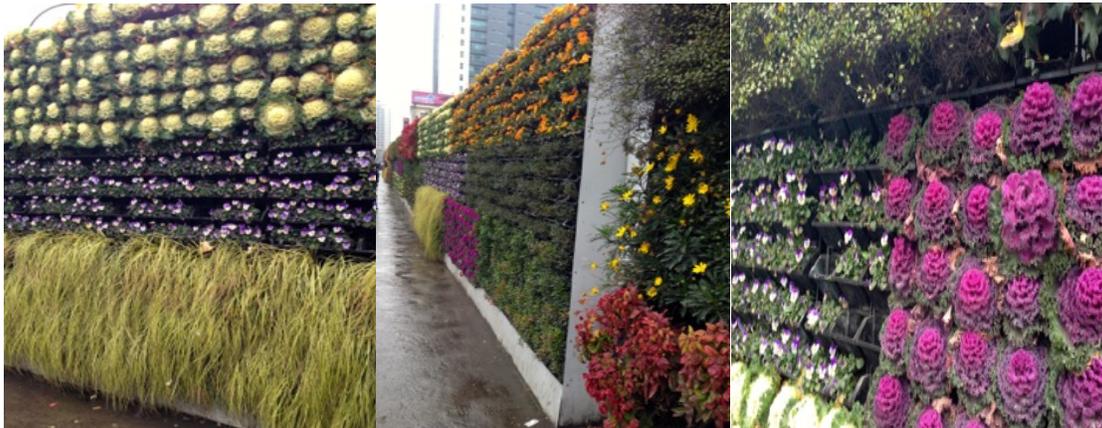


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Happy Valentine's Day! Last night we went out to an Indian restaurant for a Valentine's dinner. Ravi spent all afternoon researching Indian restaurants in Shanghai and we had high hopes. The onion bhaji appetizer was really good. It went downhill from there to a mediocre meal. Today we decided to try again and went to another Indian restaurant for dosa and idly vadai. It was fair. Better than last night but we will keep searching.

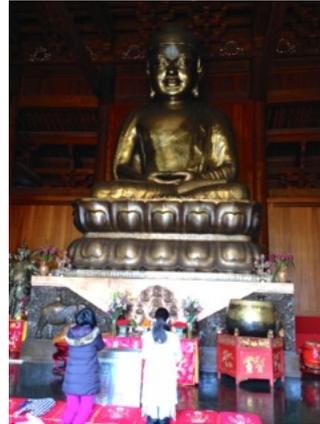
Then we went for a long meandering walk. Along some of the streets they have these really neat plant murals – very colorful and pretty don't you think?



After lunch we walked around an area called Xintiandi, an area that still has some of the older buildings and tree lined streets that define the former French Concession. Found this lovely park with a sculptured garden.



Next we went to see the Jing'an Temple. It is a very old temple with an interesting history - during the Cultural Revolution it was converted into a plastics factory and it burned down in 1973. In 1983, it was renovated with the pagoda completed recently. It is right in the center of a huge shopping area with sale signs and brand names flashing all around. But once you walk inside, it is very peaceful and quiet. Quite a contrast!



Now getting ready for Beijing trip tomorrow. More when we get back. Zaijian, Lee
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