
Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/05 23:11

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/05 23:13

Unlike the Japanese, Chinese do not commonly bow as a form of greeting. Instead, a brief handshake is usual. While meeting elders or senior officials, your handshake should be even more gentle and accompanied by a slight nod. Sometimes, as an expression of warmth, a Chinese will cover the normal handshake with his left hand. As a sign of respect, Chinese usually lower their eyes slightly when they meet others.

Moreover, embracing or kissing when greeting or saying good-bye is highly unusual. Generally, Chinese do not show their emotions and feelings in public. Consequently, it is better not to behave in too carefree a manner in public. Too, it is advisable to be fairly cautious in political discussions.

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/05 23:15

The order of Chinese names is family name first, then given name. Among some 440 family names, the 100 most common ones account for 90% of the total population. Brides in China do not adopt their husband's surnames. Among Chinese, a popular way to address each other, regardless of gender, is to add an age-related term of honor before the family name. These include : lao (honorable old one), xiao (honorable young one) or occasionally da (honorable middle-aged one).

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/05 23:16

Chinese do not usually accept a gift, invitation or favor when it is first presented. Politely refusing two or three times is thought to reflect modesty and humility. Accepting something in haste makes a person look aggressive and greedy, as does opening it in front of the giver. Traditionally the monetary value of a gift indicated the importance of a relationship, but due to increasing contact with foreigners in recent years, the symbolic nature of gifts has taken foot.

Present your gifts with both hands. And when wrapping, be aware that the Chinese ascribe much importance to color. Red is lucky, pink and yellow represent happiness and prosperity; white, grey and black are funeral colors. The popular items include cigarette lighters, stamps (stamp collecting is a popular hobby), T-shirt, the exotic coins make a good gift to Chinese.

And the following gifts should be avoided:

1.White or yellow flowers (especially chrysanthemums), which are used for funerals.

2.Pears. The word for Pear in Chinese sounds the same as separate and is considered bad luck.

3.Red ink for writing cards or letters. It symbolizes the end of a relationship.

4.Clocks of any kind. The word clock in Chinese sound like the expression the end of life.

China is one of those wonderful countries where tipping is not practiced and almost no one asks for tips. The same thing goes even in Hong Kong and Macao, except in some luxurious hotels.

Traditionally speaking, there are many taboos at Chinese tables, but these days not many people pay attention to them. However, there are a few things to keep in mind, especially if you are a guest at a private home.

1. Don't stick your chopsticks upright in the rice bowl. Instead, lay them on your dish. The reason for this is that when somebody dies, the shrine to them contains a bowl of sand or rice with two sticks of incense stuck upright in it. So if you stick your chopsticks in the rice bowl, it looks like this shrine and is equivalent to wishing death upon person at the table!

2. Make sure the spout of the teapot is not facing anyone. It is impolite to set the teapot down where the spout is facing towards somebody. The spout should always be directed to where nobody is sitting, usually just outward from the table.

3. Don't tap on your bowl with your chopsticks. Beggars tap on their bowls, so this is not polite. Also, in a restaurant, if the food is coming too slow people will tap their bowls. If you are in someone's home, it is like insulting the cook.

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/english/doc/2004-01/07/content_296507.htm

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/05 23:20

once, i attended to one of our clients in a handicapped school for boys, when one chinese social worker finished her interaction with one of the young boys, i unawaredly suggested the client to kiss her goodbye as it was customary for the pinoy's to do it, (specially a young handicapped patient aged around 13)

the lady chinese social worker then refused and said no no, it's not proper,and she was very serious, .. haha i laughed.. and i thought that was the silliest thing that could happen.

i never thought that was a customary thing among chinese. now i know.

:lol:

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/06 19:47

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hi jacques

agreed, filipinos even dream the american dream even if we are chinese, spanish and moslems in character..

in learning a lot, gee, the world is also french :lol:
and croissants are in every bread shops.

when you say in china, thailand and malaysia one must not shake hands,etc etc, there is still one way to greet...- a smile :lol:

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/09 18:13

In a traditional Burmese village, the monastery is the centre of cultural life.

Monks are venerated and supported by the lay people.

A novitiation ceremony called shinbyu is the most important coming of age events for a boy when he enters the monastery for a short period of time.

All boys of Buddhist family need to be a novice (beginner for Buddhism) before the age of twenty and to be a monk after the age of twenty.

It is compulsory for all boys of Buddhism. The duration can be at least one week. Girls have ear-piercing ceremonies () at the same time.

Burmese culture is most evident in villages where local festivals are held throughout the year, the most important being the pagoda festival.

