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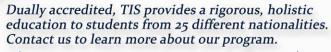
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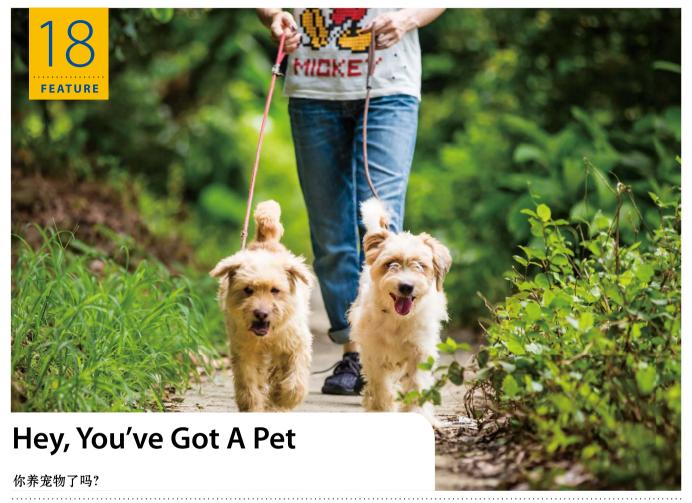


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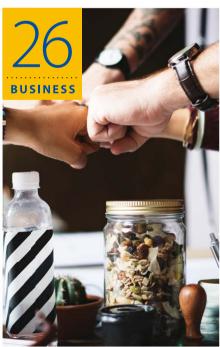






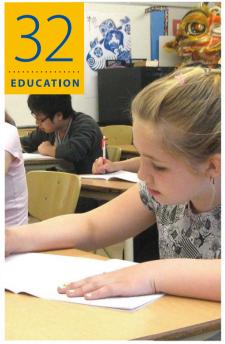


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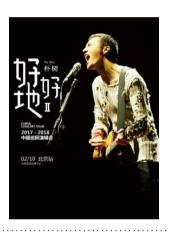
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Pu Shu Concert 2017-2018朴树"好好地II" 巡回演唱会-北京站

演出: 朴树 Time: 19:00

Price: 380-1280 RMB

Pu Shu, a Chinese singer-songwriter was born in Nanjing and grew up in Beijing. In 1994, he quit studying at Capital Normal University and started composing songs. He became a contracted singer in 1996. His signature works are "Flowers" and "Birch Forest". He also has performed in films such as "Flowers Blooming" and "If I Lose You".



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2018 Chinese Guqin New Year Concert 大宗琴韵—2018中国古琴新年音乐会

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Price: 80-380 RMB

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▶ Tianjin People's Gymnasium 天津市人民体育馆

2018 Guo Degang DeYunShe New Year **Mothering Crosstalk**

2018郭德纲·德云社新春省亲相声专场

演出: 德云社 Time: 19:30

Price: 280-1280 RMB

Guo Degang is a Chinese comedian and actor. His master was Hou Yaowen. He was born in Tianiin and began to learn the art of storytelling, Pingshu, when he was 8 years old. Guo went to Beijing in 1995 and established DeYunShe, a Xiangsheng performance theater, in 1996. He started in teahouses and has since achieved nationwide fame.



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Jin Wan Grand Theater 津湾大剧院

Children's music stage drama: The wonderful adventures of "Snow White" 大型贺岁儿童音乐舞台剧 《白雪公主》之美妙奇遇记

Time:10:30 Price: 40-120 RMB

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Pioneer Theatre 北京国话先锋剧场

Meng Jinghui's Classic Drama "Two Dogs' **Opinions on Life"**

孟京辉经典戏剧作品《两只狗的生活意见》

导演: 孟京辉 Time: 19:30 Price: 50-380 RMB

Arguably the most influential director of China's avant-garde stage, Meng Jinghui is an active and popular figure in theatrical circles. In most of his productions, Meng either turns traditional works upside down or hacks the classics into pieces, and deconstructs them through the use of cheeky satirical parody. It is Meng's modus operandi to push the boundaries of all genres, including the paintings, installations, architecture, music, multimedia and many modern art genres. But eventually, all the eclectic elements intertwine to make up his innovative work.



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Chinese New Year's Crosstalk Performance 《听相声 过大年》春节相声专场演出

Time:19:30 Price: 60-120 RMB

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February

Movie: Maya the Bee Movie

Release Date: 20 February 2018 (China) Genres: Animation, Adventure, Comedy Director: Alexs Stadermann Stars: Kodi Smit-McPhee, Miriam Margolyes, Noah Taylor

Maya is a little bee with a big heart! Join her on an epic adventure.

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February

Movie: Wind River

Release Date: February 2018 (China) Genres: Crime, Drama, Mystery Director: Taylor Sheridan Stars: Kelsey Asbille, Jeremy Renner, Julia Jones

A veteran tracker with the Fish and Wildlife Service helps to investigate the murder of a young Native American woman, and uses the case as a means of seeking redemption for an earlier act of irresponsibility which ended in tragedy.







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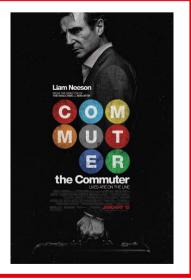


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Movie: The Commuter

Release Date: February 2018 (China) Genres: Crime, Drama, Mystery Director: Jaume Collet-Serra Stars: Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson

A businessman is caught up in a criminal conspiracy during his daily commute home.



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Barbecue Becomes 2017's Number One Food with Tianjin Locals 烧烤成为2017天津人最爱美食

Recently, Didi Tianjin released a set of interesting data about 2017. According to the ordering data that people made at the surveyed food and beverage stores, Didi Tianjin has been able to receive and analysise Tianjin people's favorite foods list. The top three food favorites of 2017 for Tianjin people were barbecue, hot pot and Japanese cuisine.

日前,滴滴天津发布了一组关于2017年的有趣数据。其中,根据目的地 定位为餐饮门店的订单数据,滴滴天津统计得出天津人最爱美食品类排行榜。 烧烤成为2017天津人最爱美食,其次为火锅和日料。

Tianjin to Open New Route 天津将新开天津—郑州—悉尼航线

According to Tianjin Airlines, they start a new intercontinental route comprising Tianjin—Zhengzhou—Sydney, on January 29,2018. The route is the airline's fourth intercontinental route to Oceania and another advance for Tianjin Airlines. It also marks the airline's plans to open up the Oceania market and to introduce more competition.

从天津航空了解到,天津航空将于2018年1月29日起新开天津-郑州-悉尼洲际航线。该航线是天津航空开通的第四条通往大洋洲的洲际航线,标 志着天津航空正全面打开大洋洲市场。

Classification of Domestic Waste to be Implemented 2018年将启动生活垃圾分类

Recently, the Tianjin government has issued a document which outlines their plan, from the year 2018, to carry out the classification and recycling of domestic waste work and promote the classification of delivery, collection, transportation and disposal of domestic waste environmentally.

天津市政府近期出台《关于我市生活垃圾分类管理的实施意见》,从2018 年起,全市启动实施生活垃圾分类,推进生活垃圾分类投放、分类收集、 分类运输、分类处置。

Delicious Rice Available Now 崔晶博士食味米

This delicious new rice is the result of intense research from the Chinese rice expert Dr. Cui Jing who has been studying in Japan. After almost ten years the rice strains he has been working on were screened for nine generations. The Dr. Cui Jing Rice is the first high quality rice variety to be introduced in China. It has been produced to strictly adhere to Japanese quality management requirements, which is guaranteed to ensure that the rice is always fresh and great tasting. We are now provide special offer from the Jin Shop, five kg rice packet was 288 yuan, is now 200 yuan. Discount price includes contains freight! Follow us on JINMAGAZINE wechat to enjoy the benefit.

崔晶博士食味米,是留日归国水稻专家、中国食味米研究第一人——崔晶博士,组织中日水稻专 家采用日本水稻食味育种法,历时10年经9代选育的品种,并注册成为"崔晶博士食味米"的中国首 个优质食味米品种。严格按照日本品质管理要求,保证大米新鲜且好吃。崔晶博士食味米现特价10斤 仅售200元包邮。优惠仅限 Jin Shop购买。

A New International School Established at Nankai 南开再添国际学校

Recently, Tianjin Nankai RiXin International School officially moved into its new campus located at Ying Feng Dao, Wang Ding Di, to become the newest member among Nankai schools. The school is a non-profit school run by the Nankai University and the Nankai People's Government and was founded by the Nankai University Education Foundation. The school has now implemented the nine-year education system and is also applying to become a certified school enabling it to become a member school of the International Baccalaureate Organization.

近日,天津南开日新国际学校正式搬入位于王顶堤迎风道的新校区,成为南开系列学校中的新 一员。该校是由南开大学与南开区人民政府合作、南开大学教育基金会开办的公益性民办学校,实 行九年一贯制,目前已申请国际文凭组织认证学校。

"Unmanned Scheduled Bus" to Begin Trial Operation This Year

"无人驾驶通勤车"试运营

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

ere we are entering the new lunar year on February 15, starting the Spring Festival 春节 "Chun Jie" and the most important holiday in China. Our feature article is all about pets but with an emphasis on dogs, which appropriately we celebrate the coming year of the dog. Our Culture article will compare celebrating Christmas and how Chinese New

The Business article will describe the "Dream Team", not the Olympic team but rather what kind of team is required to succeed in China. You may have recently heard that fireworks is being banned for the upcoming holidays, Paula will consider the impact this will have on celebrations, will it be good or bad? In the same theme of the Spring Festival, Discovering Tianjin will have suggestions of how to enjoy this holiday in Tianjin. This month's Dining feature will look at what are the traditional foods for Chinese New Year in different

Travel will take us to Sanya, where you can get away from the cold. But don't feel too bad because you may find that Tianjin's seafood is just as good or better than the ocean resort.

Healthy tips are provided to expats that have dietary restrictions and how you can maintain a balanced diet. Finally, the Chinese New Year also is a time of changes; many people start new jobs and relocate. Tianjin Tips will show you the best apps, websites and tips and tricks for finding a new home.

Whether you are staying or travelling during the long holiday, Jin Magazine passes to you and your family the best in the coming year of the Dog and wishes you Health and Good Fortune. Gong Xi Fa Cai 恭喜发财 Göngxĭ Fācái!

新年快乐!终于又迎来了中国朋友最重要的日子一春节。因为今年是狗年,所以 我们的主题也应景的写了有关宠物的内容,里面有重点提及狗的话题,而本月的文化文 章,我们也巧妙的安排了西方圣诞节和中国新年的一些比较,感兴趣的朋友不要错过。

本期的商务文章是关于"梦之队"的内容,在这里我们要告诉大家的是想要在中 国成功你究竟需要一个怎样的团队。关于春节的讨论,本月我们还会有禁放烟花、度假、 以及美食内容的探索。想知道我们都有哪些推荐,赶快翻开我们的杂志来找一找。

天津的冬天可不太好过,没关系,旅游文章我们就为您推荐了温暖度假好去处-三亚。在那里你不仅能找到怡人的气候,还可以体验味道鲜美的海鲜。但品过之后,不 要忘记看看我们的健康文章, 因为均衡饮食才是真的好习惯。

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HEY, YOU'VE GOT A PL

By David Wong and Carmen King

There are countless choices for pets these days. A post by WeChat ID: GuideInChina indicated that young Chinese are becoming more interested in having exotic pets such as leeches (水蛭 shuǐzhì a.k.a. 蚂蟥 mǎhuáng), snakes (蛇 shé), spiders (蜘蛛 zhīzhū), and octopus (章鱼 zhāngyú). These unconventional pets are not only unique but also may require relatively little maintenance so they may seem ideal for young pet enthusiasts. Parents however are responsible for their child's actions and must work hard to protect them. Therefore, before buying a rare or exotic pet simply because it might seem cool, fun, or novel, the adults of the family need to consider if it is truly practical for a child to care for that particular animal. Parents need to evaluate if there is any danger associated with the daily handing of the pet, especially if it escapes. Safety is a top priority. The goal is to reasonably avoid any possibility of a child being hurt by the pet. The safety of others, such as guests and neighbors, is also a factor when choosing a pet. In some cases, serious legal liability could exist if a pet harms or kills

someone. Not to mention the emotional and psychological wounds that would occur if a tragedy took place because of a dangerous or ill-tempered pet. Pets are intended to bring joy and happiness to the owner. Making a wise choice in terms of pet type is essential.

A traditional pet in China is a cricket. It has a history of thousands of years. In the 1987 Bernardo Bertolucci film, "The Last Emperor," during the final scene a cricket emerges from the last emperor Puyi's cricket box. This movie depicts China from the overthrow of the Qing Dynasty up to the Cultural Revolution. It was the first movie allowed to be filmed in the Forbidden City and won nine Academy Awards. An expat in Tianjin even encountered a pet cricket in a cab. The driver had the cricket sitting in a glass container on the dashboard of the taxi. While it was intriguing to look at, the caged cricket made for a very noisy and somewhat annoying ride since it virtually never stopped chirping. Then again maybe it was the horns blowing and the sound of traffic that was the real issue as that didn't make for the best background accompaniment.

Another popular pet in China are birds. This is probably the only place where people are seen taking their birds for a walk in the morning. In parks, bird owners sit with their birds contained within bamboo cages. Usually they will hang them on tree branches. There they will sing with other caged companions. Birds are fairly innocuous pets. Though people living in small apartments with poor sound insulation should be sure that a lively bird won't disturb the neighbors. Many lessons can be learned from a bird. They live rather simple lives. Birds don't seem to do too much outside of chirping, eating, drinking, flying, and sleeping. The various types of birds kept as pets usually are not known for aggression. Instead they often move around their little cage rather innocently. The owner is responsible for feeding and cleaning the roost. Birds that chirp melodiously may serve to keep the owner company. As one famous literary work puts it, humans can learn valuable lessons from birds. Namely, not to be anxious. Perhaps de-stressing is another great reason to consider having a pet bird.

Pet lovers usually fall into one of two

categories, a dog lover or a cat lover. Seldom both. There is the saying "fighting like cats and dogs." Which seems to indicate the two species don't get along very well. The potential conflict between the two could be a reason why folks don't tend to raise them simultaneously. However, those that live on farms, probably are used to having both cats and dogs around. With plenty of space, they can both roam freely. Plus, they serve different purposes. Cats tend to catch and control smaller critters like mice and rats. Whereas dogs can help keep larger pests at bay, such as groundhogs, gophers and racoons. In terms of city dwellers, having a cat or dog likely has nothing to do with these factors. Statistics indicate that there are more cats as pets than dogs. However, there are more households with a dog as a pet. This indicates some have more than one cat.

Cats appear to be more independent. It is said that a cat chooses when it will grant its affection, whereas a dog will love unconditionally. Most dogs can be trained to do tricks and even become service animals. Dogs provide support to the blind, epileptic, and those with psychological disorders. They are invaluable to the police and military for sniffing out narcotics and explosives. Don't try to smuggle meat in suitcases either, because sniffer dogs at the airport will sit beside offending bags. Among the multitude of different pets available to choose from, the dog may still rank as the most popular. This canine friend is often called "man's best friend." Conversely, cats seem left out when it comes

to having a timeless phrase highlighting their relationship with humans.

It's obvious from the English language, how much dogs have influenced life, at least in non-Asian culture. Consider some of these common sayings: "top dog" (to be the best or the boss), "sick as a dog" (to be extremely sick), "every dog has his day" (everyone enjoys success at some point), and "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" (those up in years find learning new things difficult). Other dog idioms include the following. "A three-dog night," which means it is a really cold night. So cold that three dogs must huddle together to keep warm (perhaps the origin of the famous band formed in the 60's). "That dog won't hunt" means that idea won't work. "My dogs are barking" is said when someone's feet are hurting. "A dog's breakfast," indicates that it's a mess and a mixture of many different things. something only a dog would find appetizing. If language is a reflection of life, the dog seems to be "top dog" when it comes to pets.

