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Jaeger Mah watched Tom Hanks' *The Terminal* the night before he started his 80-day journey as YVR's in-house storyteller yesterday.

"I watched it ... just to brush up on my terminal education and kind of get some inspiration," Mah said.

The 29-year-old flew in a Learjet 45 XR provided by the London Air Services and got a bird's-eye view of his new Sea Island home before he made his way to the Vancouver International Airport.

Mah said he'll be spending little time in his room at the Fairmont Vancouver Airport hotel because he'll be busy hitting the tarmac, wearing the overalls, fuelling the planes and working with the emergency-response teams during his stay at the airport.

"I'm very positive that it's going to fly right by," he said. "I'm not even going to notice 80 days (have gone)."

And just like Tom Hanks' character in the movie, Mah said he hopes he can establish good relationships with the airport staff and the passengers so he can share their amazing stories.

"I want to win people over with the friendship and get to know more of their personal stories," he said. "In the next 80 days, if I have 40 amazing stories to showcase the people of the world, I would be happy."

Mah will be posting his daily airport adventures on liveatYVR.ca.



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