Many villages have a guardian nat, and superstition and taboos are commonplace in Burmese life

<http://www.imagesofeyes.com/images/thavibu4.jpg>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/09 20:31

Yes, give me one of your nice smile

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/19 05:49

In order not to offend a tibetan host when you come

Drinking butter tea is a regular part of Tibetan life. Before work, a Tibetan will typically down several bowlfuls of this tangy beverage, and it is always served to guests. Since butter is the main ingredient, butter tea is a very warming drink, providing lots of energy (calories) and is particularly suited to high altitudes.

According to the Tibetan custom, butter tea is drunk in separate sips, and after each sip the host refills the bowl to the brim. Thus, the guest never drains his bowl; rather, it is constantly topped up. If the visitor does not wish to drink, the best thing to do is leave the tea untouched until the time comes to leave and then drain the bowl. In this way etiquette is observed and the host will not be offended.

hi jacques

just keep on smiling and not think much about the karma thing :lol: I know you meant well ;)

by the way seems a little bit off topic but your new french president SARKOZY seems to be charismatic :kiss:

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/19 09:09

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Posted by linsi - 2007/05/20 06:10

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:dry: I wanted to ask more about your trip in tibet, hope you could tell us more about the place and how the people reacted to a caucian guy like you :lol:oops pls donot misinterpret me, just the lighter side.

because i would post later a situation about a guy who really felt like a star walking the streets of Bangladesh :lol: :lol: :lol:

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/05/20 06:23

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/20 18:34

It was very funny. In Beijing I bought an air ticket from the capital of Qinghai province to Lhasa. But I arrived there, I have been told that this fly did not exist for one year :huh: So I took a bus (2 days trip). We have been blocked by snow and Chinese army manouvers. We slept in a school room. In the bus, my place was kept by the driver's dog. A very bad smelling one, but it looked sacred. In final, arrived in Lhasa, it was wonderful... It was in 1987.

PS : I worked in Bangladesh for 3 years

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/23 20:02

do you know that:

Asian families still consider taking care of the elderly as their responsibility, unlike in the West where having them stay in old-age homes are common. Though some Asian countries like Japan do have publicly operated residences for senior citizens, many largely stick to the tradition of caring for their old folk.

Studies by the population resource centre, based at the University of Michigan in the United States, show this is the case in places like Thailand and the Philippines.

<http://www.rediff.com/news/feb/07popula.htm>

I remember my french boss in one of the companies i worked with, some 5 years ago, he told me his mom is around 70 and alone in france while he works here, when asked about how her mom was going, he said, his mom is still strong, goes to the market by herself but stays in an institution.(home for the elderlies)..i was thinking it would be different in the philippines, but i never said a word..

:cheer:

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/24 04:30

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Dear jacques,

the topic is do you know that.. which aims to discuss a variety of aisean customs and traditions under its tabs.

:lol: but i know you have many stories about tibet and lhasa and i wish you just could post it like.. how did it happen that you slept in a classroom?:unsure: how about the bus? then we forumers who wish to join could start with--do you know that- "jacques is french who lived in hong kong for years?" :lol: :lol: :lol: then we could go on with these lovely mixture of informations.;

ok about these two french at work? haha! :woohoo: one had a chinese girlfriend and the other had a filipina girlfriend and both are :whistle::whistle: french!!!:laugh:

they love to greet with a kiss,and one time when the temperature here got down to 4 degrees,one christmas season,one of them really handed me a glass of french wine, reminded me that it was two degrees lower in my place so i have to take a shots of that wine...S

oops my reply was too long :lol:

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Posted by linsi - 2007/06/05 16:01

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Don't they know that the Philippines has been under Spain for 300 years?

In the Philippines, there is a very strong Spanish influence in their festivals, thus making the Philippines, distinctively occidental. Fiesta is the term used to refer to a festival. Most of these fiestas are celebrated in honor of a patron Saint. Some prime examples include Sinulog from Cebu and Ilo-Ilo's Dinagyang.

http://www.lakbaypilipinas.com/images/iloilo_dinagyang2.jpg

Dinagyang Festival

Celebrated every 4th weekend of January in Iloilo City. Spectacle characterized by frenetic stomping of feet and hypnotic drumbeating. It is a colorful whirl of thousands of people dressed in unique costumes dancing and chanting all day and night.

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/16 08:13

do you know that:

Japan is the highest fish consuming nation?
and Hong kong is the fourth in Asia?

Fish is a good source of Omega 3 and it
improves the brain. :)

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Jacques - 2007/06/16 10:55

Hi Linsi !