Year of the Dog

Chinese apparently have affection for the dog as well. The dog is one of the twelve signs of the Chinese zodiac and for what it's worth, the cat is not. In China 2018 will be known as the "Year of the Dog." The dog is considered lucky in China. The Chinese character which represents a dog's bark (汪 wâng) is similar to the sound of the Chinese character for prosperous (旺 wàng). Besides no matter rich or poor, a dog will love its master. This fact might add credence to why a dog is termed



Bird cage hanging on a tree

"man's best friend." All too often humans seem swaved by materialism. Lovalties can change quickly based on financial status. A dog's unconditional companionship and loyalty to its master might be part of its high appeal. February 16th is the start of the lunar year of the dog. This is the 11th sign of the twelve-zodiac cycle of animals.

People born under the sign of the zodiac dog are believed to have traits common to the dog, such as loyalty and exuberance. In a recent Shanghai Expat article, it was reported that a Shanxi shopping mall has introduced a Donald Trump dog statue for the upcoming Spring Festival. This follows last year's successful Donald Trump rooster doll which was picked up by many marketers in China and became a popular gift. The new Trump dog doll may become a hit following his recent visit to China and the fact that he was born in a previous "dog year." Before being passed off as simply comical, this exposes the link between the zodiac signs and commercialism. As was recently highlighted in



A teddy dog is having a manicure

FROM THE OWNER'S PERSPECTIVE SAVING THE DOG'S LIFE VIA PRICEY MEDICAL CARE WAS WORTH IT **BOTH EMOTIONALLY AND** FINANCIALLY.

commercialism. As was recently highlighted in the cover article about annual events, many holidays and traditional events are big money makers. Each year brings with it a new zodiac sign in China. This provides ample opportunity for purveyors of related goods to make a profit. The Trump rendition of this year's zodiac sign is but one example.

Seeing that there is nothing as cute as a puppy and this being the year of the dog, no doubt many parents will be buying puppies for their youngsters as a pet. This being yet another money-making opportunity. Rather unscrupulous shysters at times can even be found hawking innocent puppies street-side. Recently a batch of such puppies were being sold for a pretty penny. Depending on the type of desired, it was 700-800 RMB per puppy. Just remember that cute and cuddly little puppy will become a full-grown dog. It's best to consider ahead of time if that one-bedroom apartment has enough room for an 80-pound German Shepard or Labrador Retriever. Although dogs of this size are actually illegal in large cities, it is amazing how many are seen around town. It is unfair to keep a dog of considerable size cramped up, when it needs ample space for exercise. Unlike in the West, where some families have a home or townhouse with a yard, in China many people live in cramped apartments. Owners need to

be conscious of the smaller quarters and affecting neighbors. An uncontrolled dog left alone may suffer from abandonment issues. It might bark all day and disturb everyone within earshot. Not to mention possibly damage the apartment due to its anxiety.

Another pet peeve is dog owners that refuse to pick up their dog's poop when taking daily walks outside. It is really irresponsible to refuse to pick up the dog's business. Common excuses for the offense include: "It is on the grass or public area so no need to bother picking it up." Or: "It's just a small dog, so it's ok." Some are starting to speak up though. Offenders could be criticized for being negligent. In China one thing that is a strong motivator for change, is not wanting to lose "face."

Another issue with dogs is the presence of strays. Stray dogs wondering around the streets and apartment complexes aren't just pitiable, but a danger. These dogs may be a carrier for rabies. Regardless if a dog is rabid, there is the risk of it biting or attacking a passerby. For this reason, those walking, running or biking should be conscious of their surroundings. There are devices designed specifically for warding off a dog attack. Purchasing and carrying such a device may be advisable. Of course, caution should be exercised when and if using it. Plus, the device

should never be misused so as to irritate an animal unnecessarily. Identifying hospitals in the area that have the proper shots in case of a dog bite could also be useful. Dog owners need to be responsible and get the proper shots for their pet to ensure it doesn't become a rabies carrier. Along the same line, loving and considerate masters will make sure that their dog is always leased and even muzzled when outside. It is incredible how many owners let their dogs go running wild in public places. These dogs let on the loose charge, bark, or almost attack innocent passerby's while their owners seem to be completely oblivious to the danger. Like picking up poop, the neighborly thing to do is keep that dog leashed and under full control at all times.

Bia Business

The pet business is a huge market. Not just selling pets themselves but also all that goes with them such as food, toys, clothes and veterinary services. Dog salons are popping up all around town. These are not just a basic wash and dry service. They include shampoo, conditioning and pedicure. Some even offer fur coloring in every shade imaginable. Nothing seems to be too outrageous. Pet hospitals now offer acupuncture for the ailing pet. Although it might be advised to think twice about poking those needles into a Pit



Cats and dogs hardly gets along well.



It's important to leash the dog when walking them.

Bull or Rottweiler.

Both domestically and abroad caring for pets is not cheap. A trip to the vet can result in a big bill. Unlike human patients, there is no hope for that pet paying off its own medical expenses. One expat pet lover faced a whopping fee of over \$1,000 to get their beloved dog back on its paws. Sadly, the dog had accidently eaten something it shouldn't and required surgery to get the item out. From the owner's perspective saving the dog's life via pricev medical care was worth it both emotionally and financially. Like so many with a penchant for pets, they didn't want their beloved "Rover" to die prematurely. Second, cute and cuddly aside, the dog was worth more alive than dead! That's because along with a mate it can be used for breeding and those puppies are worth some serious dough. Each puppy can potentially fetch around \$1,000. That means, one litter, and those medical costs are more than paid for. The business aspect of pet acquisition and ownership seems to taint the entire process. Human trafficking is both legally and morally wrong. The breeding, buying and selling of pets for profit seems like a tangled web when it comes to emotions. A beloved pet can quickly become nothing more than a pawn in negotiations. Pet relationships just aren't as simple as in the good old days.

The Fateful Day

With the exception of owning a parrot or a tortoise, which have been known to live over one hundred years, the ordinary pet dog or cat will only have a life span of about fifteen years. The years may be even less depending on the size of the breed. Such as the Irish Wolfhound. A full-grown specimen can be over seven feet or two meters tall when standing on its hind legs. Fortunately, this giant dog has a very good temperament and is very loyal. It becomes very attached to its owner. A popular saying about them is: "gentle when stroked, fierce when provoked." Unfortunately, like many breeds larger in size, their life span is relatively short, that is around six years. It's hard to imagine raising a beloved "member of the family" knowing a tragic grieving process will ensue after such a short period of time.

How does one know when the end has

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come for a precious pet? Despite a pet not being able to talk, the owner will know without question. They realize it is time to end the suffering and arrange for that final appointment with the veterinarian. Prior to this inevitable sad ending, make sure to locate a satisfactory pet hospital that can provide professional care. Ask about how the pet will be euthanized and the body will be disposed of. In China there are no specific guidelines for this and no doubt owners don't want their "best friend" to just be dumped into a garbage bin.

On a less grim note, some expats bring a pet to China. Though doing so, along with taking it back when it comes time to leave can be a bit cumbersome. Be prepared in advance. It is necessary to be familiar with all vaccination requirements for both countries. Depending upon the locations involved, quarantine periods may be required. A reputable logistics company will be able to help with this. Ask for references and check them out. Not all airlines will allow transportation of live animals, so check ahead of time. In cases where the airline allows the pet to travel in the cabin, perhaps try to arrange for it to be on the same flight as its owner. Some pets may be small enough to fit under the plane seat in a small kennel. It will be quite traumatic for a pet to be in a



Dogs can be trained to help the blind people.

container for several hours. Look into having the vet prescribe a tranquilizer. Coordinate with the airlines about getting the pet off the plane as soon as possible upon arrival. If separated, arrange how and when reuniting will take place. It might be advised to avoid transporting a pet during the high temperature months of July through August. This is because cargo could remain on the tarmac for long periods of time during the loading and unloading process. Temperatures could reach into the high thirties or even forties (Celsius). The pet may not survive such heat. Similarly, when traveling with a pet by automobile, don't leave it in a parked vehicle for too long, even if the windows are left open a little. Interior temperatures can reach over the boiling point very quickly and with the pet already anxious about being left alone, this can spell disaster.

Conclusion

Pets can be like children. They need a lot of training and care in order to become an acceptable family member. Count the costs in advance. As the owner, be sure you will have the time and patience necessary to raise a pet

appropriately. Those that do, will be rewarded with the love and loyalty of the animal. In China, pet lovers may have a hard time adjusting to a local culture where some people regard pets as merely an animal. The law is limited in terms of protection against animal cruelty. There is a lack of shelters and rescue operations for discarded, stray or homeless animals. It is even possible to see some restaurants serving dog on the menu. However, things are changing. As the Chinese become more affluent, they are able to enjoy the luxury of having pets and making it part of their life. Empty nesters are finding that having a small fluff ball can fulfill their need for companionship and a reliable friend. Although it is still challenging to understand the logic of painting the hair and nails of "man's best friend" in bright pink or blue.

The terms of pet ownership have changed. Dying fur, painting nails, and dressing up are just a few examples. Handling end of life matters is another. Back in the old days, pets that died naturally or were put down, might have been buried somewhere on the property. For those raised on a farm, the passing of a bull, cat, chicken, cow, dog,

horse, mule, or pig was inevitable and natural. The change in the nature and depth of the emotional bond between pet and owner is telling when compared to the past. Simply the fact that expats would go through the time, effort and expense of bringing a pet to China demonstrates how significant a role a pet plays in some people's life. These days organizations like PETA put animal rights almost on par with human rights. Obviously, animal abuse is never warranted. However, it is hard to deny the practical role that animals have played in feeding and clothing the human family. Objectively speaking, there is no indication that animals and humans are equal. No matter how precious a pet may seem, self-control and reasonableness need to prevail in terms of how animals are viewed. Should a person choose to be vegan either for health or humanitarian reasons, this is their prerogative. The key lies in neither making such personal beliefs gospel nor forcing others to adopt the same stance. In the end, everyone has a choice is what they consume.

No discussion of dogs or pets would be complete without mention of "Old Yeller" and "Lassie." These are two of the most famous

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dogs perhaps of all time, especially in the west. Incredibly according to www.imdb.com the TV series "Lassie" ran from 1954-1974. No doubt it shaped countless viewers view of the master and pet relationship. Those looking to get an idea of how much that relationship has changed can watch an episode or two of "Lassie." In roughly forty years, the world has changed, and is changing so much that it is almost hard to believe that "Lassie" was filmed on the same planet!

A healthy relationship between owner and pet is necessary. Humanizing animals isn't without consequences. Pets being treated better than some humans may not be the best strategy. When the world still has so many issues related to feeding, clothing, and housing humans, balance is needed when deciding how to view pets. Without condoning any type of animal abuse, we need to be careful we don't distort animal's role in the world. In some situations, eating meat may be the only viable option for human survival. Using pelts for physical cover may also be unavoidable. Establishing proper boundaries and ideologies is essential to maintaining a balance between humans and animals. While almost any animal can be attempted to be domesticated and raised as a pet, clearly good judgment should prevail. Animals that could endanger children, neighbors, or the owner aren't a wise choice. A realistic evaluation of one's availability. dwelling, and finances must occur before taking on the responsibility of raising a pet of any kind. Neither should animals be abused or exploited for business purposes.

你养宠物了吗?

可爱的小动物是人类的好朋友,于是很多人都 开始养起了宠物。狗和猫是最常见的宠物,当然还 有些人喜欢个性宠物,比如蜘蛛、蛇甚至水蛭。中 国人最早的宠物恐怕要算是蛐蛐了,已经有几千年 的历史了。在1987年出品的奥斯卡获奖电影《末代皇帝》的最后一个画面中,一直蛐蛐从中国最后一位皇帝溥仪的蛐蛐罐里爬了出来。有些出租车司机还喜欢在车里养蛐蛐,只为了听蛐蛐的鸣叫。有的老外很不能理解,这一刻不停的叫声和马路上的噪音混合在一起更让人心烦意乱。

养鸟在中国也很有历史,清晨的公园里总能看到一些上了年纪的人提着鸟笼来遛鸟。他们把鸟笼挂在树枝上,里面的小宝贝就会和其他的鸟一起鸣唱,像寒暄也像竞技。鸟儿的生活非常简单,它们被关在笼子里飞不远,每天只是吃喝睡觉,时不时叫上两声。据说,养鸟有利于减压,看着它们能让人感到宁静。

我们再看看最常见的宠物猫和狗。都说猫和狗 是天生的冤家,所以同时养猫和狗的家庭并不多。 猫和狗的性格截然不同,猫很独立,从来不谄媚于 主人,而狗对人更加热情,依赖性很强,总是想方 设法讨好主人。狗可以被训练掌握各种技能,可以 为人类服务,比如成为导盲犬或警犬。

狗是人类最好的朋友,在英语里有很多和狗有 关的俗语,比如"top dog" (老板), "every dog has his day" (每个人都有成功的那天)。在中国文 化里,狗占了十二生肖中的一个席位,而2018年也 恰逢狗年。狗被认为是吉祥的生肖,因为它的叫声 "汪"与"旺"同音。狗年出生的人也被认为带有 狗的特质,比如忠诚,热情。

有很多家长可能会趁着狗年给孩子买一条小狗 当宠物。宠物不是玩具,无论小时候如何可爱,它 都会慢慢长大。拉布拉多和德国牧羊犬这样的狗会 长到七八十斤,你要考虑一下自己的房子能不能装 得下它。狭小的居住空间会让大型犬感到不舒服, 也会造成扰民问题。

城市人养狗会产生很多问题,比如不清理狗粪便。不管是小区里还是马路上,我们都要小心提防不要踩到狗粪。有些狗主人觉得只要我的狗拉在草地上就没事,或是"这是小狗,没关系的",大部分中国人碍于情面都不会直言。很多家庭在养了宠物之后因为种种原因弃养,造成很多流浪狗居无定所。这些流浪狗可能带有狂犬病毒,极易咬伤路人。作为狗的主人不但要知道饲养宠物是一生的责任,还要定时给狗注射狂犬疫苗。

宠物经济在中国已经成为利润颇丰的产业。这 个产业不仅仅是宠物培育售卖,宠物食品、玩具、 衣服、美容和兽医服务都是其中的组成部分。宠物 美容店随处可见,服务项目齐全,甚至可以给宠物 狗染毛。涉及宠物的消费都不便宜,给狗看病花费 几千块钱并不稀奇,而宠物没有赚钱的能力,也没 有医保,只能由主人承担。尽管如此,大部分主人 都会不遗余力地救治自家的狗狗,因为在心中早已 将狗当作家人看待。

猫和狗的寿命只有十几年,不能陪伴我们一生。当那一天最终到来的时候,主人们是如何面对的呢?离别总是充满了伤痛和泪水,很多主人选择为宠物进行安乐死,让它们在平静中离开。找一家可靠的宠物医院送宝贝最后一程,并妥善处理尸体。

有些外国人来中国的时候把家里的宠物一起带来,回国的时候再带走。当然,家人就是要在一起,但是毕竟人和动物的出境政策是不同的,你恐怕要费一番周折了。你需要提前了解目的国的动物检验检疫政策,找一家声誉好,有资质的物流公司。不是所有航空公司都可以运送动物,所以你要提前了解。尽量安排宠物和你同机抵达或在接近的时间抵达。七八月份气温高的时候不适宜动物出行,因为动物会和行李一起放在停机坪上等待装载,长时间暴晒在阳光下对小动物来说可能是致命的。

宠物就像是孩子,需要关爱和训练,才能成为 更亲密的家庭一员。在决定养宠物之前,请一定考 虑好你是否有时间和耐心来做这件事。在中国,宠 物还被很多人仅仅当做动物,立法上也只针对虐待 动物的行为,在如何救助和收养流浪动物这方面还 是空白。但是随着越来越多的家庭拥有宠物,它们 的地位也越来越高,对它们的保护也会越来越完 善,所以维持人和宠物之间的健康关系是很重要的。

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Edie Factory attracted some foreign students.

FROM FASHION TO FACTORY

by Steve Nilson

oes this title represent regression or progression? If you ask Edie (a.k.a. 宋晗 Sòng Hán) without question its progress, and in a big way. Born in Tianjin and raised by two parents with military background, Edie was given a gift. One, she was aware of art from a young age. Two, unlike some conservative Chinese parents, her mom and dad fully supported her pursuit of the arts. These two elements were like a seed sown in fine soil being given water to grow.

