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Leading Practices in Guangdong Province of China

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People waiting in the morning.
Rush in...
Flood in...
Why so many people like the physical space?

Partly because Barriers between physical and virtual spaces are disappearing.

Average 21,000 visitors each day in 2013

Over 200 computers alongside prints Wifi is available through the building
Lobby...computers outside the newspaper reading room.
Computers in video area
Computers in journal areas
Computers alongside book areas.
Surrounding is good... quiet, air-conditioned, green gardens.
Social contact is good...Friends together.
A seat is good, wifi is good... over 2000 seats are usually full.
People enjoy more content in virtual space

Average 5000 website visitors each day in 2013

Lectures and Exhibitions in physical space are available in website.
Lectures every weekend
A lecture inside the hall
Live broadcast outside the hall
Exhibition hall
Exhibits onsite
Exhibits onsite
Exhibits online
Exhibitions online...anytime anywhere.
Social networks ... people online get more informed

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