You are a professional, so I thrust you for the fish and omega 3. Give me some more advice for my health :)

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/17 09:33

hi jacques,

I mentioned about Omega 3, i watched a feature on tvb pearl about it, a patient who was suffering from severe
depressions
and attempted several suicides (unsuccessful) was given Omega 3 and after 6 months, this patient greatly improved and
had a more positive outlook in life-

children who were given Omega 3 were also discovered to have smarter attitude in school than those who did not take it.

articles claiming that it may boost brain functions:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/03/07/health/webmd/main2545045.shtml>

but tvb pearl reports the positive result of boosting the brain.

Omega 3 is nothing but fish oil but 80% of the brain is made of fats- and it acts well with Omega 3, Salmon and oily fish
are the best source of Omega 3, Parsley and other nuts are best source from the plants or vegetables. Greeks benefit
from it because research found out that chickens grown in farm from Greece, ate parsley and their eggs have been
shown to have Omega 3 substances- Try Greek salads and other Greek cuisine they always have parsley and other nuts
to supplement us with Omega3.

Japan is the highest consuming fish nation, Hong kong is the fourth, I wish i could have as much Omega 3 also :laugh:

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/25 20:16

here is another one

Do you know that....

Asian Indians were classified as Hindu by race

but from 1950 to 1970 were coded with Whites?:ohmy:

From 1910 to 1920 anthropologists deemed Asian Indians as Caucasian and several courts and several courts deemed Indians as White and a few as not white. However starting from 1923 the official judicial stance was to classify Indians as Asian. In some cases, racial classification changed over time:

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<http://www.despardes.com/articles/feb06/20060212-are-desis-white.asp>

http://babukishan.com/albums/Black-Whites/sunil_dutt_babukishan.jpg

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/06/25 20:29

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/25 20:32

Actually i saw an Indian student with gray eyes

and another one with green eyes--

that doesn't fit much being Asian :ohmy:

does it?

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/06/26 00:34

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/04 07:15

Each of Kathmandu's Valley's three royal cities - Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Patan - have their own Kumaris. The Buddhists worship her as representing Bajradevi and the Hindus as a reincarnation of Goddess Kali.

<http://www.storyhouse.org/marypic3.jpg>

Nowadays, with Nepal's present-day constitution, which guarantees equal rights to women, many of the ex-goddess finish their education and go on to universities. Families are not as anxious now for their daughter to become the Living Goddess, as they know there are many more opportunities for her future than before."

"Oh, there she is," I shouted. "Look how ornately dressed she is with jewels and the tall headdress. Did you know two pieces of gold are chosen each day for her to wear? No wonder she's called 'golden lady.' Look she's smiling at us."

<http://www.storyhouse.org/mary3.html>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/20 22:55

again on japan-

do you know that:

Japan is the world's largest net food-importing country, buying from abroad 60% of food consumed domestically on a calorie basis?

The report also specifically said, "Fish and shellfish are often eaten raw in Japanese restaurants, but in places where it is not customary to eat raw fish, the knowledge or skills required for handling, processing and consuming fresh fish are often lacking. The possibility of an incident as a result of such shortcomings has the potential to damage the image of Japanese foods."

<http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Japan/IF29Dh01.html>

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/07/20 22:59

Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/21 15:14

<http://www.extremeelements.com/photos/destinations/thailand-4.jpg>

Asia is the world's largest continent consisting of six regions with diversified physical, cultural, economic, and political characteristics.

Southwest Asia includes the country of Turkey among others, characterized by arid climate and irrigated agriculture;

South Asia includes Afghanistan and the nations of the Indian subcontinent and is isolated by great mountain barriers;

Southeast Asia is characterized by monsoon climate and a great diversity of ethnic groups, languages, religions, politics and endless magnificent beaches. In fact, some of the most beautiful beaches in the world can be found here.

East Asia which is located in the mid-latitudes on the Pacific Ocean, is considered to be the industrialized hub of the region, while Russian Asia consists of the vast region of Siberia and the Russian Far East;

Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/21 15:20

Central Asia located in the center of the continent, is characterized by desert conditions and irrigated agriculture with ancient traditions of nomadic herding.

Asia is covered with numerous islands and beaches that provide resorts, recreation and plenty of adventures.

If you're looking for a perfect place for your holiday, count on the endless list of Asia's best beaches.

In Turkey, famously known for its images of majestic palaces, ostentatious mosques, elegantly woven carpets, hamams or Turkish baths where you are pampered with aromatic oils and scents and exotic belly dancers. Turkey is also one of the countries in Asia dotted with wonderful and breathtaking beaches.

<http://www.asiatravel.com/malaysia/gifs/beach3.jpg>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/21 15:27

Thailand, located on the other side of the continent is also home to magnificent beaches. It lies in Southeast Asia with a vast array of indigenous cultures. Thailand is a huge country and is the world's 49th largest with more than 60 million people. Some of the best islands and beaches can be found in Phuket and Samui.