As early as four or five years old, Edie remembers her father taking time to paint. He was a self-taught artist. In fact, like Edie, it was his father, that is Edie's grandfather that had a love for painting and influenced him. Edie's adolescent art hobby took a rather formal turn when at sixteen years old enrolled into a high school operated by the Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts (天津美术学院 tiānjīn měishù xuéyuàn a.k.a. 天美 tiānměi). Following three years of high school education, she studied another four years at the Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts majoring in oil painting.

After graduation her passion for painting was put on pause as she accepted an invitation to join the team at "Holiday 100"(假 日100天 jiàrì 100 tiān) a newspaper published by the Tianjin Daily Newspaper Group (天津日 报集团 tiānjīn rìbào jítuán). Rather appropriately, she was assigned to the paper's Art Editorial Team, Within a week, without even being settled into the role of Art Editor, Edie was recruited by the Head of the Fashion Department. In an instant she had became a member of the Fashion Editorial Team. This position put her in contact with a wide variety of people and products. Every Tuesday was the busiest day of the week. The editorial department become like a "war zone." The girls working there would be dressed to the nines and running around in high heels as they tried to complete their tasks and meet deadlines. The Department Head along with the Chief Editor would personally inspect the drafts and scrutinize every title. Her job involved wearing many hats, from reporter, writer, editor, typesetter to even sales rep. Edie also traveled a lot. From a home base in Tianjin, as needed she would travel to major cities like Beijing and Shanghai to cover and participate in large fashion related events.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of her full-time job as a fashion newspaper "wonder woman," Edie never forgot her roots. She started as a little girl with a love for the arts. Therefore, in 2012 with what little free time she had, choose to study another year at the Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts. This time Edie decided to learn about "Traditional Chinese Painting" (中国画 zhōngguó huà), thereby gaining much insight on ink wash painting (水 墨画 shu ǐ mòhuà). Little did she know at the time, how much that decision would affect the rest of her life.

While on the road in 2013 for the newspaper, she couldn't help but think what started as something "new and exciting" (working for a massive media company fresh out of college) had turned into a rather regular routine. These thoughts were like tinder waiting to ignite. The match that started the blaze was about to be met. During that trip she interviewed a successful photographer. What she didn't expect was how his story would inspire her. While interviewing him, it was learned that he like Edie, had experience working for a massive media firm. The story then took an unexpected turn. At a point when it seemed like he had it all, this photographer quit a well paying, seemingly

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stable job and struck out on his own. He went on to setup his own studio and work independently, which eventually lead to his fame.

That interview lit a fire in Edie. She realized the vast majority of her time was spent focusing on other people and their accomplishments. As an editor for the newspaper she constantly was in contact with other people who seemed to be living their dream. Instead of reporting on other peoples' lives, she wanted to start living her own. In 2013 she started turning the theory she had learned all those years in class into reality by beginning to paint her own ink wash paintings. Later that year in November, along with two other artists, she put her work on display for the first time in Tianjin. Thereafter she began attending many other art shows gaining valuable experience, knowledge and

connections within the industry. In 2016 her work went on display in Beijing at a gallery within the infamous 798 Art District. She even organized and hosted her own week long art exhibit in Tianjin. The effort involved planning the entire event and coordinating the other artists.

During all this time, Edie continued to work at the media group. However as with many other traditional media publications, in 2017 work related to the "Holiday 100" slowed considerably. This gave her extra time to dedicate to painting. Two female friends enjoyed having Edie teach them how to paint and would often come by her house to learn. In time, word got out, and other friends, along with friends of friends started coming by. Edie would play both host and teacher as she provided drinks and snacks accompanied by instruction in an informal setting. This all was very well received by the attendees, and the next thing she knew, a bigger space was needed. To her excitement, she found a new home for her studio in Hepina district's: 风泉 清听艺术馆 (fēngquán qīngtīng yìshùguǎn).

Beginning in November of 2017, Edie officially opened: "Edie Factory." The name comes from Andy Warhol's renowned New York studio called none other than the Factory. Edie's concept is simple. She believes in the words of Joseph Beuys: "Everyone is an artist." Each individual is a factory. Edie hopes to provide the platform whereby aspiring artists can start "production." She is now busier than ever, offering classing by appointment in the

evenings and on the weekends. Attendance is growing and weekend classes can be at full capacity. In addition to finding Edie at her "Factory," fans can see her work on display at the Shangri-La Hotel in Hedong district, and even get a cocktail named after the art. The entire exhibit on display is known as: "10 Minutes Older" (十分钟,年华老去 shí fēnzhōng, niánhuá lǎoqù) being named after the movie. It features the work of two artists, one of which is Edie's collection called: "Perceived Reality" (红尘梦 Hóngchén Mèng). The idea behind the name and pieces is that at times reality is only as real as one perceives it to be

JIN thanks Edie for sharing her story. The idea of working at one company for one's entire life until retirement is becoming increasingly unrealistic. Edie's story shows that a combination of willingness to learn and patient practice can produce opportunity. Hardly a step backwards, Edie is enjoying her transition from fashion editor to factory founder.

从时尚编辑到画室创始人, 开启人生的华丽转身

从时尚到工厂,这是进步还是退步呢?对宋晗来说,这绝对是一个飞跃式的进步。宋晗是天津姑娘,在父亲的熏陶下爱上了绘画。在父母宽松的教育下,宋晗能够追逐自己的理想并最终考入天津美术学院油画系。

毕业后,宋晗进入天津一份生活时尚类报纸"假日100天"担任美编,但一个星期之后她就被时尚版的主编挑走进入新的团队,从此她有机会接触更多时尚圈的人和产品。

每个周二都是时尚版的拼版日,也是一周最忙的一天,编辑部就像一个战场。部门的姑娘们脚蹬着高跟鞋穿梭在办公室为最后的截稿忙碌着。宋晗身兼多职,写稿、编辑、排版甚至销售。她还要经常出差,到北京、上海这样的城市参加各类时尚活动。

虽然本职工作已经让宋晗忙得不可开交,她始终没有忘记自己对艺术的热爱。2012年,她又回到校园,在天津美院学习了一年国画。2013年,宋晗采访了一位摄影家并且深受启发,以前总是在书写别人的故事,她现在想要活出自己的人生。于是她又拿起画笔进行创作,重新找回自己的初心。

很快她就和另外两名画家首次在天津举办了画 展并开始频繁接触美术圈。2016年宋晗在北京798的 画廊里举办了个人画展,还在天津策划并举办了为 期一周的展览。

2017年宋晗正式开办了自己的画室,取名为Edie Factory,主要面向没有接触过绘画的普通人。她信奉Joseph Beuys的一句话:每个人都是个艺术家。她希望给所有对艺术有向往的人提供一个平台,让他们开始自己的创作。从时尚编辑到画室创始人,宋晗非常满意自己的人生转变。在当今社会,在同一个单位工作到退休越来越不现实,也许从她的故事里你能得到一些人生启发。



Edie in her class



A team of people working together will get a big job done.

THE NEXT DREAM TEAM

by Steve Nilson

ccording to NBA.com: "The original Dream Team, the U.S. basketball team that won the gold medal at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, was a phenomenon on and off the court." The article goes on to list the team members: "Start with three of the game's all-time greats: Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Larry Bird. Add the irrepressible Charles Barkley for a little spice, as well as seven more NBA All-Stars: centers David Robinson and Patrick Ewing, power forward Karl Malone, swingmen Scottie Pippen, Chris Mullin and Clyde Drexler and point guard John Stockton. Complete the roster with Christian Laettner, the best college player of 1991-92 and a future NBA All-Star." The result? The world came to realize other teams didn't have a chance against "The Dream Team." In fact, that almost didn't matter. Usually, a team would be crushed over getting crushed by their opponent. Yet, reports seem to indicate for other athletes just getting to play against The Dream Team was a dream

come true.

The Concept

Beyond basketball, a concept was born, "The Dream Team." What exactly is the dream team? Essentially, it is the best of the best in various domains coming together as a team to produce a result which otherwise would be impossible. From a cultural standpoint, the dream team concept particularly works well in China. Consider two Chinese characters as evidence: 人 (rén) and 众 (zhòng). The first character 人 (rén) means "person." It requires two strokes to write. Of the two strokes, one stroke appears to support the other. Chinese teachers may describe this character as reflecting the requirement for any human to have support in order to stand. It provides visual reinforcement of an incredibly important Chinese cultural concept: "the collective is more important and powerful than the individual." Next is the character for crowd 众 (zhòng), which contains six strokes. The key point lies in the construction of the "crowd"

character, as with the "person" character. It too conveys the idea of collective power. The crowd character is a picture of three people together. It's incredible how this character coincides with the English phrase: "two's company but three's a crowd." Exactly how a character and phrase spanning two languages came to perfectly coexist is quite fascinating to consider. The structure of the character is compelling as two people are side by side forming a foundation of sorts, with another person standing on top of them. This might make us think of the rather famous cheerleader stunt the Human Pyramid.

Research on the human pyramid reveals that much like The Dream Team, success of the pyramid requires a group of truly talented individuals being willing to work together. This is where entrepreneurs can draw a valuable lesson in success. When it comes to succeeding in business, especially in China, a team of talent is mandatory. Drawing on The Dream Team concept, the secret lies in the singular strength of each participant

DRAWING ON THE DREAM TEAM **CONCEPT, THE SECRET LIES IN THE** SINGULAR STRENGTH OF EACH PARTICIPANT COMBINED WITH A PERSONAL DESIRE TO BE A TEAM PLAYER.

combined with a personal desire to be a team player. Consider why The Dream Team dominated. Usually an NBA team has only one or two dream players. This can even be enough to win a league championship. However when it comes to completely and utterly dominating like The Dream Team did during the 92 Olympics, more than one or two stars are necessary.

Team Power

This is perhaps one of the biggest and most important lessons entrepreneurs need to learn, particularly those looking to survive in China. China without question is a country and market which relies on team power. Without the so-called power of the people, that is a large, massive, second to none the world-over collection of one billion plus humans, the nation simply couldn't achieve what it has. Take for example the mind-boggling high-speed railway system which exists. In Tianjin for example, the metro-system is rapidly expanding. In about ten years the number of subway stops which have been added is staggering and many more are slated to be opened. China is set to host the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. Some of the games will be held in 张家口 (zhāngjiākǒu). Therefore, similar to the 2008 games when Tianjin was a host city for some of the events, a high-speed railway is being built from Beijing to Zhangjiakou to transport people to and fro. Take a trip to Beijing, or find where a portion of the subway is being built in Tianjin, and an immediate lesson in the power of people working together can be learned. It is absolutely incredible how many little "ants" are seen working on a particular portion of the track. Any one person appears so small in comparison to the massive structure being built, as though they could be lost in the mass and no one would ever know. Yet, quite the opposite is true. It is only because so many seemingly minor migrants are working

together as a team that such a colossal project can be completed. This reality links to another Chinese phrase with deep roots in cultural ideology: 愚公移山 (yúgōngyíshān), which translates to: "a foolish farmer moved a mountain." The story behind this phrase is the same tale. It takes a team of people working together to get a big job done.

China Dream Team

When it comes to opening and running a business in China what constitutes a dream team? For one, a true leader is needed. Look at the order in which NBA.com lists The Dream Team members: "Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, and Larry Bird." Each of them represented the top player on their respective teams. From a business perspective, these guys are the founders. The person or persons who have the "big idea" which starts its all. Plus, these folks not only need to get things going. but must continue to play an ongoing "captain's" role after the company is started, e.g. Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Jack Ma, and Pony Ma. Second, is the support staff. If you look at the names of the supporting players who made up The Dream Team, each of them had serious skills. Arguably they weren't the "No. 1" overall, as in the greatest player ever, but they definitely were skilled at the position they played. For a business, this support staff is no less important. The roles that are particularly valuable in running a business in China are: an accountant, an attorney, a linguist, and a technician (as in information technology). No matter how great the "Jordan," in China they will be brought to their knees without support. Finding an competent, honest, reasonable, reliable, and trustworthy accountant is not easy. Yet, it is essential to running a successful business. An attorney may not be required on a daily basis for smaller firms, however they will be needed throughout the business process. From drafting and proofing initial incorporation paperwork, writing a



standardized contract for use with customers. to analyzing and mitigating legal risk, having a solid attorney on retainer is recommended. A linguist is bi-lingual. They must be fully fluent in both Chinese (i.e. able to read, write, speak and understand) and the language of the founder (if they are an expat). No matter what industry or how crude the concept, these days somehow, somewhere technology will be involved at some point. From accepting digital payments, setting a public WeChat account, to routine computer trouble and networking needs there are just too many reasons a technically competent technician is going to be needed. The point, in addition to coming up with a great idea, success in business requires a dream team of talent.

成为下一个"梦之队"

最早的"梦之队"可以说场上场下都是人生的 赢家。伟大的球员加上全明星阵容, 他们的组成让 世界意识到"梦之队"无人可挡。然而,这些都不 重要, 重要的是对于很多运动员来说, 能有机会与 "梦之队"同场竞技,已经梦想成真了。

抛开篮球,我们来看看"梦之队"到底有什么 意义。从本质上讲, "梦之队"代表了各个领域的 最高水平。从文化的角度来看,"梦之队"的概念 在中国也得到了很好的诠释。汉字"人"的结构就 反映了人与人之间的支持作用,这也强化了一个非 常重要的文化理念:集体的力量大于个人。而通过 汉字"众"我们也能理解集体的作用,但不同的是 "众"的结构是两人支撑一个人,两个人肩并肩, 为第三个人的出类拔萃提供条件。当我们对人类金 字塔做研究的时候,就会发现,成功靠的是一群有 才能的人朝着共同目标一起努力。这一点是每一个 想要成功的企业家都必须知道的宝贵经验。想成 功,有一支人才团队必不可少。基于"梦之队"的 成功经验, 它需要每一位参与者都具备自己独有的 力量以及对成为队员的渴望。

中国是一个依靠团队力量得以生存的国家和市 场。没有什么所谓的人民的力量,在这个拥有10亿 多人口的国家,它靠的完全是集体力量。姑且看看 天津地铁的飞速发展, 短短十年的时间, 它就已经 发展到如此规模。对于即将到来的2022年冬奥会, 京津冀的联合发展也为市民的出行带去了很多便

当我们在中国谈论经营一家企业的时候,"梦 之队"可以包括什么?首先,企业需要一个真正的 领导者。他的角色有如当初的乔丹、约翰逊、伯德 一样。他们代表着团队的顶级球员。从商业角度 看,他们是创始人,是队员也是指导者。第二,是 支持人员。每一个配角队员都有自己特有的技能。 在中国,这样的职能员工可以是会计、律师、语言 家、科技人员等。没有队员的协助,领导者再成功 也体现不出他的价值。无论你从事怎样的领域, 工 作中总有一些地方离不开技术内容。从数字支付到 微信账号, 再到日常工作设备的故障与维护, 网络 的设置,技术工作无所不在。因此,我们再次强 调, 当你有一个好的想法的时候, 你还要有一个优 秀的人才团队。



"Respect in heart, excellence in action" HRCLUB 2017 Annual Meeting held successfully



annual elite instructors and annual human resources industry leader award, which got the industry attention. As the industry's most influential brand award, it transfers the positive energy of the HR, inspires others to match the benchmarking and jointly promotes the improvement of human resources management.

It is said that since 2010, the HRCLUB annual ceremony has been held for eight consecutive years. With high specification and high quality activities, many human resource managers have been attracted to participate. It has become a resource sharing platform for the human resources industry, renowned a high reputation in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei.

January 11, 2018, HRCLUB 2017 Annual Meeting "Respect in heart, excellence in action" was held successfully in St.Regis Hotel. Totally more than 300 member enterprise managers, Human resources experts from government and university got together to make a HR manager annual meeting.

