's**, a night club close to metro Grand Boulevards. Great music there also.

I want to recommend all those great places I've been to, and that I would certainly come back. But



after one year living here I can say: **the thing about Paris is the spontaneous way of living in it!**

And I really don't necessarily mean to party. Just being able to walk outside at night, which was too dangerous to do back in Brazil, is already great. The city offers us options that we find out by friends' indication, but also, when passing by and walking on the streets. To fully enjoy it forget about your high heels, this city is about walking, day or night, moving from one place to the other and another.

I have been here a year or so, and there is so much I haven't seen yet, I can't seem to get enough.

*TIPS:*

*Max & Jeremy: 6 rue Dupuis 75003 Paris, France*

*01 42 78 00 68*

*Favela Chic: 18 Rue du Faubourg du Temple 75011 Paris, France*

*01 40 21 38 14*

*Ave Maria: 1 Rue Jacquard 75011 Paris, France*

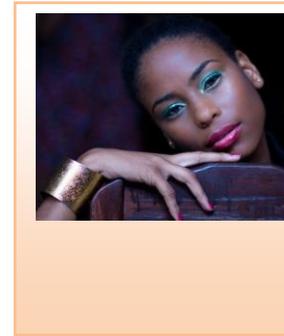
*01 47 00 61 73*

*Concoran's: 23, Boulevard Poissonière, 75002, Paris.*

*01 40 39 00 16*

### 2011 Accomplishments and 2012 Projects

By Macherí Samuels



When I hear the words ‘accomplishments’ and ‘projects’ at first I think about how wonderful it is to achieve something or to always be striving towards higher heights, this my friends are commendable attributes but then I can’t help thinking about how we were able to achieve those goals. What we sometimes seem to forget is that we cannot accomplish anything without giving something up, a sacrifice some might call it. Things we sacrifice differ according to the goals we set for ourselves but it is up to us to decide what that will be.

Think about it for a moment, it could be as simple as, looking hot in a new fashionable six inch stiletto, you might ask, “What could I possibly be sacrificing here?” If you take a closer look you’ll see, you’re, sacrificing the money it took to buy it which you could have been spent on something else, you’re sacrificing your feet to possible hours of torture, just to look good. For some this might still sound outlandish, so let me bring it closer to home. We are mostly international students here, so this should be a little more relatable.

Our goal is to graduate from CNAM-MIM with our Master degree, and ‘how do we accomplish it?’ Well we sacrifice spending quality time with our family, having had to move clear across the world. We sacrifice the funds to pay our tuition, wherever we may get it from. We sacrifice the comfort and security of friendships to become a stranger here, starting all over from scratch. We sacrifice sleep in our warm beds for sleepless nights completing assignments and studying for exams, or the feelings of a classmate when we choose not to work with that person on an assignment. If we think about it there are probably a lot more you could come up with.

However, that’s not what I really want you to focus on. The point is yes, accomplishments are great but, was it worth the sacrifices. Some of us might be able to say yes right away that their ends do justify their means but for each person this is a personal evaluation, I cannot put it on the proverbial scale for you to see if it all balances out. But we need to know that when all is said and done, what we did was all worth it, because it can be lonely at the top if we don’t do it right.

## INFORMATION

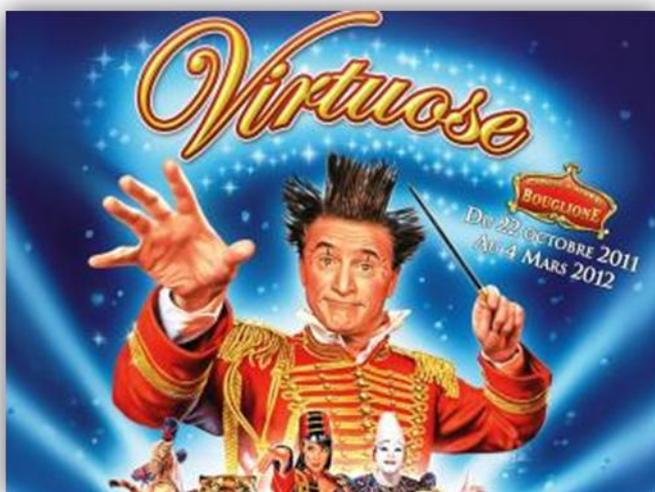
### X'mas as Parisiens, or... ?

