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FIRST CHINESE CITIZEN FLYING AROUND THE WORLD

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Bon-Voyage & Well Wishes For Wei Chen on His Flight Around the World

Memphis, Tenn. - The Wei Around the World Expedition hosted an widely attended Bon Voyage Press Conference at the Peabody Hotel.

At the press conference Wei Chen, Memphis entrepreneur and Chinese national, noting his global flight plan resembles a giant "M" for Memphis, Mayor AC Wharton gave a heartfelt "bon voyage" Friday to Wei Chen at the Peabody Hotel.

Coming from humble beginnings, the 39-year-old entrepreneur and pilot came to the University of Memphis in 1996 to earn an MBA. Chen wants to give back to those who helped him along his way.

Now the owner of a plane newly christened "The Memphis Wei," the businessman will try to become the first Chinese citizen to fly a private plane around the world. The goodwill flight to 40 cities over 70 days will give Wei a chance to tell his Memphis success story.

Wei Chen founded a Memphis-based company that makes scaffolding in China and sells construction products worldwide. He will also help introduce China's 1.3 billion people to Memphis and the world.

CCTV, Chinese Central Television, sent a crew to Memphis to tell Wei's story: Wei plans to return to Memphis on July 30 with new business contacts from around the world, and business opportunities for the city of Memphis, which he now calls "home".

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