Under the background of the release of related policy, development of economy condition and new technology in 2017, Human resources industry is full of challenge and opportunity. HR CLUB chairman mentioned that HR should have more respect to their job, embrace change and admire speed, and be proactively to know talent feature in new era. Meanwhile, mind should catch up with change speed, bold in action, create excellence, launch out innovation based on essence, initiatively consider new hr-tech application and improve HR management

consciousness, make transformation and innovation in work.

One highlight in this meeting is that 12 pioneers appear on the stage. This super team was formed with government leader, famous experts, scholar and industry leader. Their images and charisma were shown in the way of giving lecture and award presentation with sharing experience and survive rules, transmitted and infected every audience on the scene with excellent professional demeanor.

Promote the spirit of "Respect in heart, excellence in action", give full play to the power of example and practice the passion of career with professional attitude.

Manifest the power of example, award industrial model. As the highlight of the annual festival, HRCLUB gave individuals and institutions contribution award to the most respected human resource managers, the year's most respected HR team, the











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Tianjin Monthly Executive Breakfast Briefing -- Launch of the 2018 Business Climate Survey Report

7:15-9:00AM, Friday, February 2-- The Astor Hotel Tianjin

The first Monthly Executive Breakfast Briefing of 2018 will launch AmCham China's 20th Business Climate Survey Report. As an important tool for policy makers, the Business Climate Survey Report gives insight into the challenges foreign companies face operating in China while also highlighting key industry trends. By providing a platform for member companies to voice their concerns, this report lays the foundation for understanding corporate attitudes towards the regulatory environment in China.

2018 marks the 20th year of the Business Climate Survey Report, and reaffirms AmCham China's dedication to advocacy on behalf of its members. AmCham China is proud to once again have cooperated with Bain & Company on producing this year's report.

We invite you to join us to get an early look at the report's findings, and meet AmCham China, Tianjin's Executive Committee Members for 2018.

Venue:

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Program:

7:15 - 7:30 AM Registration and networking 7:30 - 9:00 AM Breakfast with presentation

Registration:

Cardholding members: RMB 120 Employee of member companies: RMB 120 Non-members: RMB 180

M2M (Member-to-Member) Series: Comprehensive Analysis of the U.K. Real Estate Market and the London Housing Project Promotion Meeting

2:00-6:00 PM, Sunday, February 4 - the Ritz-Carlton, Tianjin

London is the political, economic and cultural center of the U.K. Stratford, in the North-East of London, is home to the 2012 Olympic stadium and is the gateway to the bustling new city, Canary Wharf. With the London government's plan to continue to develop the city's eastern region and financial district, the populations in these areas will rapidly expand and the demand for housing will continue to rise. The housing prices in Stratford will rise significantly in the future.

At this event, we will invite **Ms. Yuko Sun, JLL's International Residential Manager** to provide you with a professional analysis of the U.K real estate market and investment program. We also welcome you to prepare questions to ask the investment expert during the session. We hope you join us.

Speaker:

Yuko Sun Senior Manager of International Residential, JLL Tianjin 孙媛 仲量联行国际住宅部高级经理

Venue:

Executive meeting room, The Ritz-Carlton, Tianjin 16 Dagu North Road, Heping District, Tianjin 天津市和平区大沽北路167号丽思卡尔顿酒店 行政会议厅

Program:

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EUROPEAN CHAMBER IN TIANJIN

Manufacturing Dinner on Engineering Solution of Industrial Greenfield and Facility Built, Plant Expansion, Relocation and Decommissioning

18th January, 2018

The European Chamber welcomes the efforts of Tianjin government in raising environmental requirement standards. However, we realize that many industrial plants seem to be affected in various grades by the emerging changes brought by the implementation of these new regulations in Tianjin.

In response to increasing concerns from members companies, the European Chamber Tianjin Chapter with support of SIP Project Management and its partners organized a dinner briefing event with representatives from more than 40 manufacturing companies.

Dr. Christoph Schrempp started the event with outcome sharing of recent environmental enforcement survey, outlined the policy trend, influence to members and chamber action. Followed by speakers from SIP Project Management, Environmental Consulting Firm and international law firm Pinsent-Masons presented their comprehensive insights on engineering solution of industrial greenfield and facility built, plant expansion, relocation and decommission from different angles.



This event concluded with a super-hot interactive Q&A session among speakers and participants. The European Chamber Tianjin Chapter will closely monitor the authorities' further actions and effects on foreign business in China together with our industrial working groups, continue the open dialogue with Tianjin Government to obtain specific answers in rejecting "one size fits all" approaches and promoting transparency.







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Past events

Seminar - EHS Regulatory Watch

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On Thursday January 18th, German Chamber of Commerce Tianjin hosted an informative and interactive seminar on the topic of "EHS Regulatory Watch" at the Ritz-Carlton Tianjin.

With the strengthening of China's EHS (Environmental, Health, Safety) legislation and law enforcement, how to ensure the compliance performance of manufacturing enterprises in China is a problem that every enterprise needs to think about and seek solutions.

The event started with a coffee reception where more than 15 participants could enjoy a little refreshment after their arrival.

During the seminar session, Mr. Tony Xiao, the senior EHS consultant from Bureau Veritas China, shared his insights and provided guidance from different aspects such as China EHS regulatory framework briefing, EHS compliance/regulatory assessment service introduction and why a company should establish EHS regulatory Inventory.

After more than 1.5 hours, the fruitful seminar was rounded off by case sharing and a Q&A session with the speaker.









Upcoming Events

February 28, 2018, 19:00 – 22:00: Kammerstammtisch Tianjin, Bavaria Beer Keller (Italian Town)

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Expats coming to China need to tackle two major tasks, learning the language and culture.

MASTERING MANDARIN by Leo Park VIA THE HSK

he motivation for expats to pass the HSK has increased significantly. Why? The HSK now affects an expat's obtaining a work permit. How so? As WeChat ID: hacosbusiness reported on April 1, 2017 there is a new points system for rating expats working in China. An expat's total score affects how easily a work permit can be obtained, as well as the length of validity. Based on the chart posted by HACOS an applicant's HSK score can add anywhere between two and ten points as follows: "HSK 1 = 2points, HSK 2 = 4 points, HSK 3 = 6 points, HSK 4 = 8 points, and HSK 5 = 10 points(which is the maximum). On a side note, it was indicated a "Bachelor's degree in Chinese or related program" would also qualify an applicant for receiving the top score of 10 points. What's the point? Mastering Mandarin via the HSK is important.

Language Unlocks Culture

Expats coming to China need to tackle two major tasks, learning the language and culture. Both require significant education. Mastering Mandarin

may seem like the more daunting task initially as daily life is brought to a seeming standstill because of being unable to communicate with locals. This reality is often unknown or even denied by the naive expat. Why? A non-local can only begin to understand how vast and complex Chinese culture is after they have achieved a fairly advanced level of Mandarin. In other words, innocence is bliss. Such bliss is not without its liability though. Expats with sub-par Chinese may go completely unaware of massive cultural blunders they have committed.

This truth becomes painfully obvious as the linguistic barrier is removed and little by little the world around them is understood. It can be shocking to realize what is being said, perhaps even about the expat themself. For example, a woman could be deeply hurt by locals commenting out aloud about her figure. Comments could include calling her fat, ugly, and other rude remarks like these. Locals may think she can't understand what is being said, so no harm done. Or it could be a cultural challenge facing expats in general, namely, Chinese tend be rather

YET, FROM A LONGTERM PERSPECTIVE, TRULY UNDERSTANDING AND BEING ABLE TO NAVIGATE CHINESE CULTURE IS ARGUABLY FAR MORE DIFFICULT FOR EXPATS.

direct about appearance. Either way, this proves how mastering Mandarin can be a double edged sword. On the one hand Chinese competency is critical to long-term success in China. For example, it directly affects one's opportunity to obtain legal employment and residence. On the other hand, it breaks the blissful barrier of ignorance and requires the expat to handle hearing harsh commentary.

Outside of surviving daily life, when it comes to the HSK, expats need to understand the role it plays in mastering Mandarin. Namely, passing the HSK creates a clear benchmark for establishing an individual's Chinese proficiency. After all it is called the "Chinese Proficiency Test." That said, it fails to fully equip someone for dealing with every aspect of life and business in China. The HSK should be seen perhaps as more of a stepping stone than a destination. Instead of thinking that passing the HSK ensures fluency or competency in all areas of conversation, see it as providing a foundation for future language learning. For these reasons, some educational institutions divide their Chinese classes into different categories.

HSK Classes

There are classes for spoken Chinese, grammar, culture, business, and the HSK itself. The fact that HSK classes tend to be



Writing Chinese characters



Take part in an examination

stand-alone, following a unique curriculum, indicates the specialized nature of taking the test. Within the HSK class category, expect to find two types of instruction. One will focus on taking the test itself. This means the teacher may spend the vast majority of time teaching test taking techniques. These techniques could include things like reviewing mock test questions, memorizing common grammar patterns, and preparing for specific types of questions which typically appear on the HSK. Test questions might include a mix of multiple choice, fill in the blank, correct the mistake(s), and essay. The second type of HSK class could focus far more on vocabulary. Each level of the HSK has its so-called required vocabulary. The word count can range into the thousands. For a novice, learning several thousand Chinese words is not going to be easy.

Modern Chinese vocabulary words tend to be made up of two Chinese characters. Whereas ancient Chinese, relied more on each singular character having its own meaning. That meant to read Chinese a huge number of individual characters needed to be memorized. The advantage to the modern-day "two-character equals one word" tactic is that it lowers the overall quantity of characters needing to be known. However, it isn't without its challenges too. Namely, instead of memorizing a single definition for a single character, now students must remember two-character combinations. This can be confusing when a character seems to be visually familiar, but is ultimately

misunderstood because of not grasping which word it represents based on its two-character composition. The use of spacing in Chinese is different than in other languages, such as English. The most obvious difference may be in that individual Chinese words are not separated by a space. Therefore, trying to identify which two Chinese characters belong together, so as to make up a word can be tough for a brain trained to identify vocabulary based on spacing. Particularly expats used to reading romanized content may find this quite challenging. It does seem that other Asian students such as Japanese and Korean master reading and writing Mandarin more easily than those from Western backgrounds. Perhaps this has to do with their cognitive familiarity with spaceless, character based texts.

HSK prep classes tend to be highly recommended and fairly effective for expats looking to pass the HSK in a finite period of time, e.g. three months to one year. A language center may offer HSK classes that essentially are taught in a loop. Meaning they keep teaching the same content over and over. Students can theoretically start taking classes at any time and sooner or later the portion missed previously with be taught again. Learners keep taking the classes until they pass the HSK. In general, the expectation seems to be that the HSK can/should be passed within one year. This is made manifest by some scholarship programs including only one year of Chinese language instruction before starting the curriculum related to the major. Students of such a program must pass the HSK

within the first year or else face the possibility of not being allowed to continue on to studying their major. This certainly puts a level of pressure on students to not only take the HSK, but pass it. Essentially it is pass or bust.

Conclusion

To individuals looking to live, work, or study long-term in China mastering Mandarin is more important than ever before. A piece of putting the proverbial Chinese language puzzle together, appears to lie in passing the HSK. This is evident by the fact that both Chinese work permits and China based academic programs feature elements which require and/or reward individuals passing the HSK.

学好汉语,潇洒生活

近来,考取HSK的外国人明显增多,究其原因 大概是因为HSK考试可以直接影响外国朋友是否能 取得工作证。根据权威报道,自2017年4月1日,中 国启动新的对外籍人才积分计划。总成绩将直接影响取得工作证的概率以及有效时长。HSK分数越 高,申请人获取的积分就越多,积分浮动在2-10之 间。据悉,取得中文或相关课程的学士学位证书, 也可以获取相应积分,积分最高可达10分。由此可 见,掌握汉语至关重要。

外国人来中国需要攻克两大难关:语言和文化。从短期用途来看,学习语言似乎更加困难一些,因为如果不会语言,你就无法正常的与人交流,生活陷入窘境。然而从长远角度来看,理解并驾驭中国的文化才是最难的环节。中国文化浩瀚复杂,它远不是那些你能轻而易举就掌握的表面功去。

抛开日常生活,外国朋友要知道HSK对于学习 汉语的重要作用。通过HSK,可以了解一个人的基 本汉语水平。HSK,中文名称"汉语水平考试"。 也就是说,HSK并不能涵盖外国人在中国生活的方 方面面,因此HSK应该更像是一个垫脚石,而不是 一个目标。与其认为通过HSK就是语言流利的保 证,不如把它看做是语言学习的基础。基于此,很 多教育机构都会将它们的课程分成不同的类别。

课程设置基本上有口语班、语法班、文化班、商务班和HSK班。因为考试的特殊性,所以HSK通常作为一个独立的课程提供给学生。在HSK的课程里,教学重点大致分为两块,一块是为应对考试而专门教授的应试技巧,而另一块则是词汇侧重。对于想要在有限时间内通过HSK考试的学生而言,教学机构往往会推荐HSK考前辅导班。语言中心所提供HSK课程实际上是循环授课,也就是他们会不断的教学同样内容,直到考生通过考试为止。

对个人而言,他若有在中国长期生活、工作或学习的打算的话,那么掌握汉语是绝对有必要的。 汉语已经变得越来越重要,从新的积分政策来看它就已经侧面印证了汉语的重要性。愿每位有需要的 朋友都能通过考试,在中国可以顺利生活。



Piano class

WHY CHINESE KIDS TAKE CLASSES 7 DAYS A WEEK

by **Charlotte Edwards**

ave you ever noticed that the kids in your neighborhood are up and about by 7 am every day of the week? They don't just attend school Monday through Friday; the weekends are just as packed with classes as well. Sure, not every child has a 7:30 or 8 o'clock class on Sunday morning, but chances are every child you encounter has at least one kewaiban to attend.

Recently I casually polled my students, grades 1-9, and the majority of them have three extra classes each week. The older they are, the more they tend to have. My son's fourth-grade classmate has eleven classes. His dad jokes that his entire salary goes to tuition for these classes. Compared to him, my kids are major slackers. My son takes basketball, drawing and swimming. His five-year-old sister just started dance and wants to start piano next term.

Why so many classes? Don't they learn enough in school? One would think so. From my observations, their classroom studies are more rigorous than American ones. They have homework every single day of the year, except Children's Day (June 1 is a glorious day in our house!). There are two main reasons I've discovered. First, is

that schools glaze over English, sports, music and art. Outside classes provide extra training in specific areas. As a native English speaker and teacher, I could teach oral English every evening and all weekend long if I wanted.

Another reason for the extra classes is that the school teachers want to earn extra money so they do one of two things: encourage parents to have their kids get "extra help" in after school lessons, or they purposefully exclude some test material from their classroom lessons. The second one, which Chinese friends tell me isn't rare, doesn't sit well with me. Both my son's math and Chinese teachers (as well as one of their husbands) offer classes after school. For us, a perfect exam history is not essential. As long as he remains curious and makes progress in his studies, we're happy.

Extra classes also lead to obtaining certificates and extra points for the gao kao score. Many of my female students learn piano until they pass the ninth or tenth level and get their certificate. They say it's helpful for getting into a good college and getting a good job. I have a few colleagues who are strategically placing their kids in classes so they can

acquire the highest number of points towards the high school or college entrance exam.

I hate seeing kids so busy (five-year-olds reciting their homework at 10 pm in the the class Wechat group) and stressed (a grade 9 student was taken to Beijing for two days to sit exams to qualify for admittance to a top school) at such young ages. It's a stark contrast to my relatively laid back youth where I went to be at 7:30 pm until I was a teenager, and I had a huge say in what extracurricular activities I participated in.

I don't think parents necessarily want to have their kids in so many classes. It adds up to thousands of yuan each term; it requires one parent (usually Mom) to chauffeur the child around the city and wait for them during classes. The next time you see a frazzled parent on the bus or at a restaurant; cut him or her some slack. Chances are they're exhausted from all the extra work that modern society requires of parents who want their kids to get into college to secure a good future.

孩子真的需要一周7天 上课吗?

