
What Asians must learn

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/10 11:34

The real reason that Asian societies have fallen behind European societies in the past five hundred years is a simple one: Asians have held Asia back.

But I do not want to end on a pessimistic note. There is hope for change. Globalization will generate new elites in Asia. So too will the increasing velocity of change. Huge numbers of Asians are being educated, at home and abroad. New global flows of information are opening the eyes of Asians. The "veil of ignorance" is being lifted. A new process of learning has begun. All these forces will generate new opportunities for Asian societies. But the first lesson that Asian societies must learn is how to develop, implement and maintain the right software: Meritocracy, peace and honesty.

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Re:What Asians must learn

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/10 11:37

Some Asian minds, including those of key policymakers, still linger in the feudal era. They see international relations as a zero-sum game. They have yet to learn the lessons that Japan and Germany absorbed after World War II: Power and prosperity can be acquired peacefully. The political dynamic of West Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Northeast Asia would become more comfortable if their leaders realized that peace is an essential condition for growth and prosperity in the modern world. Wars drive out investment dollars and kill (literally) talent. Peace does the opposite. Just one major war in Asia -- between any two major Asian powers -- could propel Asia back into the 19th century. Asians should learn from the wisdom of Deng Xiaoping when he said that future generations should be asked to solve today's territorial problems.

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If each Asian society allows its best minds to emerge, flourish and provide leadership, Asia could well take off. But conservative social and political forces resist change. And a great deal of Asian talent is wasted.

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The third principle is "honesty." This sounds trite, but it is a polite way of drawing attention to one of Asia's most shameful aspects: Corruption. Successful societies have functional elites. They add more value to their societies than they take from it. Unsuccessful societies have corrupt elites. As a result of feudal attitudes, they become easily entrenched, even though they survive as parasites. Corruption exists in both the democratic and non-democratic societies of Asia (and indeed in other parts of the world). To successfully root it out, the rule of law has to be more firmly embedded in Asian societies.

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Quote from john;s posted article:

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the article, is substantial, essential and timely for us here
i should say Hong Kong's bargaining power against China is its RULE OF LAW, its Basic Law is the door to the free world
where China makes it an eshablishing factor for its economy.

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along with Japan and Singapore,learning the lessons of the three softwares the author of this article earlier mentioned

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Japan, singapore and Hong Kong learned the lesson from the right software:

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Re:What Asians must learn

Posted by ruth - 2007/07/27 04:09

linsi wrote:

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I cannot agree more...in South East Asia alone...this is very obvious. Singaporeans Versus Malaysians..Filipinos versus Malaysians..these nations are competing with each other, whereas their economies are intertwined and truly dependent on each other.

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