A little further to the southeast and you'll find the Philippine islands, loaded with relaxed and friendly locals, tropical jungle and glorious sandy beaches, many of them are now home to luxury resorts. It costs little to travel here unless you plan to stay in a fancy resort, which is not necessary as there are many down-market hotels available. The soft white coral sand that never heats up and the live corals here are perhaps the best in Asia.

so turkey is in asia? i was really thinking how vast asia is, because part of russia is also part of asia-- hmmm..

<http://i119.photobucket.com/albums/o123/lindsey22/a093.gif>

<http://www.extremeelements.com/destinations/asia>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/23 09:52

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/25 19:15

<http://www.lookchina.com/textile/homespin/silk/pic/Bamboo1.jpg>

do you know that..

Bamboo is a workhorse at sequestering carbon dioxide and pumping out oxygen. It is a tough plant that manufactures its own antibacterial compounds and can thrive without pesticides. And its porous fibers make a cloth that breathes and is as soft as silk. In fact, there is such a stampede of fabric designers to China and Japan, where it is farmed and processed -- no such industry exists in the United States -- that in its May issue, National Geographic predicted that "this upstart fabric may someday compete with King Cotton."

So when Jackie Heinricher and Randy Burr figured out how to make bamboo in test tubes -- selling their first 2,000 plants in 2004 to local garden centers in the Skagit Valley in Washington -- they made waves in the world of horticulture.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/07/15/MNGDQQRR271.DTL>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/08/06 15:57

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http://www.asiasentinel.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=232&Itemid=35

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/08/06 16:00

China also has another problem a shortage of women. The "one-child" policy that came into force in 1975 and China's traditional preference for male children over females means men between the ages of 21 and 36 are finding it difficult to get married. The government census of 2000 showed that the country has 20 percent more boys than girls, aged 0 to 4 years. That is, four boys will be competing for the hand of one girl in the future. Some men might not be able to find a bride at all.

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/08/06 17:47

Afghanistan has the highest women mortality rate in the world--

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=72775>

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/08/06 17:48

Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/08/26 04:25

Do you know that:

China remains world's largest beer maker?

<http://beer.thetazzone.com/images/drinkBeer9.jpg>

TOKYO: China's beer output increased 14.7 percent in 2006 from the previous year to 35.15 million kilolitres, remaining the world's largest beer producer for the fifth year in a row, Kirin Holdings Co has said.

The beer output of the US, the second-largest producer rose 0.2 percent to 23.17 million kl, Germany remained in third place with a 0.5 percent drop, while Russia rose from fifth place to replace Brazil as the fourth-largest beer producer on the back of a 9.8 percent increase.

Mexico stayed in sixth place. Japan remained in seventh place for the fourth straight year, with beer output falling 0.4 percent to 6.33 million kl, including beer-like drinks as well as conventional beer.

It was followed by Britain, Spain and Poland. Global beer production last year

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/News/International__Business/China_remains_worlds_largest_beer_maker/articleshow/2309664.cms

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Caroline - 2007/08/26 18:33

Dear friend,

China remains the biggest beer producer in the world (in volume terms) thanks to foreign beer manufacturers investing in China. In the beginning of the 21st Century, more than 50 international beer manufacturers were producing in China. Many have quitted due lack of knowledge in the market.

As at today, the 1st 10 world beer producers have JV in China (representing about 20 % of market share). With on-going consolidation, China will certainly remain the 1st global producer of beer in quantity.
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Posted by linsi - 2007/08/30 02:22

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hi caroline,

thanks for adding more to this information, i just hope you could be with us more often in adding some more facts about everything in asia, in this particular channel too.:)i am just glad to know that you are really "made in hong kong" :lol: that's what we call in our own term " may "K" talaga" in china,- hong kong- taiwan infos

(authentic)! :)

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/08/30 02:25

<http://www.cbc.ca/gfx/images/news/photos/2006/06/09/adulyadejbhumibol-cp-10163232.jpg>

Do you know that:

Thailand's 78-year-old King, the longest-ruling royal in the world?

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Caroline - 2007/08/30 16:39

Dear Linsi,

I think the word "reigning" is more appropriate than "ruling" in accordance to the Constitution. The King of Thailand ;) reigns but does Not rule. I know that some articles on the web put "ruling". Correct me if I'm wrong. ;)

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Posted by linsi - 2007/08/31 03:55

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I agree caroline,

specially when it comes to the king of thailand.:)

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Caroline - 2007/08/31 10:46

Hello,

In Asia (and/or in the World, particularly Europe), most of the Monarchy are reigning not ruling (like in Cambodia & in Japan), EXCEPT Bhutan & Nepal (where the situation changed sometimes) ;)

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/01 03:59

hi caroline,

the topic is about monarchy and it includes history

so evolution of government set up is imminent.i agree that these monarchs reign, but with the exception of nepal and bhutan as you earlier stated, it gives us kingdoms were monarchs still rule-

if history is then included, kings and queens rule and through the evolution through time, new governmental set- ups rise,

that includes current events which i aformentioned.

i hope you would join the room to enrich the topic more which i personally beleive is interesting.