你是否注意过邻家小孩的作息时间? 一周五 天,每天清晨早早起床,周末各种课外班。几乎我遇 见的每一个孩子都至少参加一门课外班。

我也随意的问了几个学生,结果不出意外。大多数学生每周有三次课外班,年级越大,课外班数量越多。我上四年级的儿子的同班同学居然在外面报了十一个课程,费用几乎是一个家长的全部工资。和他们相比,我的孩子们就"懒惰"多了,他们打球,画画,游泳,跳舞,甚至下学期妹妹还要学习钢琴。

为什么要上这么多课?学校的教育难道还不够吗?在我看来,中国的课堂要比美国严格更严格。除了儿童节,中国的孩子几乎天天有作业。中国的家庭热衷课外班无外乎两个原因:一,中国学校对语言、体育、音乐、美术等方面的不重视;二,老师的鼓励。但对我来讲,我不需要孩子们给我一个完美的考试经历啊,只要他们保有对知识的渴望,对学习的上进,我们就很高兴了。

据说某些课外班的证书还可以为高考加分,也因此我的很多女学生都在外面学习钢琴,获取证书,以便以更好的分数进入大学,毕业之后找到好工作。说实话,我很不情愿看见花样年纪的学生们每天如此忙碌,5岁的孩子做功课到10点,9年级的学生被带到北京去参加什么资格考试。和他们相比,我的童年简直太过"懒散"。

当然,我也不认为这是父母们的意愿,花费数千元,开车十公里,等候数小时,来让孩子上如此多的课程。如果在公交或餐厅里看到疲惫的父母时,请给他们多一份理解和包容,毕竟他们也是应社会的要求,为孩子们能有远大前程而如此千辛万苦。

AIRLINE TICKETS 純





Worker: Hello, this is Dongxia Airlines.

工作人员: 是 您 里 好 , 这 xià háng kōng gōng 夏航空公司

Customer: Hello, I'd like to book a ticket from Tianjin to Shanghai this Saturday.

Nín hảo wŏ xiảng dìng yī 顾 您 我 好 Ţ, 想 张 dào Shàng hǎi zhè Zhōu cóng iīn 津 到 的 Ж 天 上. 机 票

Worker: What time would you like to depart?

作 员 : 您 想 订 间 出 发 的?

Customer: Do you have anything in the afternoon?

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Worker: Let me take a look. As of right now we have two flights. One has a two-fifteen departure time and the other departs at four-thirty.

Gōng zuò rén Bāng nín 员: 帮 您 杳 gián men göng sī 我 两 Ħ 前 八 司 航 有 wǔ liǎng diǎn yī chū 刻 出 发 詽 下 两 点 chū xià diăn bàn 发 下 午 四点 半 出 的

Customer: What are the prices?

顾 客 : 价 格 呢?

Worker: The full price of either ticket is ¥1,200. However, the four-thirty flight qualifies for a 20% discount.

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Customer: If anything happens with my schedule, am I able to change to another flight?

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Worker: If you choose a different flight from our airline, it's not a problem. But with the discounted ticket, you will probably be charged a service fee.

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Customer: If your airline doesn't have any flight times that work for me, will I be able to change to another airline?

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Worker: At the time of the change, we must check if the other airline has signed an agreement with our airline. Otherwise I'm afraid it won't be possible.

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Customer: What if something comes up and I have to cancel my trip. Am I able to get a refund?

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Worker: You can, however there will be a fee based on when the refund is requested.

yuán Kě yǐ 员:可以 piào shí 票 时 jiān shōu 间 收 qǔ 取 fèi 费 yong 用

Customer: Specifically, what is the fee?

具体的收费标准是?

Worker: Our regulations stipulate that any refund requested within two hours of take-off will be charged a 20 % fee. Anywhere from twenty-four to two hours prior to departure a fee of 10% will be charged. More than twenty-four hours prior to take-off there will be a charge of 5%.

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Customer: Lunderstand. Please book the 4:30 flight on Saturday for me.

Ť 那 您 我 明 白 Zhōu liù háng 午4:30 的 那

VOCABULARY: 词 汇

怕 中 为 副 词 意 为 估 tā dān xīn kŏng pà 比 担 心心 如 恐 怕 bié děng 你 别

Kŏngpà: As used in the article is an adverb. It's an estimation of a future event coupled with concern. For example: "I'm afraid he's already left, don't bother waiting."

Diǎn LANGUAGE TIP: 语 言 点

打 词 个 字 可 以 合 在 起使 用 也 可 fēn Bĭ diàn shāng pīn běn quán bù 分 开 使 用 比 如 本 店 商品 全 部 打 折 nín gěi 4 多 您 给 我 打 这 肥

Dăzhé: A Chinse word that can be separated. The two characters can be used together or separated. For example, "all of the merchandise in the store is on sale (dŏzhé, the two characters are used together).""I'm buying so much, why don't you give me a discount (dă ge zhé, the two characters are separated)."

Tiny Students, Lofty (Giraffe-like) Ideas! @ IST

IST is known for the inquiry based, creative and engaging methods of teaching that its teachers widely practice to foster hands-on and long-term learning for the students. This approach makes the process of learning not only very enjoyable but also more memorable for them, which ensures that lessons learned are retained for the long-term.

A current example of this kind of teaching and learning is the ongoing Animals unit In Kindergarten where the children have been busy inquiring into how animals use their characteristics to live in their environments. They have completed a variety of inquiry tasks from visiting the Tianjin Natural History Museum to researching and writing a report on an animal of interest to them. However, one of



the highlights of the unit came from an idea of the children. They wanted to make a life size giraffe after reading that it was the tallest animal on earth and a green anaconda which they learned about from a favorite song. The children found out the height and length of each animal, looked





at their observable characteristic, along with the colors and went about creating them. They printed the patterns or the animal skins, drew the animals, cut them and proudly displayed them in the school. Not surprisingly, both animals have become a popular attraction.

PROMOTION

IST's PFO Room Gets a Stunning Makeover

Reinforcing International School of

Tianjin (IST)'s commitment to being a warm, welcoming and friendly place for IST's parent community, IST has always had a special room where parents can come through the day, sit and chat with other parents while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea. This room, popularly known as the PFO Room (where PFO stands for Parent Faculty Organization) has always been a warm and welcoming haven for parents.

Over the recent winter break, this room was transformed with a fresh design and layout and swish new furniture, fittings and equipment. Check out the images of the refurbished room and drop in to enjoy the comforts and company it offers.

It also has had a carpeted and well-equipped play area (including some





new toys and play equipment) for toddlers who have yet not started school. This is also where the weekly Playgroup takes place every Monday morning (8:45 am to 11 am) for expat (IST or non-IST) parents





and their children up to 5 years of age. Check link for more details: http://www.istianjin.org/our-programs/athlet ics-and-activities/community-play-group

Common Book Experience @ IST

Continuing with the spirit of offering unique and abiding student learning experiences at the International School of Tianjin (IST), all students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 and all of their teachers are enjoying a common reading experience, initiated by IST's library team, for three weeks in January and February. Every student has been given a copy of Neil Gaiman's best-selling novel, The Graveyard Book. Depending on their best language, students have received a copy in either English, French, Korean, German, Chinese, Danish or Russian. And that's not even the best part—the best part is that this is purely reading for pleasure. No homework, no reading journal, no vocabulary work, no quizzes. Students are given 30 minutes of reading time in school each day. Some days students read during English, Math, Humanities, or Science classes. The overarching goal of this experience is to promote sustained reading for pleasure but this is also a chance to discuss a common book with friends and teachers, irrespective of one's native language.

The idea of a "common book" experience is not new. Many North American universities choose a book for first year students to read before starting in the Fall semester. The Penguin Books Common Reads page (commonreads.com) lists over 200 U.S. universities and colleges that have a common book program. You



can find out more about a parallel experience for younger students at the "One School, One Book" site hosted by readtothem.org.

To our knowledge, however, IST is one of the very few international schools in the world to choose this method of reading promotion and community building. The IST librarians are so confident in the success of this activity that they are already starting to plan for next year's common book experience. As one of the characters in The Graveyard Book says, "If you dare nothing, then when the day is over, nothing is all you will have gained." We are certain that our community will gain a great deal from this common reading experience.









Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean World Trip

January 17th, 2018, the Reception children at Wellington College Bilingual Tianjin had an opportunity to visit the Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean World in the Binhai area. This is a part of their learning on the topic, Arctic World. The children were in awe and wonder as they were now able to see the various animals in their habitat, come to life. The children were mesmerised by the snowy white beluga whale and the gentle giant, polar bear. The dolphins and seals had a chance to display their skills and antics during the "Dolphin Show". The facility also houses marine animals and the children enjoyed observing their favourite ocean animals such as turtles and a rich diversity of fishes. It was truly an experience worth remembering!







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PROMOTION

Chinese New Year Celebration at Wellington College International Tianjin

From 5th-9th February, A week-long celebration of Chinese culture, with Music, Dance, Fashion, Art and Design. Come along and enjoy the Chinese New Year Celebration with Wellington College International Tianjin. Our 2nd Charity Chinese Market will be held on Friday, the 9th at the Dining Hall. Chinese food, Arts and Crafts available all afternoon. All the proceeds from the event will go to the Tianjin RuHui Rehabilitation Centre, a worthy cause indeed. Free Entry and All Welcome!



TEDA Shows Off Some Talent!

We feel an immense sense of pride in our students and staff who worked so hard to make TIS' Got Talent (TEDA International School's annual showcase) such an amazing event on 14th December of last year.

A packed auditorium, with an audience consisting of students, staff and parents, were treated to a diverse array of incredible acts. The program ranged from solo singers, groups, bands, choirs, dancers









and drum soloists, all performing a wide variety of different musical styles. TIS' very own Jazz Band performed "All I want for Christmas is You", while the Special Primary Choir and staff choir, Sing 4 Joy, added to the Christmas theme with "Let it Snow" and "White Winter Hymnal" respectively. There was a beautiful rendition of "Ava Maria" by





the high school choir and moving solo recitals on ocarina and hang drum. Spectators were thrilled by several high energy dance performances from both student groups and staff members.

With the bar now set to such a high standard we are looking forward to making next year's event even more spectacular!





High Quality and Free Western Concerts in Tianjin

-- Justine Minyang Hebert

If you have been searching for good and free Western concerts in Tianiin, international schools may be worth checking into. There are 3 major concert seasons each year for Tianjin International School: ISC Fine Arts Festival in March, Spring Concerts in late April and early May, and Christmas concerts in mid-December. This past Christmas we again had a full house for Elementary, Middle School, and High School concerts.

Music has always been one of the emphases of TIS education. The goal is that students in band or choir can graduate from TIS able to perform in college or at social events and art festivals. We start them very early on, encouraging all kids to love music and be confident about showing their passion. Students





then go on to receive solid voice and instrument training. They perform at concerts, solo events, and even music festivals domestically or internationally. The High School Band and Choir are both filled with excellent young musicians who often challenge themselves with college level music.

So, what can the audience in Tianjin





look forward to this year? The next big concert coming up is the ISC Fine Arts Festival. This year it will be on the evening of March 24th at the Binhu Theater. Bands and choirs of 6 international schools in China will come together and perform under overseas quest directors. You can follow TIS on Wechat to receive more information when it gets closer.

PROMOTION

Tim Wright at TIS

This year, TIS started a new video series titled "Tag, You're It" as an opportunity for it to showcase its teachers to the Tianjin community. As the series continues, we are excited to present our next teacher: Tim Wright.

Mr. Wright is currently in his 4th year of teaching at TIS as a German and English teacher. He grew up as a Third Culture Kid (TCK), spending 18 years of his childhood living in Vienna, Austria. Mr. Wright earned a Bachelor's Degree in English Education from Indiana Wesleyan University and a Masters in Language Education from Indiana University.

Mr. Wright came to China because he wanted to work with Third Culture Kids and expose his children to a cross-cultural environment. He believes TCKs view the world differently because of their experiences living in a country that is not their passport country.

Mr. Wright's teaching style is based on helping students develop critical thinking skills through engaging lessons and





thought-provoking discussions. Mr. Wright's desire is for students to freely communicate in the classroom, clearly articulating their thoughts by providing support from the text. He enjoys working at TIS because of the quality environment it provides students with. Mr. Wright explains "The staff really care about the students. They see students as more than just academics by focusing on character

Some of his favorite moments living in





Tianjin come from when he takes his family to the zoo and they become a "moving photo exhibit." Instead of taking photos of the animals at the zoo, the locals prefer to take pictures of his four young children. Most importantly, he enjoys seeing the excitement of his children point at the different animals in each exhibit. If you would like to learn more about Mr. Wright and other teaching staff, please follow TIS on WeChat or go to www.tiseagles.com.

Unforgettable "Cinderella"

As a classic fairy tale character,
"Cinderella" has accompanied children from
one generation to another generation, with
not only her lovely appearance but also her
warm and cheerful personality, her honesty
and good character, eternally etched in the
hearts of children. The children of the Jian
Hua Autism Rehabilitation Center went to
the Cathy Future theater to watch a
performance of "Cinderella" with their
parents and teachers for an enriching
experience. In the music and the beautiful
choreography, the children enjoyed an
audio-visual feast and a memorable
parent-child time.

The story of "Cinderella" is well known by every child. But these storylines are not easy to understand for the children with autism. The teachers at the Center made a slide show of the Cinderella story to help the children better understand the content



that would be played out on stage. Their detailed explanation helped the children to become more familiar with the plot and the characters.

The teachers also explained the do's and don'ts of theater etiquette to the children so that they would be better prepared to adapt to the theater environment while watching the play. Because the lights would be turned off while the performance was on stage, teachers told the parents to take some glow sticks for the children so that they wouldn't be afraid of the dark. When the lights were off, the glow sticks' light would help the children overcome their fear of the dark and

would be able to watch the whole play. The children behaved quite well on the day of the performance, and many of the children also interacted with the actors on stage. Parents were relieved to see these signs of growth in their children.

Every year, the teachers at the Center organize various activities to enrich the students' lives. In various activities, different environments help the children improve their social adaptability. Going to the theater was a creative new outlet for the Center this year, helping children enter the theater and experience the fun of cultural performances. We hope these children with autism can also enjoy the wonderful world of fairy tales.



LIFE ADVISOR IN TIANJIN

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Gather together to make Jiaozi

MAKING JIAOZI

by Starr Mcmillian

he savory scent of beef and soy sauce filled my friend's kitchen as we sat hunched over her kitchen table making Jiaozi together.

Well, my friend was making Jiaozi. Her fingers flew through the steps with ease, filling each circle with meat and then folding and crimping the top of each dumpling perfectly. But each time my flour-dusted fingers carefully picked up the dough and attempted the same feat, my end result came out looking more like a squished meatball than a dumpling.

"You can do it!" my friend said with a hint of laughter in her voice. "Here, try it like this." We were both students at the same college, but tonight, my friend was the teacher. She showed me once more how she gathered the dough and folded it, and I picked up another lump to try again. Half an hour later, the bowl of meat was scraped clean and dumplings sat piled high on a plate ready to be boiled.

After they were ready, we sat down at the table together with her family to eat. I breathed a sigh of relief as her mom picked up a dumpling, took a bite, and declared with a smile that it tasted delicious.

As New Year's Eve approaches, families all across China prepare to gather together and eat dumplings to welcome in the year

of the dog. This memory of learning to make them brings a smile to my face because I truly felt like part of her family that night. There are few things more welcoming than a chair at the dinner table.

The only reason my friend could teach me how to make Jiaozi was because her mom taught her. Her mom learned from her own mother. It's a skill passed down through families here in China, and being welcomed in on the tradition was truly a gift. My friend was sharing more than just culinary skills with me. She was truly including me in her life and her culture.

I had to be willing to learn though, and that meant getting messy and making mistakes. Perfect dumplings don't just appear out of thin air. I had to roll up my sleeves and get to work. You can't make Jiazoi without your hands getting covered in flour and stained with soy sauce. Bits of dough get stuck under your fingernails. It's slow, tedious work, and it takes a while to get the hang of.

