
Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by pokkha - 2007/03/20 16:23

Here's one very interesting topic for discussion. Hope Filipinos in this forum can contribute their thoughts to this topic.

Early this year, Survey Research Hong Kong released the Asia-wide Happiness Survey. And Filipinos topped the list being happier individuals than any other Asians. The survey showed that despite poverty, 94 percent of Filipinos are more contented with their lives.

This isn't surprising really. Because when you come to the Philippines, smiling faces are everywhere. We have experienced so many tragedies and adversities as a nation and yet, we always believe that everything can become better. Our positive attitude has become our coping mechanism.

Hmmm...so what else do you think contributes to Filipinos' happy disposition? :laugh:

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by Sandvand - 2007/03/20 21:04

Pokkha,

I have always considered Filipinos to be happy people. That is also why I like the country so much. As to why you have this positive attitude, I have really no explanation.

But I am curious: What does the rest of the list of Asia happiness look like?

John:)

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by Jacques - 2007/03/20 23:42

I like your country where I came several times as official or on vacation. I often said that Philippines could be my better choice for a regional HQ for companies, but you never give us shared articles on the black side of your country : corruption, mafia, kidnaps, political murders, muslim attacks and so on

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by linsi - 2007/03/20 23:49

I think we should think about what the real definition of happiness is, complacency and the right values.

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by Sandvand - 2007/03/20 23:52

Interesting point. I don't know how the survey defined happiness. Maybe Pokkha could enlighten us on that?

What would be your definition, Linsi?

John:) :woohoo: B) :P :laugh: :unsure: :evil: :cheer:

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by pokkha - 2007/03/21 16:07

John, let me get back to you on that. :laugh: I don't remember exactly the metrics that the survey used. Haha.

Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by linsi - 2007/03/21 19:14

hello john

in my own point of view, i always refer and strongly believe in Maslow's Hierarchy of needs to acquire happiness and harmony.

outside of these will fall into complacency or surrender

although nothing on earth is " ABSOLUTE"

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maslow's_hierarchy_of_needs

<http://www.netmba.com/mgmt/ob/motivation/maslow/>

Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by kayum - 2007/04/18 16:58

I'm sure the rest of us wouldn't mind being 'light' on this topic since it is trying to focus on something uniquely positive about Filipinos. Nothing wrong with that right? So friends, guide the spotlight to where it's supposed to be. ;)

Just to help Pokkha out with her question, "What else do you think contributes to the Filipinos' happy disposition?", lemme add tabs:

- 1.) We always (repeat, ALWAYS) believe that GOD has our backs covered... That's enough to make us smile and continue threading through life.
- 2.) Almost all Filipinos has that unique wit & humour complemented by the strong & close family ties. You'll always get the feeling that you're home no matter where you are in the Philippines. On foreign land, bring at least 3 Filipinos together and you're sure to get that same unique ambiance without much effort. We'd always find something to be happy about.
- 3.) Weird is ordinary for Filipinos.
- 4.) Average Filipinos would find Survivor or Fear Factor "a walk in the Luneta park" :lol:
- 5.) Almost all Filipinos are aware and has accepted the fact that life is hard and pressing since Day 1 so crying sad is a useless option, we cry laughing while doing something about that pressure. What else could be more original than that? :p

I know that everybody has the right to express his/her opinion but on this particular post, I think Filipinos are the "appropriate and intended" contributors. I also know that since a 'comparison' has been made, it's only understandable that this would raise eyebrows, to whomever they may belong. Let's just focus on the light side of things.

As for the "negative" traits or occurrences in our country, I don't think this is the right place to address that. We can do that by opening another topic.

Let the ball roll more guys. Cheers! :lol: :P

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by badethski - 2007/05/25 05:18

We are just happy being happy people of Asia. We never forget to put smiles on our faces even in the middle of a difficult situation or in front of strangers.

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/26 00:38

How can Filipinos happier than other with so many communist and islamic insurgencies, so difference between rich and poor, with kidnapping, killing of political activists, so many people obliged to go to work abroad ?

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by kayum - 2007/05/27 01:09

The answer to that question: "Why not?"

But in all fairness, the criteria should have been shown alongside this topic question like "Why are Filipinos happier than any other Asians in terms of...".

Such proclamation does seem weird huh?:laugh:

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/27 11:51

Filipinos are very nice people and more easy than some others countries to understand for us, the Occident peoples. But that is not a proof thats they are the happier in Asia.

Yes Kayum, to give a good answer, we have first to define what are the criterias of what is happiness

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/30 01:29

again? :woohoo: so we go back to the basic-

what is happiness? in order for us to really say that pinoy are happier than any other asians

jacques always ask, what makes this country and it's people happier than any other asian nations when there are political unrests, corruptions, murders, the south with its muslim extremists, poverty, - the negative factors?

perhaps other people won't understand. I said earlier in my opinion, it is not happy- it is surrender.. we can be sad and smile at the same time

discontented but have sweet dispositions at the same time

so we always, smile and we have sweet dispositions
and we go to karaoke bars to sing our miseries away

is that being happy?

maybe yes to others...blink:

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Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/31 02:51

:dry: oops

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/05/31 02:52

Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by Rafael - 2007/06/01 18:26

In my opinion, happiness is a personal feeling, and it doesn't have to have anything with the real situation you're in. Being poor, attacked, without work, etc doesn't mean you can't be happy.

In Serbia we have a saying that goes a bit like this:

"The happiest man isn't the one who has the most, but the one who wishes (needs) the least"

Re:Filipinos are happier than any other Asians

Posted by Jacques - 2007/06/01 20:17

Linsi,

What you wrote remind me the russian spleen or fatality attitude.

But you are right. In difficult situation, the main answer is to take it easy
