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## Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by pokkha - 2007/04/29 14:51

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The number of people who go online have increased exponentially over the years.

Personally, Internet has become part of my system. I have work and I gear my career towards web because of the Internet existence.

How about you? Can you survive without the Internet? Has it become a necessity for you or has it remained a luxury?

<http://www.inca.nc/images/expo/Internet.jpg>

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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by stormrage10 - 2007/05/02 05:09

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Hahahaha :laugh: nice question. It's like can you live without cellphone? :woohoo:

For me internet, like computer, cellphone and other basic things i need to live is already necessity. You know why? In this era where technology is in its climax stage (so to speak) connecting to the world through the internet is basically what i really need. At home to do research or basically just to watch a video, I'm just one click away through the internet. At work, I first work on a web portal company wherein internet is one of the basic needs. I was born in the internet and I will die with the internet :woohoo:

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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by kayum - 2007/05/02 12:30

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The internet is a necessity on my part because being away from my family, I get the most out of its purpose. Hearing their voices, seeing them at least through the webcam or reading about their thoughts is a form of nourishment I get from the internet. ;)

Oohh... and don't get me started on the obvious, almost unregulated abundance of information. It sure beats the 12 volumes of encyclopedias the early 80's had going.:laugh:

Post edited by: kayum, at: 2007/05/02 12:31

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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/03 00:48

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What this topic forum has to do with Asia ?

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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by kayum - 2007/05/03 05:25

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Ooops. I didn't realize there were restrictions in the Nonsense section of the Forums. :blink:  
I thought John's welcome note on this section indicated that we can talk about anything here...  
Oh well... :laugh:

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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by kayum - 2007/05/03 10:26

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The 'Asian' internet is a necessity on my part because being away from my 'Asian' family, I get the most out of its purpose. Hearing their 'Asian' voices, seeing them at least through the 'Asian' webcam or reading about their 'Asian' thoughts is a form of 'Asian' nourishment I get from the 'Asian' internet. ;)

Oohh... and don't get me started on the obvious, almost unregulated abundance of 'Asian' information. It sure beats the 12 volumes of 'Asian' encyclopedias the early 80's (in Asia) had going.:laugh:

Better? :whistle:

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### Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/03 12:53

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I don't understand why this forum. What is the interest for Asia observers ?

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### Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by Jon2 - 2007/05/03 13:13

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I'd consider the internet a necessity because it keeps me updated with the latest news and several particular interests like the Asia Observer.

The free flow of information would greatly benefit most Asian countries, take the Philippines for example, because updated information is a key ingredient to progress.

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### Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/03 14:37

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Hi Jon2

I agree with you on that Internet is a necessity, and it changed my life. But is it a subject of great interest on a site dedicated to Asia ?

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### Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by Jon2 - 2007/05/03 15:35

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Mr. Jacques,

You really don't have to bother speaking in behalf of the readers of Asia Observer. I'm quite sure that everybody here can decide for their own if they find the topics relevant or not. Besides, I believe mr. kayum has a point, this is a nonsense section. In my opinion, anything goes here. If you do not share that belief, it doesn't really matter anyway. I do find the topic interesting and obviously there are others who find it interesting as well which is why they posted their replies.

If it bothers you that much, I believe we have administrators here who may be able to help you with your questions.

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### Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/03 16:40

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Jone2

I work on Asia, and I am looking for some Internet sites who can help me (and some others A. O. members who wrote to me to support me) to know what happens and understand in Asia.

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If A.O. become a site to discuss if "Is Internet a necessary" or "what pisses you off", subjects that have nothing to do with Asia, you are right, I have to find another serious Internet site to contribute with, but Asia Observer to change its name

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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by Jon2 - 2007/05/03 23:53

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Mr. Jacques,

Do whatever suits your fancy. You have the right to do so. I hope you can extend that same approach with the other members here.

Thank you.  
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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by linsi - 2007/05/04 00:12

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hi jacques

you have a point and jon2 also has a point, this topic falls on the "nonsense" tab but i guess you wanted it more specific to mean nonsense tete-a te- about Asia.

can you tell us what exactly do you mean?.

a nonsense which is somehow related to Asia?  
like for example " Is internet a necessity or luxury in developing countries in Asia something like that?

sometimes we have to explain it more, so that no point is missed and all can have more grasp of what you really intended to say

cheers  
linsi

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/05/04 01:07

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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by Jon2 - 2007/05/04 01:45

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Miss Linsi,

You're an angel who can stop brewing wars. Thanks for that helpful comment. ;)

I didn't mean to be confrontational, I respect Mr. Jacques' efforts for making AO a sensible, serious site but since we're in a section of the forums that tackles with 'everything under the sun', it didn't occur to me that topics here can be limited to a certain subject. I have to admit that the current topic is indeed vague but it appealed to the readers anyway so why question it?

I understand that there are those who see the grim and the ugly side of things an attraction and they find reason to bring it up, I'm cool with that. Information is information to me. But I am a person who works hard everyday too and when I log on, I'd want something to take my mind off the grim realities of life, at least for a while. That I think is one of the purpose and appeal of a Nonsense or non formal section in forums.

By the way, I'm an asian. My point of view qualifies as a point of view of an asian guy.  
Thank you.

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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by Jon2 - 2007/05/04 01:49

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Oh and by the way, I frequent BBC.com also... Bigtime serious stuff right? Maybe you'd like to ask why they tackle subjects like "Vampires" or Walspugit Nights.  
Cheers...

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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by pokkha - 2007/05/04 07:47

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I didn't realize that there was an issue about the topics I started on this Forums until I bumped into this thread again. I don't think I need to explain the reason why I started this topic under NonSense Forums. Enough has been said. That, by all means, anything goes here.

Strike me if you found my posts nonsense and irrelevant and they are in the topics that require serious discourse. I don't think I'd ever become irresponsible to do that.

By the way, there are changes in the offing as John has mentioned in another thread. We sincerely hope that you'd appreciate the improvements as we start implementing them.

Cheers.

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## Re:Is Internet a necessity or a luxury?

Posted by photo\_journ - 2007/09/09 17:34

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Not wanting to get into the bun fight that seems to be brewing here I think it's a very interesting question to be posed on AO.

Consider for a moment the vast differences in the socio-economic ranges of region.

While internet is undoubtedly a necessity for businesses in the region, can the same thing be said for private users ?

Poorly developed traditional telephone systems in many countries in the region have seen handphone (cellphone, mobile phones or whatever you want to call them) adopted in the region at a much faster rate than many western countries.

It would be interesting to know the internet growth for countries in the region. And what people are using their internet connections for.

Also, a comparison of the rates being charged throughout the region.

Whether people are using their internet access for social, education or business purposes is another aspect that needs to be considered when looking at this question.

Is being online a waste of time ? By who's standard ? Even if people are using the net for social networking purposes isn't it helping to close the gap between cultures ?

Is internet access an expensive necessity or a relatively cheap form of entertainment ? And are people primarily accessing it from home, work or from internet cafes ?

Lets post some access costs and typical speeds and get a comparison throughout the region.

After all, there's lots of telco's in the region making plenty of money from internet growth.

As a journalist I spend many hours a day online researching and social networking. To me its a valuable tool - which makes it a necessity.

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As a DJ I also spend many hours online to stay up to date with the latest music I can play in my sets. This also makes it a necessity.

I suspect for many people in the region though its both a necessary and a luxury.

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