In a lot of ways, it's like learning a new language and culture. My first few months here in China have been wonderful in many ways, but they haven't been easy. If I hadn't been willing to try new things, work to understand, and make plenty of mistakes along the way, I would have

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Looking towards this new year, I'm ready to keep working. I hope the year of the dog holds many more chances to grow not only in my Chinese language skills, but in my love of this city and the people here as well.



Dumplings.

记一次难忘的经历

当我朋友的厨房里溢满香喷喷的牛肉味道时,我们全体口水直下三千尺,围坐桌边等待开餐。

嗯,她在包饺子,她的手指灵活的把饺子皮掌控在手中,熟练的把肉馅填在上面,边缘巧妙对折,好看的元宝饺子即刻呈现。我也尝试过包饺子,但每次的结果更像是我做了一个实实在在的肉圆一样。

饺子煮好后,看着大家满意的笑容,我也松了一口气。除夕临近,家人们会跨越五湖四海重新聚在一起吃一顿温暖的团圆饭。我很庆幸自己能融入他们的家庭,成为其中一员。在餐桌上没有什么比多一张嘴更令人开心的事了。

我朋友包饺子的技能是跟她妈妈学习的,而她母亲的技能又是和她姥姥学习的。对于这样一份技能既是传承也是礼物。我感谢朋友和我分享的一切文化,以及包容我的方方面面。包饺子就像学习新语言新文化一样。我在中国的头几个月虽然过的多姿多彩,但其实个中也有辛酸。纵然犯错,但我依然勇往直前,为自己留下了许多宝贵的回忆。

展望新的一年,我要更加努力工作,争取狗年有 更多的成长机会。中文进步,以及探索更多我对这座 城市和人民的喜爱。

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Children are always excited about festivals.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS - JUST LIKE THE ONES I USED TO KNOW by **Robert Watt**

his will be my 6th Chinese New year experienced in China. In previous years I have spent the week quietly at home alone, travelled to warmer weather in the south and shared the traditions of the 7 day holiday with my Chinese family. This year is a little different, for the first time, my wife accompanied me to the UK spending her first Christmas with my family. It means we experience, almost back to back, the two largest and most important celebrations of our respective cultures. She witnessing, first-hand, the western festive season and I getting to look at over-familiar customs through new eyes. But we also have new and shared references to look at the spring festival and see how different things appear and how similar they really are.

Getting ready

We arrived in the UK early in the morning the day before Christmas Eve. Although close to Christmas we hadn't missed that period of mounting excitement that leads up to the holiday. The weeks of getting ready known as advent. Our local shopping mall in China had been playing jolly seasonal songs and was strewn with decorations that, while less extravagant or brazen than those at home, still triggered those festive feelings. During the preceding weeks, we had been busy with buying and wrapping gifts, being involved in the planning of the festivities as well as making our travel plans. As we counted down the days to departure it certainly was, as the song goes 'beginning to feel a lot like Christmas.'

Following our return in the New Year, the local mall had already started replacing

displays to promote Spring Festival. The department store's Christmas tack of shiny garland, novelty hats and stockings had been replaced with boxes of Baijou, strings of lanterns and Jian Zhi. Christmas messages and decorations were giving way to Spring Festival equivalents or added along-side each other. Train tickets need to be to acquired, restaurants to book, gifts and red packets (hong bao) and to prepare, Duilian and Chinese knots to hang and homes to spring clean. Spring festival also requires preparation, a period officially begun with the eating of Laba porridge or garlic one month before the New Year.

True Meanings

The meaning of Christmas is a well explored theme of annual seasonal American movie. In reality, Christmas is a complex mix of traditions that varies widely from country to country. Finnish families gather in Saunas, Dutch children hang shoes for presents from Santa. Some receive gifts Christmas Eve, others don't celebrate till January 7th. Much of the feasting and drinking and the associated imagery of lights, yule logs, mistletoe and wine originate from pagan celebrations of the solstice, the protection of woodland spirits and promotion of fertility for the coming spring. Over years, Christmas has absorbed ideas from a range of times and cultures, influences from literature, advertising and not least religion. A single all-embracing meaning is difficult to find. The oft touted spirit of good will and compassion is a relatively modern construction of Dickens.

The Chinese festival, celebrated throughout most of SE Asia, varies from country to country too. Like Christmas it's a combination of old myths and disparate religious ideas. Its celebration dates back thousands of years and according to legend originated by a Daoist monk, Hongjun Laozu, who discovered that a beast (the Nian), which terrorised villages at new year, could be scared away by the colour red and loud noises. Many of the traditions observed during the festival relate to superstitions promoting prosperity, long life and luck. The food eaten or offered to ancestors and deities around this period are a mixture of stories and practices from Buddhist, Taoist and Confucian beliefs.

Party central

Perhaps any ancient festival inevitably changes and adapts along with society as we constantly add, redact and reinterpret history. One practice which hasn't changed and is common to both Christmas and Spring festival is the coming together of friends, colleagues and especially family to celebrate. First off is the company party. The structure of this party is similar to its Christmas equivalent; food and drink provided in a top hotel, entertainment, games and dull speeches from senior management. But there's no dancing, no drunken brawls or gossip generating antics. Attendance at the Spring Festival event, although almost compulsory, is over by 10pm. And instead of colleagues sporting black tie and dresses, drunkenly staggering about the dance floor till midnight, the idea of party fun is watching each other singing songs and performing well rehearsed routines on a stage.

The night before Christmas was always the most exciting of days. The culmination of weeks of preparation and anticipation of the food and as a child, the presents. Later in life, it was the evening of old ale, open fires in pubs packed with friends back from university. Older still is the joy given by one's own excited children. It's difficult to imagine Chinese New Year to be as eagerly awaited but, I am informed, that it is equally anticipated for all the same reasons; gifts of money, the reunion with friends and family, the food, the fireworks and the time off work. The imagery triggers happy memories of previous years; of perfect childhoods and nostalgia for long ago traditions. The build-up enhances the excitement.

So important is the reunion dinner on the eve of Chinese New Year that it prompts

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the largest annual migration of people, as workers return home from cities. The reunion dinner comprises dishes of special meats, restaurants are packed and frequently have set menus to speed up service and make cooking easier. In the North of China, dumplings are made after dinner to be eaten near to midnight. Some families visit temples to pray and light incense. In the south, glutinous cakes (Tangyuan) are eaten in place of dumplings. Families stay up at least till midnight, and fireworks, continuing since before dawn, reach a shock and awe crescendo.

Evolving traditions

Having a western husband avoids the argument over whose family the reunion or Christmas meal is spent with. In China it was traditional for the festival to be spent with the husband's family, but this is slowly changing. Now, like Christmas day dinner, spring festival is spent with each family on alternate years. Other recent changes are hongbao been preferred to be recieved via Wechat and the banning of firecrackers due to pollution.

Changes to traditions are an ongoing evolution responding to life and fashion, they have occurred for centuries. As our countries become richer and more integrated the events too become more complex and extravagant, filling with new and shared ideas. An often heard complaint is that Christmas has become too commercial and its meaning lost, it was surprising to hear my wife make the same remarks about Spring Festival.

The muddle of traditions that both festivals inherit, shows that while our culture and histories differ, our need for stories, control over fate and our love for family and friends are the same. So too is our desire to celebrate ever harder while believing festivals of the past were in some way better.

努力地过节吧, 像我们小时候那样!

今年我的中国妻子第一次陪我回英国过圣诞节, 我也会和她回老家过春节。我妻子是第一次在西方 人的家庭里过圣诞节,而我也会以全新的角度再次 感受并不陌生的春节。

我们是 12 月 23 日到达英国的,节日即将到来 的兴奋其实从几个星期前就开始了。中国的商场和 超市早就洋溢起圣诞的气氛,热闹程度不输英国。

过完元旦,我们从英国回来,发现商场已经换了新装,春节的味道渐浓。超市货架上的圣诞装饰品已经被春节要用的白酒、灯笼和剪纸窗花所取代。 人们开始着手预定过年回家的火车票,年夜饭宴席,准备红包,采买年货,给家里做扫除。

很多西方国家都有过圣诞节的传统,但都注入 了各自文化的特点。比如芬兰人会在圣诞节和家人 一起去桑拿,荷兰的孩子们会在床头挂上鞋子等待 圣诞老人的礼物。但是圣诞大餐、闪烁的彩灯、树 根蛋糕是不变的主题。

除了中国,东南亚的很多国家和地区也会庆祝 春节,庆祝的方式也不尽相同,所有的习俗都有祈 祷幸福美满、长命百岁、生活富足的寓意,饭桌上 每一道菜也都各有典故。

无论节日的庆祝方式如何变化, 阖家团圆的主题从来未变, 无论是圣诞节还是春节, 家人、朋友、同事都要聚到一起庆祝一番。每个公司都会举办年会, 通常会在高档酒店宴请员工, 一起回顾过去一年的业绩, 展望新一年。员工们自己准备节目, 在舞台上供大家一笑。

找一个外国老公就避免了关于过年回谁家过年的争吵。在中国,妻子要随丈夫回公婆家过年,但这个传统也在改变着。很多家庭采取轮换的办法,今年在丈夫家明年去妻子家;过年红包也从红信封变成了微信转账;很多城市包括天津已经全面禁止燃放爆竹了,即便春节也不例外。

习俗总是在进化中,我们的生活水平和观念一直在变化,总是赋予旧习俗新的生命和创意。很多人都会抱怨现在的节日太商业化,已经失去了原本的意义。但我们对美好生活的向往和对家人的爱是不会变的,所以我们才会依然对节日的到来感到兴奋,想要更好地庆祝。



Christmas celebration in a western family



Newspaper are still important.

DISAPPEARING PRINT - NEW David Wong NEWSPAPERS

he first character, 报Bao means to announce, inform or report; the second character 纸 Zi is paper. Newspapers as we know it, originated in the West, there were precursors in China over a thousand years ago and the most notable was the "Peking Gazette" 京报"Jing Bao" or the "Capital Report". It was a government bulletin and announced court appointments, edicts and memorials to the emperor.

Under the influence of the West, newspapers as we know came into circulation in the 1800's with the Canton Register being regarded as the first in 1827. Although not that ancient, my first job was delivering the morning newspaper in Canada during the '60's. Every morning before going to school, I would deliver the morning "Albertan" to over 130 homes for a subscription fee of \$1.75 per month that I received half. For 3 years I woke up at 6:00am and delivered the papers without fail, sometimes in snowstorms with temperatures of -30°C. To this day, my early rising habit continues at the chagrin of my wife.

Paper versus Electronics

Today, newspapers are going through a transition. Just as they were adjusting to the introduction of radio and television when everyone said they would no longer survive with the modern communications that provide up to date news quicker than the print media. Now they feel the onslaught of the Internet and immediate news at everyone's fingertips.

Several local Chinese newspapers have closed down and the same is happening in the West, but don't count them out yet. Major newspapers are fighting back and generally holding their own. They have introduced online editions and added paywalls to their websites that charge for online subscriptions. Since the majority of their revenues are from advertisers, they sell on line ads in addition to subscription fees.

Trust

Not everyone is sold on electronic news; the main problem is trust. Stories of "Fake News" (defined as deliberate misinformation or hoaxes spread via traditional print or news media or social media) props up very often, there is something about seeing news on newsprint, that makes it more legitimate. Not to say, there was not any fake news before the Internet. The most famous example in the United States was the Orson Wells 1938 radio broadcast of the "War of the Worlds" describing the made up hoax of invading Martians, which caused mass panic at the time.

The introduction of electronic social media and computer applications like Photoshop, mean easy access for everyone to create believable untruths. During the last US presidential elections in 2016, there were several untruth or fake news items generated by both sides and only some time after the campaigns were real truths proven. It seems to be an accepted consensus that in this day and age, not much can be done and as President Obama stated: "In the present media ecosystem, everything is true and nothing is true." (As reported in the New Yorker magazine January 2017)



Classified newspaper.

So what can be done? Not much except, try to confirm the facts from different sources. From this standpoint, it seems that the print media has a great respect by the public, having something in print appears to be less likely to be altered compared to having the electronic information.

Traditional Habits

There are some occasions when having an old fashion newspaper in print is expected and substitutes just don't cut it. The first item everyone looks for on a plane is their favorite newspaper although there is an indication that airlines in China will be making Wi-Fi available in the skies.

British fish and chips would not taste the same unless served in a sheet of newsprint. The New York Times newspaper crossword puzzle loses it appeal if it is printed out on a plain sheet of paper. And what are you going to use to line the bottom of your birdcage to catch the droppings?

Studies have shown that even when newspapers introduce their online edition and a website and if they tie in a paywall, readers will subscribe to the print version if they also gain access to the website. In fact, print ads have proven to be more effective than on line ads. Readers have developed an avoidance of electronic advertisements but still read printed ads. How many times have you disregarded those pop up ads or actually read the terms and conditions at the bottom of the website and just automatically tick the "I Agree"box?

Newspapers remain essential because news is reported by actual newsmen and reporters, not by bloggers or wechat groups. Many local newspapers will provide a local angle, how does a major story or news event affect your local community?

When available, such as international 5 star hotel business centres or flying on international flights, it is a pleasure to have access to a current major newspaper. One that is over 100 pages and a dozen sections and can be read at leisure and jumping back and forth, starting with the front page headlines, then drifting to general interest sections which are not so time sensitive. Writers that are experts in their field and provide interesting facts and background.

Usually the writing style in newspapers is called an "Inverted Pyramid"; the top of the story is short and to the point, also called the "lead" or "lede" of the story with additional material at the bottom of the pyramid. In this way you can browse through the stories and get an idea of what is in the overall content of the newspaper and go back and finish the total paper, similar to eating at a smorgasbord or buffet. This may seem like a messy way of going through over a hundred pages of print, but just like the buffet, the second or third plate is usually the best.

Conclusion

Newspapers, like other industries, face challenges due to the world's rapid pace of change and must adapt or disappear. One positive indicator is the newspapers are still hiring people. A look at the employment website for this industry:

http://www.journalismjobs.com you will see that there are over 1,000 jobs available and about one third are with newspapers.

So don't count them out, just go to any busy Tianjin street corner and you will see the local street vendor with hundreds of the latest newspapers and magazines in print. Next time you are home, take notice of the newspaper and magazine sections in the bookstores or supermarkets and the selection is huge.

One example of the newspapers staying power is the AP Associated Press. This is an



IN FACT, PRINT ADS HAVE PROVEN TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ON LINE ADS.

organization that was formed in 1846 by a group of newspapers that wanted to pool their resources in order to better report the news worldwide. If you read any Western newspaper, you will see that many stories are sourced from AP. In journalism circles, the AP guidelines for writing are considered the "Gold Standard". With this type of resource backing newspapers, you can rest assured that newspapers will be around for awhile.

You probably won't be able to enjoy the delivery of your morning paper by the local paperboy at 6:00am in the morning, but you can have it delivered by mail or pull out your smartphone and see the latest headlines at your convenience.

被溃忘的纸张

世界上最古老的报纸起源于西方国家, 而有记 载的中国最早的期刊是我们一千多年前的"京 , 它类似于政府的公告板, 专门用来宣布法院 任命、法令等内容。

今天的报纸正在经历一场转型。正如当年电 视、广播入侵的场景一样,人们觉得现代通讯一定 会为我们带来负面影响,最后事实证明,现代通讯 要比传统媒体更及时更便捷。随着中西方传统媒体 的相继倒下,不少纸媒正在打出反击战。很多媒体 都在出台在线版本,付费订阅等补救措施。由于媒 体的大部分收入都来自于广告商, 因此除了付费订 阅,它们还出售一些在线广告

不是每个人都热衷于电子新闻, 重点是真实 "假新闻"时常发生,传统纸媒相对具有约束 性, 而互联网的存在就好比一个大熔炉, 里面内容 真假难分。电子社交软件以及各类修图软件的诞 生, 更让大家对新闻和事件的真实性产生怀疑。这 正如美国前总统奥巴马所言: "在当前的媒体生态 系统中,一切都是真实的,然而又没有什么是绝对 真实的"

在某些特定场所纸媒有它不可替代的地位。比 如,乘飞机的时候,我们想到的第一个阅读物肯定 是纸张;英国最著名的炸鱼薯条如果不用报纸托 衬,那么味道一定不正宗。有研究表明,即便是在 电子科技横行的今天, 印刷广告也要比在线广告更 为有效。想想我们有多少次自动忽略电脑的弹出广 告, 甚至对于很多阅读条款也只是匆匆忙忙的直接 勾选"我同意"?传统媒体仍然不可或缺,因为它 是由记者朋友们通过现场调查而完成的确切新闻, 它不是网络杜撰, 空穴来风。

报纸和其它行业一样,都面临着适应或淘汰的 挑战。但庆幸的是, 当我们登陆相关招聘网站的时 候,还是可以看到纸媒行业对人才的大量需求。报 纸和杂志虽然活得不易,但我们依然可以在街角的 边边沿沿找到它们的身影

我们或许已经远离了报童送报的日子, 但社会 的进步为我们提供了更加便捷和迅速的获取消息途 径。想知道今天发生了什么?打开手机,一点便 知



The tradition of letting off firecrackers for Spring Festival will be replaced with other ways.

