NINE people from Bangladesh armed with a limited knowledge of Chinese and the inability to be understood in sign language invaded China. What would ensue would be eight days of trying to play charades, at which I might add we were quite unsuccessful. However aside from our comedy of hand gestures which we tried to use to get us from point A to point B, there was a conference. Ironically the conference was a Model UN conference, all about diplomacy through effective communication. That's why with pride I can say that the Bangladesh delegation communicated not only in the language of the United Nations, peace, tolerance and understanding, but also spoke in the language of our rich culture, passion and colour.

It is only at international arenas and platforms does one realise that Bangladeshi students have a uniquely cosmopolitan outlook and understanding of the world. We have our developing world experience and our close understanding of the developed world.

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