:)

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/01 05:31

Do you know that:

Taiwan is turning to homegrown weapons production to counter a perceived threat from neighboring China.

this is one interesting current news..

http://www.thestandard.com.hk/news_detail.asp?we_cat=9&art_id=52356&sid=15148678&con_type=1&d_str=20070830

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/03 14:52

Do you know that:

Hong Kong has one of the biggest plastic bag consumption rates in the world? - 5 bags per person per day!

<http://www.ghkint.com/news/nws02.asp?id=21>

Plastic shopping bags handed out free by supermarkets and street traders alike are an environmental menace. They take up valuable landfill space when properly disposed of. And when they are not, they scar the landscape, block drains, create litter and cause harm to wildlife. Some countries have introduced schemes to impose a mandatory tax or levy on these bags. In Taiwan there has been an 80% reduction in their consumption, in Ireland 90%. Hong Kong has one of the biggest consumption rates in the world - 5 bags per person per day! Hong Kong proposes to introduce a scheme to levy plastic shopping bags at point of issue to the public and GHK has won the contract to review the international experience and formulate policy proposals. GHK have been commissioned by the Environmental Protection Department, Hong Kong SAR Government and will collect and assemble data on plastic bag production, import, usage and disposal in Hong Kong and stakeholder consultations will be undertaken. GHK will prepare the preferred scheme for implementation.

<http://www.inhabitat.com/wp-content/uploads/plastic-bags-in-china.jpg>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Jacques - 2007/09/04 01:12

Do you that :

Malaysia is a Monarchy

What is strange ?

They change of king every five years.

The king is not the son of his father, but elected every five years among the 9 sultans of the country

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/06 07:47

Do you know that:

60 to 80 per cent of marriages in Afghanistan are forced, some of them involving girls as young as six years old ?

:angry:

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Jacques - 2007/09/06 09:25

Do you know that :

Linsi is a wonderfull girl

It is a pity that she changed her genuine picture for that one :sick:

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/07 07:45

Do you know that:

Kim will be the first South Korean defense minister to visit the North since the two Koreas were divided more than a half century ago.?

The Korean War ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, which means the two sides still remain technically at war.

http://www.defenselink.mil/dodcmsshare/newsphoto%5C2007-06%5Chires_070602-F-0193C-005.jpg

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AS_GEN_KOREAS_SUMMIT_ASOL-?SITE=ASIAONE&SECTION=SPECIAL&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2007-09-06-23-47-48

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/09/07 07:47

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/09 08:21

Do you know that:

Bhutan is the smallest nation in asia and yet the happiest least developed country on earth?

<http://fixedreference.org/2006-Wikipedia-CD-Selection/images/2/238.jpg>

<http://www.igpc.net/bigflags/bhutan.gif>

<http://www.exodus.co.uk/images/03765-Bhutan.jpg>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhutan>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/13 15:06

Do you know that:

Today, according to Moscow's Ministry of Economics, 90% of North Korea's "exports" to Russia consist of workers.

An estimated 2,500 North Koreans are to be found in Primorye, or the maritime region adjacent to the Sea of Japan, and almost all of them work at construction sites in Vladivostok and Nakhodka.

According to local sources, they sleep in dormitories and eat together under portraits of the late Kim Il-sung and his son,

current ruler Kim Jong-il.

North Korea's living exports

<http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Korea/IG25Dg01.html>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/20 15:17

Do you know that:

In China, as well as other Asian countries, a baby is considered one year old at birth and all birthdays are celebrated at New Year's.?

That:

Tigers symbolize protection and tiger tokens and symbols are given to the baby along with money and eggs for good luck. All over the world, babies and small children are dedicated at churches, shrines, temples and synagogues. Some cultures try to predict a child's future at this time, in other cultures parents thank God for protecting their children through the early years. Presenting a child at religious ceremonies is often marked by sending birthday flowers, special clothing, jewelry and food.

http://www.thisnext.com/media/230x230/li-xi_2718035B.jpg

<http://www.bloomdepot.com/delivery/birthday-flowers.html>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/23 04:31

do you know that:

here are many forms of worship in asia?
interesting and exotic cultures about flowers?

just in one asian country we can fill up this room
how much more with all of asia? ;)

with so many colorful features enriching people
around the world.