NO FIREWORKS! TAKING THE "SPRING OUT OF SPRING FESTIVAL"

by Paula Taylor

remember the first year I experienced Spring Festival in Tianjin. At first I marvelled at the fireworks, it seemed as if the whole sky was alight. It has to be said that Chinese firework displays are the most spectacular, not surprising really as they invented them. However as far as I am concerned, fireworks need to be experienced in small quantities, otherwise I worry too much about the consequences. So after a couple of hours of these fireworks I wondered when they were going to stop. I wanted to sleep and it was impossible. It seemed as if the sky was let up as bright as day, just as I dropped off to sleep, another lot were set off. That first night sleep was impossible. I asked my Chinese friends how they coped, some stayed up all night chatting, eating and talking with friends. Others said they slept just fine and didn't notice the noise. So many others repeated the mantra "It's Spring Festival, its traditional to let off many fireworks" that I started to feel as if I was attacking thousands of years of Chinese culture. The next day the air was full of smoke and I started to worry

about the pollution, the street cleaners were doing their best to rid the streets of the mounds of spent fireworks, some of the casings were huge and their carts soon got filled up with them.

Too much of a good thing

In the estate where I lived the caretakers would set off firecrackers in the early hours of the morning, almost at 30 minute intervals. They were on night duty so I suppose it kept them awake. I asked them why they set off so many and they said it was to get rid of ghosts. I don't know whether they were joking or not, whether they were just repeating some legend, or whether they really believed there were ghosts. In any event the number of firecrackers that they let off must have made any self-respecting ghost give up trying to sleep and leave the area. I was never bothered by ghosts so I guess their tactics worked – or maybe it's because I don't believe in ghosts that I was never bothered by them and so never had to set off firecrackers.

The second year I was in Tianjin some of

my family came to see me during Spring Festival. They had never seen such remarkable fireworks either but the Ooohs and Aaahs were quickly replaced with "When are they going to stop, we can't sleep". The next day they also complained about the smoky air and all the rubbish in the streets.

I guess many Chinese as well as Westerners are concerned about pollution, so the news that big cities are banning people from setting off fireworks whenever they like will be hailed as good news and a step in the right direction.

Harmful to body and environment

Cities like Beijing and Tianjin have had restrictions in place for some time but this year even more stringent rules will come into play. According to the latest regulations, fireworks have been totally forbidden in the area within the outer ring road, including during the Spring Festival, so there will be a very quiet Chun Jie this year.

The banning of fireworks in more and more places is obviously going to be hugely unpopular and no doubt the local Government have thought carefully before doing so. In fact as far back as 1989 measures were starting to be drawn up to deal with the problem.

Amongst the things taken into consideration were the rising numbers of casualties of firework injuries. The total has been steadily rising and people with eve injuries made up the greater number of those hurt. In recent times the oldest person injured was 75 years old and the youngest just two.

The biggest concern was pollution and a report compiled after the 2017 Spring Festival had this to sav:-

"Discharge of fireworks is one of the biggest causes of air pollution. According to monitoring statistics by the environmental protection department, a large number of fireworks and firecrackers were set off during the Spring Festival of 2017 in the city. The concentrations of airborne pollutants seriously affected the air quality in the city. During New Year's Eve, due to the concentrated discharge of fireworks, the concentration of PM2.5 in the city rose rapidly. On the first day of the first month, 15 districts reached a severe degree of pollution, of which 13 were seriously polluted. The average hourly average concentration of PM2.5 increased rapidly by 6.67 times". Sobering statistics indeed.

Some fireworks cause noise pollution in that they are too loud for the human ear to listen to safely and without consequences. Yet another problem is the risk of fire. The fire authorities expressed concern that as many people now live in high rise blocks, the increased risks presented by fireworks would mean that those needing to be rescued from these buildings in the event of a fire would be in serious jeopardy as the fire service are stretched at this time.

HOWEVER.... BANNING THE WHOLESALE USE OF FIREWORKS IS GOOD AND OLD CUSTOMS CAN BE REPLACED WITH NEW ONES. ONES THAT ARE KINDER TO THE **ENVIRONMENT, ONES THAT ARE** KINDER ON THE POCKET AND ONES THAT ARE KINDER ON THE BODY.

Companies lose out

Whilst most of us probably think it is a good idea to limit fireworks in view of the noise, pollution and expense, maybe we could still spare a thought for our Chinese friends, particularly the older ones. They have seen Chinese traditions gradually being eroded and newer, usually Western ones take their place. Fireworks have a very well-respected place in Chinese history and culture and it must be sad for many Chinese that there is now not much left of a traditional Spring Festival.

Some businesses will be badly affected, the obvious ones being the firework manufacturers, but there are others. I bet you didn't think about the wedding businesses. Any self-respecting bride must have fireworks at her nuptials, but now the wedding companies have had to agree not to provide them as part of their packages.

And how about the funeral companies? You may or may not know that funerals also require fireworks in great quantities. The more fireworks that are left off, the greater the

deceased person's reputation. It's strange isn't it that fireworks are usually used on occasions of joy such as festivals, carnivals, weddings and parties, but in China they are also used in times of grief. Like the wedding businesses, the funeral companies have also had to let their customers know that there will be no fireworks. They will take a big hit in their finances and their customers will be left very disappointed.

However.... banning the wholesale use of fireworks is good and old customs can be replaced with new ones, ones that are kinder to the environment, ones that are kinder on the pocket and ones that are kinder on the body. In keeping with changing times, people can now send red envelopes of money through Wechat. Let's hope that the hospitals in Tianjin and other places in China see less injuries this year. Maybe that will be the impetus that is needed to get all Chinese people behind the quieter, cleaner and safer Chun Jie.

没有鞭炮就不是春节了吗?

我还记得我来中国后经历的第一个春节。除夕 之夜不断升腾起来的烟花让我十分赞叹,整个夜空 都被烟火点亮了。惊叹过后我开始想, 什么时候能 结束?我要睡觉了。显然,外面的鞭炮声并没有停 的意思。我问中国朋友,你们怎么应对这种情况。 他们有的整夜聊天有的不受影响照样能睡着, 更多 的人则认为理所当然:这可是春节啊,放炮是我们 的习俗。

正是因为放炮带来的种种问题, 北京天津这样 的城市开始对燃放烟花爆竹进行限制并且日趋严 格。根据2017年11月发布的最新规定,天津市外环 线内全面禁止燃放烟花爆竹,春节期间也不例外, 所以我们要迎来史上最安静的春节了

这个延续了几千年的传统为什么要被中国人自 己禁止了呢? 首先是燃放鞭炮引起的人身伤害事件 正在逐年攀升, 其中眼伤最为常见, 很可能导致终 生残疾。其次是对空气的污染,有数据显示,2017 年春节期间,由于烟花爆竹燃放密集,城市中的 PM2.5含量上升迅速, 天津15个区的PM2.5数值达到 危险水平,13个区达到严重污染级别

鞭炮产生的噪音对人们的耳朵是很大的危害, 而且引起的火灾数量也居高不下。尤其现在很多人 都住在高层建筑,加大了防火灭火的难度。

禁令对环境和人们的人身安全都有许多益处, 但很多曾经需要依赖烟花爆竹的行业可能要受些影 响了。首先,不知道有多少家烟花爆竹生产厂要倒 闭了。婚庆公司和活动策划公司需要想办法找到鞭 炮的替代品来营造喜庆的气氛。一个有趣的现象 是,在中国不仅只有喜事才放鞭炮,丧事也要放, 所以殡葬行业也同样会受影响。

禁放鞭炮不代表我们就放弃了传统和风俗,相 信会有更环保、更健康的方式可以替代鞭炮,微信 红包不就已经替代了传统的红信封了吗? 希望在禁 放之后, 医院能少收治一些伤者, 我们都能度过一 个安静、干净和安全的春节。



Two cleaning men are clearing up the mess of firecrackers



She and the horse have been working together for many years.

BUSINESS STORY OF A POST-80S and STAY-AT-HOME MOM

n this year's early winter, Yao Na with a seven year-old child model Guo Guo, took a set of Christmas themed portraits. The pictures used a combination of a woman, child and a horse with the background of a sunset in which everything is so harmonious and beautiful. At the end of the shoot, the horse which weighed more than 1,000 kilograms stepped on Yao Na's foot, which was swollen for a whole week.

Yao Na has seven years' experience in learning the mechanics of Beijing opera costuming, and in order to help increase her job prospects, she has taken on further studies in electronic commerce. After she gave birth to her son, she began her hobby of taking pictures of every little boy and girl she could. In 2010, she took her first single SLR camera and started a business in

Hedong Park. At first she charged only 99 yuan for a group of photos. Life and her career went well for two years, after which she was able to afford 50,000 yuan to rent a house in the Hedong district and opened her own children's Photography Studio.

Entrepreneurship has its risks and she has suffered from the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune and seen her stocks rise and fall. In January 2011, Yao Na was deceived when she bought some props. The loss of 10,000 yuan was all her savings at that time but because of her good reputation, she now has more customers than ever. This summer, she rented a two-floor abandoned factory, with an area of nearly 2,000 square meters, in the Beichen district. Now the factory is a high-end children's photography base.

Yao Na insists that the sense of

by **Zhang Li, Wang Jin, Liu Ying**

achievement that entrepreneurship brings to her cannot be measured by money. It's the love of her job and her belief that supports her the most. The best thing for her about what she is doing is to witness the growth and development of the children. "When these kids get married, if I am still strong enough, I'm sure I'll take the pictures for their weddings" Yao Na told us excitedly. I have no doubt that she will.



In the shooting world of photography, Yao Na's behavior is more than that expected of a professional photographer.

TIANJIN IN PHOTOGRAPHS



Taking care of the child to be photographed.



The studio decorations draw on a lot of other people's ideas, but mostly are built and developed by herself.



She remains confident about the future.



Yao Nao with brown horse Qian Qian.



Many of the props and costumes made by Yao Na.



Tutoring the children.

80后全职妈妈的创业故事

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初冬,姚娜带着7岁的小模特果果拍摄了一组圣诞题材的样片。女人、孩子和马,夕阳的余晖下,一切显得那么和谐、美好。然而拍摄结束,体重1000多斤的半血马踩了姚娜一下,于是她那只可怜的脚"整整肿了一个星期"。

学了7年京剧老旦,又为了融入社会而进修学习"电子商务"专业的姚娜,在儿子出生后却发现了自己的另一兴趣点——给孩子拍照。2010年,她拿着自己的第一台单反相机,"99元拍一组"在河东公园为别人的孩子拍照。开始了自己的创业之路。公园"扫街"整整两年后,姚娜带着5万元,在河东区租了一间房子,有了自己的儿童摄影工作室。

创业有起有落。2011年1月,姚娜购买道具时受骗,损失的一万多元是她当时全部的积蓄!但是因为口碑好,她的客户越来越多。今年夏天,她在北辰区租用了两层废弃的厂房,面积接近2000㎡,打造了一个拥有四个摄影棚的高端儿童摄影基地。同时,她还要帮助有摄影梦想的单亲妈妈、全职妈妈创业,为她们提供一个建立职业信念的平台。

姚娜认为,创业带给她的成就感不是能用金钱来衡量的,支撑她的始终是对孩子的爱与信念:见证了那么多孩子的成长,是她人生中最美好的回忆。"等到这些孩子结婚,如果我还端得动相机,一定会亲自为他们拍摄婚礼!"姚娜说这番话时,眼内闪烁着憧憬和喜悦。



pring Festival is the most important festival in the Chinese calendar and it is the time that the whole family reunites and has dinner at the same table. It's traditional across China to hold a lavish feast to celebrate the Iunar new year, which falls this year on February 25. In China there will be festive red lanterns, ear-splitting firecrackers, auspicious door decorations, and new clothes and haircuts that are all part of the celebrations as families gather the evening before to see out the old year and usher in the new. For many, though, enjoying a special meal with loved ones is the most important element of all.

Jiaozi, always the star of the table

It is already known to the world that jiaozi (dumplings) are the iconic food of China, especially during festivals. They are commonly eaten across Eastern, Central and Western Asia, though considered part of Chinese cuisine. Jiaozi are a traditional dish eaten on Chinese New Year's Eve and at special family reunions. Extended family members may gather together to make the dumplings. In Northern

China and the dumplings are commonly eaten with a dipping sauce made of vinegar and chili oil or paste, and occasionally with some soy sauce added in.

A common legend goes that dumplings were first invented in the era of the Donghan around 190 AD by Zhang Zhongjing, a legendary doctor in Chinese history. Once, it is told, he saw fellow villagers in his hometown suffer from chilblains on their ears. He asked his disciples to build a tent and distributed medicines to the villagers. At the same time, he boiled a kind of soup with mutton and herbs that could drive away coldness in the body. Then he wrapped the mutton and herbs in dough skins and called it "jiao'er", which was the original form of dumpling. After eating the



Chinese iiaoz

ijao'er soup, the villagers felt very warm inside and their chilblains were cured. So jiao'er, which is now called jiaozi became the food that is eaten in every household in chilly winters.

The jiaozi (饺子) generally consists of minced meat and finely chopped vegetables wrapped in a piece of dough skin. The skin can be either thin and elastic or thicker. Popular meat fillings include ground pork, ground beef, shrimp, and even fish. Popular mixtures include pork with Chinese cabbage, pork with garlic chives, pork and shrimp with vegetables, pork with spring onion, and garlic chives with scrambled eggs. Filling mixtures vary depending on personal tastes and the region.

Tianjiners prefer making jiaozi with a triple filling called san xian, which includes ground pork, shrimp and garlic chives. In addition, Tianjin has a local kind of veggie filling, called jin wei su, which includes mung bean sprouts, coriander, smoked bean curd and vermicelli. The sauce in the stuffing is no less important than the ingredients and it generally is sesame paste. It gives the dumpling a special flavor that only is found in those from Tianjin.

Glutinous Rice Cake



Eight Treasure Rice

In the south, the glutinous rice cake has equal status to jiaozi in the north. Known as niangao, the glutinous rice cake has an auspicious meaning as nian nian gao, which literally means something that is getting better every year. Niangao has various forms in different parts of China. In the north, niangao is a steamed glutinous rice cake with date or red bean paste stuffing. Sometimes you can spot a vendor selling glutinous rice cake on his bike. The northern style cake is taken as a staple food or dessert. Many people like to dip it in sugar.

In the southern part of China, people make Eight Treasure Rice Pudding (ba bao fan), which is also made of glutinous rice. The name "Eight Treasure' comes from the "eight" key ingredients of this delicious dessert. Traditionally Chinese people use eight different kinds of dried fruits to make this dessert, such as raisins or candied winter melon. Eight Treasures Rice is also a kind of glutinous rice cake that contains marinated fruits. The number eight is a magic number for Chinese people. In Chinese, the number eight sounds like another Chinese word "fa 发", which means to be rich or to thrive in business. Also, because this dessert is really colorful and pretty, it represents luck and sweetness for the new year.

Food of Affluence

The Lunar New Year meal will almost always include dayu darou—literally "big fish and big meat." The phrase is used to describe any lavish feast where animal proteins play a central role, as opposed to day-to-day eating, in which meat and seafood are used much more sparingly.

