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**Project : Chinese White Dolphin–
Population Monitoring**

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Dear Diary,

Today is a mixture of excitement (morning), a relaxing holiday (afternoon) and happy cozy family (night). We took a speedboat out in the morning to watch dolphins, weather conditions were warm, very low sea level and calm waters (same as the afternoon of the 1st day). We saw at least 3 groups of

dolphins ~ 20 individuals. Was definitely an amazing sight, some even came near our boat and swam under it! We found it hard to believe as they swam near our boat, we were so excited that the boat almost flipped as we all went on one side to look at the dolphins.



It really shows the good

relationship dolphins and people

have in this area. The fishermen were also very excited and happy when they see the dolphins, and have very sharp eyes. We found dolphins in both deep (7-8m) and shallow (near lighthouse and pier) waters, the majority being in deep open waters. However, we were surprised to find some as we approached the pier. They were swimming very close to the land and there was also one lone adult dolphin as the boatmen pointed out. He said that this dolphin was always around this area.

We came back ravenous although no one wanted to leave the dolphins, we only came back as we don't have memory to store any more photos. After lunch, we all felt super duper tired and all dozed off after organizing and clearing out our cameras. When shadow and I woke up, it was already 5:30pm. We scrambled out of our beds quickly, worried that we were left behind by Qin lao shi and found everyone sitting outside chatting. Turned out everyone slept in and we all blamed the nice weather, it was warm and sunny yet with a cool breeze.

Afterwards, Shadow and I went into the village to have a taste of village culture, also in search of the market and good food. Saw a lot of village houses and most women were preparing for dinner. We ended up getting food from a tourist place to share with the Yeung's and others. Had a great dinner and watched a video on the dolphins of Sanniang Bay filmed by some Chinese Television.