:kiss:

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/23 13:06

From john's posted article:

Do you know that:

Mumbai is one of India's most cosmopolitan cities, much of its housing is splintered along ethnic and religious lines. There are predominantly Muslim, Roman Catholic and Hindu areas. And then there are extensive vegetarian-only stretches, some of which occupy desirable patches of real estate along the waterfront.

Extensive vegetarian only ? :unsure:

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2007/09/21/asia/india.php>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/10/02 08:51

Do you know that
according to:

Sultan Ahmad
talking about Pakistan

"This is the only country in South Asia which is the heartland of feudalism. India did away with it a long time ago as a major commitment of the freedom movement .."

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/10/03 08:25

that:

Filipinos are the second largest immigrant population in the United States, with many entering the U.S. (and successfully passing their U.S. licensing boards!) as doctors, nurses, and medical technicians. In fact, the Philippines produces more U.S. nurses than any other country in the world.

<http://govarchive.hawaii.gov/gov/eNewsletters/eNewsletters/Folder.2006-01-11.0827/eNewsletters/Folder.2006-01-11.0827/1-150.jpg>

<http://457463.myshoutbox.com/go/?u=http://www.petitiononline.com/FilABC/petition.html>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/10/18 13:20

Do you know that...

"There are more foreign fighters in Afghanistan now than ever before,?" Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak told editors and reporters at The Washington Times.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071018/FOREIGN/110180046/1003>

Foreign fighters are entering Afghanistan from Pakistan in greater numbers than at any time since the Taliban was ousted in 2001, Afghanistan's defense minister said yesterday.

The minister also complained that some coalition members — notably Italy, Germany and Japan — have made only half-hearted efforts in rebuilding Afghanistan's security institutions.

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2007/10/20 03:52

Did you know that watch brand Rado and Malaysia are the same age?

August 31 may be over for 2007, but here's a reason to celebrate it all over again.

Rado is also one of only a few international brands to enter our market the year we gained independence, and it has

stayed ever since!

To commemorate the country and company's joint anniversary, Rado is issuing two limited editions of its iconic Oval Diastar, the world's first scratchproof watch.

http://www.retro-watches.co.uk/watches/Imagez/dscf2579_small.jpg

<http://thestar.com.my/lifestyle/story.asp?file=/2007/10/20/lifeliving/19192089&sec=lifeliving>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Jacques - 2007/12/04 17:28

Do you know that Asia Observer is the only one website offering an tear-off calendar on all Asia history and the only one with links to know more, plus often a fact stressed with a text and a picture ?

It is ON THAT DAY forum:)

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/02/04 00:20

Do you know that:
Hong Kong is more dependent on exports to the United States than China?

this is declared, read article about
HK economy `on knife edge'

http://www.thestandard.com.hk/news_detail.asp?pp_cat=1&art_id=61110&sid=17408454&con_type=1

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/02/04 09:52

<http://readbangkokpost.com/images/ricefarming1.jpg>

Do you know that:

Unlike much of Asia, Thailand has no shortage of rice?

If there is such a thing as the world's rice-bowl, it lies in the steamy, flat land surrounding the lower reaches of the mighty Chao Phraya river, which ends its journey to the sea in Thailand's capital, Bangkok.

By Jonathan Head
South East Asia correspondent, BBC News

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/02/16 06:32

http://farm2.static.flickr.com/1188/1364161999_f437afe49b.jpg

Do you know that a South Korean designed bullet train broke the 350 kilometer (218.8 miles)-per-hour barrier in a test run, putting the country at the forefront of high-speed railway technology ?

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Only three other countries, France, Germany and Japan, have built trains that can travel at 350 kilometers per hour

<http://www.mywire.com/pubs/AFP/2004/12/15/684834?extID=10037&olIID=229>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/04 13:54

<http://www.controfireants.com/fire-ants-grass.jpg>

Do you know that:

The Filipino soldiers showed US Army men the way they caught a snake using a yardstick and take its blood and meat. To keep them from hunger, the soldiers also made food from ants.

They also taught the US soldiers in making weapons out of anything available in the forest, as well as the so-called slide for life that uses twigs and ropes to cross waters???

If there is what we call swiss knives and the adventures of mcgyver these things teach us about survival

and yet the forest can be an enemy or friend to us if we know how-

eating insects are taught to supplement humans of protein and other food sources during drought and other calamities
:sick:

check link:

http://article.wn.com/view/2008/03/04/American_soldiers_eat_ants_drink_snake_blood_for_survival_in/

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/09 13:07

Do you know that:

Obama finds namesake, a Japan town called Obama!?

The hotel's chief executive even set up a support "booster" group earlier this month, which monitors Obama's progress in the Democratic race for the White House.

That's not all August 4 that is Obama's birthday also happens to be 'Chopstick day' in Obama city.

