

I am standing behind Phyllis and Koichi in one of the chapels at Piludong in Anyue. It is the summer of 2007, in the late afternoon, and I am exhausted. But I have been plugging along behind Phyllis and Koichi all day because I know they will invariably lead me to something interesting and important, as they did here, in a magical sunlit cave on a cliff in Sichuan. This picture, and where I stand, encapsulates my many years of friendship with this pair of adventurers, and my admiration for their achievements.

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