
Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by sremmah - 2007/05/03 08:32

To its eternal shame my country Australia sought to distance itself from Asia for many years preferring to cling to ties with Britain/Europe/the U.S. etc.

However in the last twenty years or so - no doubt with one eye on the economic potential of Asia - Australian leaders have almost fallen over themselves to be included in the Asian "club."

Our biggest trade partners are now in Asia, the Australian football team now plays in the Asian World Cup qualifying competition and Japan just concluded a landmark security treaty with Australia.

So what do you think? Should Australia be considered part of Asia - geographically and economically? Or should it be considered an outsider?

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/03 12:43

Australia is in South Pacific, not in Asia but closed to it, it's why The US used this country to penetrate the Asian market through the creation of APEC.

By its ethnic composition, Australia is white, mainly from british roots and its heart is there. Australia has a big rugby team, a game mainly played in Europe (except for South Africa)

But it is also true that with the huge weight of Asia on world economy, Australia has to deal with. Its also also the case of Europe (Asem) without pretending being asian country.

Australia will become an Asian country if the asian immigration continues

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/03 18:35

From sremmah

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australia is not asia, definitely it is a continent.i donot want to considerably talk about the extremes of considering it a part or be an outsider.

as for me, it is not a part of asia, but it holds a major key to complement trade, business and security to one another due to its location.

autralia is so geographically close to asia.

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/03 23:44

Linsi is right. In my last contribution to your forum, I forgot the security aspect which is a large contribution of Australia, the new security pact between Australia and Japan is a new proof of it.

Shame on me

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by sremmah - 2007/05/04 13:15

Thanks Linsi, Jacques,

I found your comments interesting...

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/05 00:52

Hi Rich,

You rised the question, but what is your point of view ?

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by sremmah - 2007/05/05 04:51

Hi Jacques,

I sense very much that Australia is trying to be part of Asia. I live in Sydney and have seen multiculturalism change the face of the city over the last twenty years or so...much, much for the better in my opinion.

However its not down to me, or other Australians to say whether they believe they are part of Asia now. It is up to Asian countries to say they accept Australia - a big ask in my view given Australia's previous immigration policies.

Hence my question really.

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by truthseeker - 2007/05/05 09:20

Dear Sremmah,

Geographically, whether Australia is part of Asia or not is not that important but I am certain that Asia is the biggest trading partner as you can see the commodities at the supermarket or stores in all part of Australia.

BUT, YES (BIG) BUT THE WORDS SPOKEN BY PAULENE HANSON OF ONE WORLD PARTY STILL ECHO IN MY MIND.

It is very nature if you look superficially, they are not part of Asia.

Truthseeker

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by warazein - 2007/05/05 10:18

Dear Sremmah,

To me, whether Australia is part of Asia or not is a matter of 'political construct' and not a geographical fact. But does it matter? Since we are living in the age of globalisation the sense of 'national boundaries' and 'geographical location' is breaking down.

Have a look at Turkey's quest to become part of the European Union, don't you think it's somewhat like asking whether Australia is part of Asia?

It's better to learn to live with one another than identifying ourselves with this part of the world and that part of the world. All of us are merely 'visitors' of this mother earth and when the time comes everyone of us has to leave, whether we want to or not.

One of the things that I've learnt from one of my teachers is this, "We should leave the place in better condition than when we found it".

As fellow travellers in life's journey we should help each other, whether you're Australian or Asian, to reach our destinies with less impact on the earth as much as we can.

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/05 21:51

Maybe, the main question is not if Australia is in Asia or not, but if Australians feel them as Asians or something else.

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/23 18:59

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therefore Australia couldn't be an outsider when it comes to Asian activities, economically and even in terms of security.

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Beyond commercial interests, East Asia is where Australia's future lies. In my view, East Asia is where both Australia's security and prosperity will ultimately be decided.

And for its neighbors groping their way toward civility, Australia can be a school for tolerance, moderation and compromise, and for respect for opposing opinion.

Australia and the other rich countries must also help ensure that the market system in East Asia emerges stronger and more stable from this crisis. They must lead in discouraging any tendency among the distressed economies to return to protectionism, to recede into an inward turning nationalism.

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/23 19:03

Only by linking East Asia, Australia and the Americas into a stronger Asia-Pacific community of shared responsibility, sympathy and compassion can we create decent and moral societies - for ourselves and for those who will come after us.

Thank you and mabuhay! Read full article.

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/24 04:50

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Posted by linsi - 2007/05/24 06:43

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hi jacques

i love defining with a dictionary, so that the dictionary takes all the responsibilities..

:woohoo: :lol: :lol: :lol:

Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/24 19:02

hope sremmah could take notice of this and come to join in the idea that Australia is not an outsider afterall..:)

Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/24 19:08

Dear Linsi,

Dare to take your responsibility :laugh:

Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/25 15:06

Hi jacques

You just forgot :) now it's payback time
i also forgive you :lol: :lol: :lol:

kidding...No problem about that.

i really thought about the topic with much
concern that's the reason i gave the dictionary
the responsibility.

:lol:

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/27 09:19

RE-POST

hope Rich could respond..

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My recent reply:

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Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by Lanie - 2007/08/03 22:28

For most Global Companies, revenue coming from their Australia Branches or Subsidiaries are being rolled over to the Asia Overall Revenue..

Thus, all along, even if physically Australia is considered a continent ...it should be part of Asia.

IF it is a continent on its own..how about its ally New Zealand? will it belong to Australia or Asia Continent?

AGain as far as Global Corporations are concerned ANZ is part of Asia revenue. So it is considered part of Asia.

The ties that Australia have with Britain\UK\US is mainly on language but based on proximity and geography it is still closer to Asia..

I also heard Java, Indonesia has an under ocean (submerged natural bridge to Australia)..this is something I am unsure of..but based on what I have heard from Indonesians and here in Singapore...they said there used to be a time when Indonesians can walk barefoot all the way to Australia..

well well well!!

Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by Lanie - 2007/08/03 22:37

we also cannot deny the contributions of AUstralia to Customer Service and Training Standards in Asia.

IN 2 of the global companies that I have worked with, Australia takes the lead in terms of setting standards in Customer Service and Training for Asia, specifically South East Asia (Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam).

Australians are also very proud of being Australians. I have never seen a group of people whose loyalty to their own country and inclination to defend their countryment no matter what is outstanding. I never heard an Australian talk silly about their own country.

The only negative thing I hear about Australia is that they consider themselves more superior than other Asians. I also hear that Asians (particularly Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipinos, Malays) are being discriminated in AUstralia. So much so, that these Ethnic Asians try their best to sound, act, or behave like Australians sacrificing their own unique cultural heritage.

So, in one way or the other, even if the economic ties are very strong, culturally, Australians still are like outsiders lookin in to fellow Asians. Culturally, the are more closely affiliated with UK/Britain (not so much with US, I guess, because of their loyalty to the QUEen of England).

Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, and India thought are all one in saying that they are influenced more by UK/Britain (and they are proud of that) and tend to denounce all US influence...hehhehe I guess a lot of nations denounce allegiance to America nowadays..

Re:Do You Consider Australia To Be Part Of Asia?

Posted by jacques08 - 2007/08/09 04:28

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