People in the town of 32-thousand say that an Obama presidency could enhance the city's profile far beyond Japanese borders.

http://i202.photobucket.com/albums/aa202/Asia_Observer/capt_sge_iku58_120208071510_photo00.jpg

Receptionists at the Sekumiya Hotel in the city of Obama in Fukui prefecture, and her...

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20080212/pl_afp/usvoteobamajapan

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/10 16:47

http://www.rrindia.com/gifs/india_map.jpg

Do you know that:

India 6th most popular nation in US: Survey?

WASHINGTON: In a recent survey conducted by Gallop, India was rated as the sixth most popular country in the US along with France, while Pakistan and Afghanistan were placed among the 10 most unpopular countries.

Read more:

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/News/News_By_Company/Corporate_Trends/India_6th_most_popular_nation_in_US_Survey/articleshow/2851376.cms

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/17 14:13

<http://www.essentialoil.in/images/banana.jpg>

The origin of bananas is placed in Southeast Asia, in the jungles of Malaysia, Indonesia or Philippines, where so many varieties of wild bananas still grow at present.

Do you know that:

After rice, wheat and milk, it is the fourth most valuable food ?

In export, it ranks fourth among all agricultural commodities and is the most significant of all fruits, with world trade totaling \$2.5 billion annually. Yet, only 10% of the annual global output of 86 million tons enters international commerce. Much of the remaining harvest is consumed by poor subsistence farmers in tropical Africa, America and Asia. For most of the latter producers, banana and plantain (which is a type of banana) are staple foods that represent major dietary sources of carbohydrates, fiber, vitamins A, B6 and C, and potassium, phosphorus and calcium.

<http://www.apsnet.org/education/feature/banana/>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/21 07:27

Do you know that:

Without the yak, which exists nowhere else in the world, Tibet would be uninhabited?

The animal is resistant to extreme cold, -30 or -40°.
The nights in winter do not frighten the yak even in high winds.

It provides everything = meat, milk of which one makes butter and oil for lamps, the long hair is useful for making ropes, clothing, blanquets and tents,

dung is used as fuel, to boil the tea as it does not give enough calories to heat either a house or a tent.

The yak is useful as a pack animal, sure footed in mountainous regions.

From the east of Tibet, to reach China, it is necessary to cross nearly 2000km of desert

in the north and iced wooded mountains in the south...
Certain places are so inaccessible
that one expects to find there the most hidden tribes
of Pygmies in the world.

Without the yak, which exists nowhere else in the world, the country would be uninhabit

http://www.geo.arizona.edu/dgesl/Assets/research_pictures/regional/asian_monsoon_dynamics/yak.gif

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/27 10:29

http://www.foxnews.com/images/232443/1_61_cyber_games_06.jpg

Do you know that:

South Korea is the most wired nation on earth?

With the highest per capita broadband penetration in the world,
the Republic of Korea has established itself as a global IT leader.

In South Korea, 76% of households have broadband access,
compared to just 30% for the United States.

<http://www.speroforum.com/site/article.asp?id=1422>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/04/17 14:08

Australia is the third biggest importer of timber or timber products in the region, behind China and Japan. About 9 per cent of timber or timber products imported into Australia, worth \$452 million, comes from the illegal industry. And the illicit trade is responsible for 22 per cent of all wooden furniture imported into Australia.

The report says the consumption of illegal timber is "not criminalised and largely not regulated" in Australia.

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,23558204-30417,00.html>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/04/21 19:12

<http://www.hoax-slayer.com/images/tsunami-dust-wave.jpg>

Do you know that:

According to major re-insurance company Swiss Re,

90% of the world's climate related disasters occur in Asia.

The human cost has been the death of half a million people from climate related events since 1970

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/05/02 21:26

http://images.salon.com/tech/feature/2003/03/11/dancing_plant/story.jpg

Do you know that:

Thailand has its own peculiar dancing plant?

This herbal tea is from the amazing Udorn Dancing Plant, a hybrid of Desmodium Gyrrant also known as the "telegraph plant", because of its ability to respond

to sounds like music, singing, gentle talk, as well as meditation and telepathy by moving its leaves.

Extract from this herbal plant was used in some parts of ancient Thailand as a preventative against several diseases. They called it by the name Cha Chaloe Charn, meaning "anti-aging tea".

http://www.udorn-sunshine.com/herbal_tea.html

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/05/07 04:34

Do you know that

Kolkata city, houses the second largest red light district in India, is probably the only city in the world where sex workers run their own banking institution. The bank has an annual turnover of 2.5 million dollars and is now branching out to other parts of the state.