By Liu Binbin



#### 1. Circus is coming!

With the superior performance named Virtuose, performances particularly dedicated beautiful this year. Red velvet seats, music bands, elegant clothing, flashing lights, all create a festive atmosphere like a dream.



The annual Christmas day, there are always more than 10 circus gathering in or around Paris. Each of them brings to Paris a happy and lovely experience. Among them, there are the most traditional French art circus "Winter Circus" (Cirque d'Hiver), the world's largest circus "Phoenix Circus" (Phoenix), which has a largest performance tent, they all present year after year. This year winter circus festival specially invited Chinese circus artists to perform Chinese

drama named "HUA Mu Lan" (Mulan). In addition, the famous Canadian big circus "The Sun Circus" is also invited to Paris's stage.

#### \*\*\*\*\*Strong Recommendation\*\*\*\*\*

Pinder's Circus:

Incredibly juggling, flyers consummate skills and artistic effect, you cannot help yourself smiling for clowns' funny moves... This year, Pinder's Circus, one has 150 years history back to Paris again, and stay till January 8, 2012! Three hours to perform, everyone will be amazed by frequent fly rhythm, magically tamed animals, brilliant and humorous program will joy you all the Christmas long!

Address: Pelouse DE Reuilly

Metro: Porte Doree

Time: November 11 to January 8, 2012

Official website: <http://www.cirquepinder.com/>

Tel: 01 45 90 21 25 / 06 31 48 84 69

Paris "Winter Circus" (Cirque d'Hiver) : 11 rue Amelot Paris XIe Tel : 01 47 00 12 25

Paris "Phoenix Circus" : (Cirque Phoenix) : pelouse DE Reuilly Paris XII Tel : 01 40 55 50 56

Quebec's "the Sun Circus" (Cirque du Soleil) : l'île Seguin, 92100-Billancourt Boulogne

## 2. Shining one—Christmas Windows

The end of each year, you cannot miss Paris Christmas window show, especially outside the Les Galeries Lafayette and Printemps. The dreamy light, with music, colorful Christmas window take us back to fancy childhood dreams. The French Christmas celebration tradition can be traced back to the beginning of the twentieth century.



From November 8th, 2011 to early January 2012, Les Galeries Lafayette will put Christmas window puppet show to attract customers. This year's theme is New York popular Chinese designer Andrew Yang's rock dolls named Rock 'N Mode. The center of Lafayette's hall also set up 20 meters high giant Christmas tree, decorated with 55 flash stars and shiny small electric guitars, it also will be rock stars like Brigitte and Mademoiselle K to rock in air, take

your chance to see!

\*\*\*\*\***Strong Recommendation**\*\*\*\*\*



If you are a 100% fan for Chanel, dump Galeries Lafayette, run to Printemps. This year, Printemps decorates all of its windows with Chanel, in different themes, snow white with fur, hot red with metal... give your eyes a shock!

### 3. Legal minimum wage increases

For the students who are more prefer to work in Paris this Christmas, this news should catch your eyes.

“Journal official” (on November.30<sup>th</sup>) published a new policy that legal minimum wage (SMIC) is raised. From December.1<sup>st</sup>, the gross legal hourly minimum wage paid up to 9.19 euro as inflation rate raised by 2.1%.The gross legal monthly minimum wage increases to 1393.82 euro , which means 28 euro more.



### 4. Strike again in EASYJET

For most travel students, please be aware of this news to be better prepared!

EASYJET airlines from November 30 began to strike indefinitely, this will result in affections of traffic in Paris Charles De Gaulle airport, Orly airport and Lyon airport, and some flights will be canceled or delayed.



According to the AFP report, EASYJET airline's spokesman announced: "six flights were canceled; other flights delays are expected to be average two hours."

EASYJET airlines is a top French low-cost airline, it has about 500 staff in France, which 11 planes in Charles De Gaulle airport ,11 in Orly airport, 4 in Lyon airport.



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Jan 8<sup>th</sup>



Guoying ZHANG (M22)

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>