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Time to break some big news...

Today it is exactly two months since a major and significant change in my life took place.

I got married to my lovely wife Zheng aka Ann (that makes it slightly easier for us westerners to get the pronunciation right) in Hong Kong. If you follow me on Facebook you already know that anyway – thanks a ton for all the wishes and likes by the way!

Not only is this a major step for both of us but also quite a challenging one for all parts of our families as it means that in future we will somehow have to combine two completely different cultures under one roof.

The mentioned roof also brings me to the next point. The roof we will be sharing will be a roof in Germany and plans are to stay close to my hometown. Sorry, I am one of those mean “laowais” (informal for foreigner in Chinese) who come to China as a single man and steals one of their few female Chinese citizens. Sorry again, but this girl is mine now

Reasons for the move to Germany are mostly private nature (but I assume many people can guess it anyway .. erm. no, no pregnancy) and at least in my case also slightly related to job.

As many of you know I was working for Nokia and the business unit I was working in was sold to Microsoft in 2014. After being a Nokian for over five years (incl. my external assignment) I got transformed to a Microsoftee in April of this year. For someone who is sometimes overly-risk aware and pretty good in drawing worst-case scenarios (sorry, can't help it) I was expecting significant changes to workforce up the road and therefore began to slowly open my eyes and ears whilst at the same time still watching what happens inside the company.

Long story short, I opted to leave and pretty much at the same time I received my notice from Microsoft I already had signed a new contract in Augsburg, Germany, and from November 3rd 2014 I will be working at Kontron Europe GmbH as a Program Manager for Customer Programs in the field of embedded computing solutions.

For my darling the situation is slightly different. Even though she has been to Germany before several times and is already able to speak German (even with my family which clearly has its challenges due to Swabian accent) she first wants to further improve and refresh her language skills in some German courses.

As she comes from an HR background with focus on Training and Development and also possesses the skills and certifications from Beijing Normal University for teaching Chinese (Yeah, I know... I did not learn much Chinese. But it is not her fault... I reckon as a student one should not always try to kiss the teacher...) she will start looking for a job in the fields of HR/Training/Chinese Language beginning of 2015. Any hints - also for short term assignments right away - are warmly appreciated and successful leads will be rewarded with a "real" Chinese dinner!

That's all for now. We already finished most of our farewell activities with friends and family and are now looking forward to a short trip to Sanya over my birthday before we move to Germany

See you back in Germany in November! (Christmas market in Ulm anyone?)

PS: Hier gibt es die “übersetzte” Version auf Deutsch.

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