The city has also set an example as to how the menace of HIV Aids can be reduced by empowering the sex workers.

http://www.sweeble.com/media/stories/phpjp3GaR_.jpg

Indian sex workers banking on future

<http://www.sweeble.com/story/view/1518>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/06/07 08:11

Do you know that:

80 homes in 16 cities in countries as diverse as India, Malaysia, South Korea and China.

In many of these places, the mobile phone has emerged as the predominant form of new technology. China alone has more than 200 million mobile phone subscribers.

In Malaysia, about a third of the population of 24 million has a mobile and the percentage is even higher in countries like South Korea.

"We can learn lessons from why the mobile phone has been successful in Asia

Dr Bell told BBC News Online.

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/06/12 06:16

Do you know that:

Koreans Drive More Than Other Nations?

Koreans rely more on private cars more than people in other countries, a study reveals. The Korea Transportation Safety Authority on Tuesday said its research showed Koreans drove an average of 45.9 km per day in 2006, slightly more than 2005 when the figure was 44.3 km. Since 1985, when the figures were first recorded and people drove an average of 68.1 km per day, until 2005, the average driving distance of private cars had been decreasing. Combined with cars for

business purposes, the average driving distance is 57.3 km per day.

Statistics from the major European countries, by contrast, show that people there drove less. According to a report by the Korea Transport Institute citing statistics from a Japanese transport magazine Kotsukogaku (Traffic Engineering), Brits and Italians drove an average of 44 and 40 km per day. The French and Germans drove 37 and 35 km respectively, while Japan was at the bottom of the list with 27 km and the U.S. topped the chart with 52 km.

Dr. Kim Tae-shik of the Korea Transport Institute said Koreans have a habit of driving their cars even very short distances. "Inconvenient public transport is also part of the reason why people resort to private cars easily, so more investment is needed to improve public transport," Kim said.

"There is no point of driving a private car in Tokyo because it is virtually impossible to find a place to park in downtown Tokyo," said Kim Ju-hee, a researcher at the Korea Transportation Safety Authority. Kim added Japan boasts excellent public transport. In fact, the number of private cars in Japan amounts to 57 million, five times more than Korea's 11 million.

<http://english.chosun.com/w21data/html/news/200806/200806110023.html>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by Miramar - 2008/06/13 01:20

Did you know?

Among the AO Popular Users, following are the TOP FIVE rank and file of Hits!
Dated June 13th 2008

- 1stJacques.....17,657
- 2ndSandvand.....17,060
- 3rdlinsi.....13,709
- 4thME10,514 (from 12/07/07 to 6/13/08)
- 5thpokka 9,002

Sincerely and Truthfully,

ME (My Enterprise/Entity) :cheer:

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/07/10 09:56

The largest concentration of poor people in the world is in South Asia?

<http://www.worldbank.org/>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/07/27 13:09

Do you know that:
Suicide is the the ninth most common cause of death
in Taiwan for 10 years?

TSPC director Lee Ming-been said.

<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2008/07/27/2003418652>

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/08/14 06:04

Do you know that

switching from one light bulb
to another can change your life?

Yes, you would, after listening to advocates
of Bright Light talk about the advantages
derived from switching from
incandescent bulbs to
compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs).

There's the matter of reducing toxic substances
in the air. Advocates cite the negative effect
of using the wrong kind of light.
With 10 incandescent bulbs,
328,984 kg. of harmful carbon dioxide (CO2)
are emitted to the atmosphere.
Now, if 10 people switch to CFLs,
270 acres of natural habitat can be preserved

<http://article.wn.com/view/WNAT6c1fb37c70f6f5290ecfb887d992db9f/>

Switch
FROM THE STANDS By Domini M. Torrevillas
Thursday, August 14, 2008
Te Philippine Star..

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Re:Do you know, that.....

Posted by linsi - 2008/08/15 06:29

Do you know that:
In the Philippines, Jollibee is a popular hamburger and fried chicken brand which outsells McDonald's and KFC.

Jollibee acquires 12% stake in US-based company

Thomson Financial
First Posted 10:59:00 07/28/2008

MANILA, Philippines -- The country's largest fast food chain operator, Jollibee Foods Corp., said Monday its wholly owned subsidiary Jollibee Worldwide Pte. Ltd. has signed an agreement to acquire a 12-percent equity interest in US-based Chow Fun Holdings LLC for \$950,000.

Chow Fun operates Jinja Bar and Bistro, which has two restaurants that serve Asian food in New Mexico.

"Jollibee's objective in this venture is to enhance its capability in developing Asian food restaurant concepts for the mainstream consumers in the United States as part of its long-term strategy," it said in a statement.

<http://business.inquirer.net/money/breakingnews/view/20080728-151140/Jollibee-acquires-12-stake-in-US-based-company>

<http://www.asiafoodjournal.com/cmsimages/SR3.jpg>

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