A whole fish lends an impressive appearance to the dinner table, but fish is also symbolic of abundance. The Chinese phrase you yu, literally "to have fish," is a pair of homophones: yu, meaning "fish," sounds exactly the same as yu, meaning "surplus." As you eat the fish, you may therefore wish your friends niannian youyu—may you have abundance year after year!

The fish is usually steamed whole in a style commensurate with the region of China in which it's being served. In Hangzhou, it might be xi hu cu yu (West Lake vinegar fish), carp that's steamed and then drenched in an unctuous sweet vinegar sauce the color of molasses. In southern China's Guangdong Province, the fish may be served simply, drizzled with soy and sesame oil and topped with a tangle of ginger, chili, and shallots, or with a more intensely flavorful topping of ginger, black beans, and cilantro. The fish might even be deep-fried whole, like the extraordinary Suzhou squirrel fish (songshu yu)—served in a sweet-sour sauce, with the flesh cut in such a way that it springs outward like the fur of a squirrel when cooked, while the head and tail are left intact.

Yuanxiao

The Lantern Festival, or 元宵节 (yuan xiao jie), is celebrated on the 15th of the first lunar month and marks the traditional day for families to eat yuanxiao. This is the day of the first full moon in the Lunar New Year; hence, the traditional food for this holiday is the yuanxiao, which are shaped round and white like the moon itself. At this festival people engage in an entire day's worth of fun activities, ranging from playing Chinese games and riddles to setting off firecrackers. People will walk onto the streets



Tang yuan

with lanterns to see street performances such as the Lion or Dragon dance.

Glutinous rice balls (yuanxiao) are filled with red bean, sesame, peanut, and other sweet fillings that ooze out from mochi-like dumplings skins. The dumpling skins owe their pleasantly gummy texture to glutinous rice flour, which produces a chewier dough.

You'll find packets of frozen yuanxiao at most Chinese supermarkets, and these days the fillings not only come in the standard assortment, but have branched out into fancy-sounding ones like chocolate, durian, yoghurt, and "chestnut and sesame seed."



Sauirrel fish

中国人过春节都吃什么?

春节是中国最重要的节日,一家人会围坐在餐桌前分享丰盛的年夜饭,共享天伦。喜庆的红灯笼,震耳欲聋的鞭炮,寓意吉祥的吊钱春联还有孩子们身上的新衣服都是春节的标配,但最最重要的还是除夕夜那一顿年夜饭。中国人的年夜饭餐桌上都有什么呢?

首先当然是饺子,它是当之无愧的主角!饺子作为中国一个标志性的食物早就闻名于世了,不只是春节,很多重要的节日、节气甚至家里有喜事都要吃饺子。饺子传说是东汉名医张仲景创造的,当时是为了治疗村民的耳朵上的冻疮。后来,人们把饺子做成元宝的形状,就赋予了它更多吉祥富足的寓意。传统的饺子馅有猪肉三鲜、素三鲜,天津人还有本地独特的津味素。

年糕,因其"年年高"的寓意也是春节餐桌必备的甜品。年糕的升级版"八宝饭"由糯米里加入八种蜜饯和坚果,寓意"发财进宝,甜甜蜜蜜"。

中国人对富足生活的理解就是有鱼有肉,所以 鱼和肉也是主角。"鱼"与"余"同音,象征富足。 鱼的做法多种多样,但大都是整条烹饪,最著名的 有杭州的西湖醋鱼、广东的清蒸鱼、还有苏州的松 鼠样鱼。

正月十五元宵节是整个春节的结束,中国人有吃元宵的传统,是取"团团如月"的吉祥之意。元宵的外层是糯米粉做的,馅料有红豆、花生、黑芝麻、山楂等,更加创新的品种有巧克力、榴莲馅,更适合现代人的口味。



The basic building blocks

A BALANCED DIET by Kate King

hat does a balanced diet mean? Based on definitions provided by Merriam-Webster the term balance has the meaning of an even distribution, not having too much or too little in one area, an equalizing of all parts. Thus, when we speak of a balanced diet, we have the understanding that there is more than one part and all parts must be properly distributed in order to reach the correct equilibrium or balance. What is that balance? It is fulfilling all the needs of the body through nutrition; the ability to sustain proper health with our diet.

Our bodies need fuel. We expend energy continuously throughout the day and we need the appropriate amount of fuel to keep going. We need to put fuel in a car to keep it running. Cars usually have an owner's manual that specifies the type of fuel that should be used to keep the car running optimally. For a time period fuel other than what is directed in the manual may be used. However, if this continues for some time, the car will inevitably suffer damage. Our bodies are very similar. We have specific needs. If these needs are continuously not met, we will suffer adverse effects. What are our needs?

While opinions differ on the exact amount of each component, the basic building blocks are these: fats, proteins, fruits, vegetables and carbohydrates. The trick is balancing out these nutrients in the best way possible for your specific needs. The issue is, throughout life our needs change in terms of the amount of each of these items that is necessary. Children and adults have different needs. Elderly ones and athletes would not use the same amount of each group.

To give an idea of what portion each of these groups should hold in our diet, a pyramid is often used. The top of the pyramid is smaller and the base is the largest area. The general rule of thumb is to divide the pyramid into four horizontal sections from smallest to biggest. The top portion of the pyramid is our fats, followed by proteins, fruits and vegetables, and finally carbohydrates.

The fats section can include things like: oils, nuts and fish. It is important to eat the right types of fat. We want to stay away from saturated fats and trans fats, as these are said to be bad for the heart. Our proteins can include things like: poultry, meat and eggs. Fruits and vegetables contain a plethora of variety. It is

suggested not to limit yourself to one or two kinds. Instead branch out by trying different colors and textures. They all provide valuable and essential nutrients to our bodies. Food allergies, intolerances and other issues are the big caveat. Should an item be identified as a problem, likely one will be recommended to avoid or limit it. Finally, carbohydrates can include things like: breads, whole grains, guinoa, millet and other grains. Refined white flour, while it may taste good, is presented as having little nutritional value. Thus, some stick with whole grains. Specific conditions are the wildcard. Such as a gluten intolerance, whereby any item containing gluten may get blacklisted.

As always, this article is provided for informational purposes only. It does not replace seeking medical advice from a qualified professional. Our bodies are like a high-performance automobile. It is precious, complicated and valuable. It needs premium fuel. Our car may last for years, but our bodies need to last a lifetime. Take care of it, and it will take care of you!

均衡膳食

"均衡膳食"指的是,选择多种食物,经过适 当搭配做出的膳食,这种膳食能满足人们对能量及 各种营养素的需求,因而叫平衡膳食。没有单一的 食物能称得上是人类的均衡膳食, 只有相互搭配的 多种食物才可以构成实际生活中的均衡膳食。

我们的身体需要燃料。我们的身体一整天都处 在不断消耗能量的状态中, 因此我们需要适量的燃 料来维持生命体征。这正如汽车需要保养一样,我 们的身体也需要好好维护。究竟我们的身体需要的 是什么呢?

根据研究, 我们的身体基本需要: 脂肪、蛋白质、 水果、蔬菜和碳水化合物。当然,对个体而言,我 们对每类营养的需求分量都不会一样。重点是用最 佳的方式来平衡这些营养素以此来满足我们的特殊 需要

个营养上比较理想的膳食模式, 我们称之为 平衡膳食宝塔。它给出的建议是, 宝塔顶层是脂肪, 依次是蛋白质、水果和蔬菜,最后是碳水化合物。

脂肪部分可以包括诸如:油、坚果和鱼,当然 选择脂肪我们应尽量避免饱和脂肪酸以及反式脂肪 酸。而蛋白质类可以包括家禽、肉类和蛋类。果蔬 产品种类丰富,但切记不要只选择某一二种。碳水 化合物则包括面包、谷类、藜麦、小米和其它谷物。 精制面粉虽然味道不错,但实则营养价值不高。因 此,有人会选择全谷类食品,但食用之前请确保自 己对麸质产品没有过敏症状。

一如既往,本文仅供参考之用。具体健康饮食 建议还请听从医师指导。身体是自己的,好的身体 需要我们终生维护。照顾好身体, 它也会好好的回 报你。

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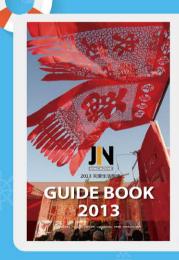


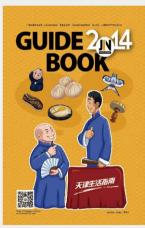
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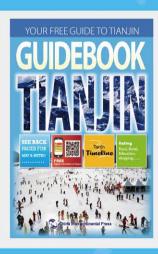
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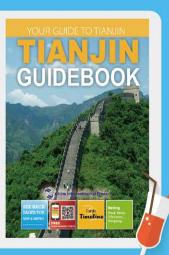


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Tianjin's outskirt areas might have homes as lower costs than the city center.

HOUSE HUNTING

by **Sandra Ng**

ach year as Chinese Spring Festival (春节 chūnjié) arrives (this year it is February 16th based on the solar calendar) many leave the city making for an opportune time for house hunting. Expats looking to make a move face a serious challenge. Why? Because housing is one of the top challenges in China. From finding, buying, renting, or paying for a house, housing related stress is real. It can be overwhelming and even lead some to feel hopeless.

"Hukou" and Housing

Culturally speaking, without a home (that is a purchased home, not rented) Chinese people face tremendous consequences. This largely has to do with issues related to residency (户口 hùk ǒ u). Pleco defines "hukou" as: "registered permanent residence." Simply put, without "hukou" a Chinese national can live in a city, but lacks a number of rights. This includes but is not limited to, a child born to parents without local "hukou" according to current regulations cannot take the infamous

national college entrance exam (高考 gāokǎo) locally. Instead the child must return to the place of their parent's "hukou" to test. How "hukou" and the location a child takes "gaokao" creates a plethora of problems is a discussion entirely of its own. The point? If expats want to understand why housing is such an issue in China, it starts by having some knowledge of what "hukou" is and how it directly impacts house hunting.

In some cases, buying a home could bring with it "hukou." Even in cases where a Chinese national has local "hukou" for the city they currently live in, where they live within that city still plays a part. For example, parents with Tianjin "hukou," who have a house in Hebei district are theoretically limited to schools within Hebei when their children become school-age. Of course, not all schools are created the same. Even in cases where parents have Tianjin "hukou" in order to ensure their child gets to go to a top school, they may be required to have "hukou" and residence within that school's district. Homes located within the district of a top-school can be

referred to as a: 学区房 (xuéqūfáng), which verbosely translates to: "a home within the district of a top-school."

Location

Understanding "hukou" and "xuegufang" is key to house hunting. Why? Because, essentially unless it is absolutely necessary for an expat to rent or buy a house within a top-school's district, try to look elsewhere. Literally, crossing a street could make all the difference in the price of a home. After all, as soon as one crosses a border of a top-school's district, home prices will probably drop. Another key factor is major businesses and subway stops.

Yes, even something as simple as walking out of one's complex and finding a subway stop can make a huge difference in price.An example are the homes right around the Yingkoudao subway stop (营口道站 yíngkŏudào zhàn). A location like that is a triple threat when it comes to real estate pricing. For one, it is located within the vicinity of a respected school. Two, it has a significant

subway stop in the area. Three, it has major businesses nearby. This means housing there is going to be a pretty penny.

When it comes to choosing an apartment, most expats will probably opt for renting. Plus, a large portion likely don't have kids in need of local schooling. This means, instead of being set on living right in the heart of the city, considering some of Tianjin's outskirt areas may not be a bad idea. Districts like Hebei (河北 héběi), Hedong (河东 hédōng), Honggiao (红桥 hónggiáo), Wuging (武清 wǔqīng), and Xiqing (西青区 xīqīng) might have homes at significantly lower costs than the city center. Another bonus to considering these areas is the possibility that properties may be newer. Instead of dealing with the challenges associated with a building that is decades old, the relatively open space associated with the outer districts presents the possibility of new apartments being available.

Potential Problems

While new buildings may have their appeal, don't forget to research the development company and the primary intent of the property. Buildings that were built extremely fast or for certain purposes may be new, but lack top-notch craftsmanship. This is where solid Chinese skills really pays dividends. If an expat lacks such ability, humility is the course of wisdom. Find a trusted Chinese friend to help translate. Renting a sub-par house which has structural issues is far from ideal. Remember, a house is only as good as its foundation. So be sure to consider what's underneath the building. Look for cracks, settling, and any signs of water trouble. Try to determine if the home itself has had any trouble with moisture. Apartment units with leaks or a history of repairs related to water should be avoided like the plague.

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A home within the district of a top-school.

Ownership issues are also something to be on guard against. For one, be absolutely sure the person who is being dealt with is actually the legal owner of the property. This is especially true for any home not found through a trusted source; such as those discovered online without the involvement of a realtor. Apps like "Gangiiwang" (赶集网 gǎnjí wǎng) and "58 Tongcheng" (58 同城 tóngchéng) are hotbeds for fraudulent activity. The risk is so great, that when using these apps for house hunting, at times a system warning message will automatically pop-up prompting the user to be extremely careful. The warnings may include things like: don't be greedy, if the house ad looks too good to be true, it probably is; be extremely suspicious of any landlord that claims to be out of town, can't meet in person, vet requests money; be sure to verify all legal documents before signing a contract or making any payment.

The landlord should be met in person and take a friend for support. Documents that need to be checked before signing a legal agreement, paying money, or moving in include: the landlord's original government I.D. (no photocopies); the original title for the property in discussion (again, no copies). The ultimate goal is simple, confirm the legal owner and the person being dealt with is the same person. Due to challenges related to owner verification, some prefer to use a reputable realtor. The two most widely known real estate agency's may well be "Lianija" (链家 liànjiā) and "Wo Ai WoJia" (我爱我家 wǒ ài wŏjiā). Using a real estate agent does not in itself guarantee freedom from trouble. Regardless of how a home is found, be very cautious and double check everything with the property is safe and legit. The spring season may provide a good opportunity to move. Be aware how school districts and location affect pricing. Some proven methods for house hunting are: 1. A "House Wanted" ad.

Have a Chinese friend help type it up. State what kind of home is desired. Include a contact phone number and WeChat ID for someone who speaks Chinese. Print the ad out and regularly post copies in and around desirable communities, at school(s), or nearby office buildings. Be sure to ask permission before posting, and/or only post where appropriate; 2. A reliable realtor; 3. Online resources.

假期找房好时机

春节临期,是外乡人归家时节,这个时候城市就多出了很多空房机遇。但对于外国朋友找房而言,挑战无处不在。从找房、买房、租房、到支付费用,与房子有关的压力比比皆是。

从文化角度讲,没有房子,中国人会面临很多 困难。这在很大程度上都和所谓的"户口"有关。 没有户口的人可以居住在一个城市,但相对会少了 很多权利。比如一对没有当地户口的夫妻,他们的 孩子如要高考就需要回到户口所在地才能参加考 试。这大概也是中国人热衷房产的主要原因。除此 之外,近些年还衍生出了"学区房"概念,即父母 为了让子女进入理想名校,而到其所在区域购置房 产。学区房的户口是进入重点学校的敲门砖。

对外国朋友而言,除非你是真的很有必要,不 然尽量选择远离重点学校区域的地方。另外一些靠 近大型商超和地铁的房子,价格往往也会高出很 多。

当涉及到选公寓的时候,大多数的外国朋友会更青睐于租房。如果没有需要上学的孩子,那么远离市中心找房绝对是个好想法。选择非中心区域,生活成本可以大大降低。此外,相对于中心城区的老旧房子,非市中心的房子房龄会更短,改造起来也更容易。

尽管新楼的一切都很吸引人,但选择之前也一定不要忘记对开发商和物业进行考察。很多建筑表面光鲜,但内里其实是豆腐渣工程。仔细确认房屋是否有裂缝,沉淀,和漏水现象。

所有权问题也是要提防的事情。首先,确认和你交易的人是财产的合法所有人。尤其是对于那些非正规渠道得到的房屋信息更要再三确认。很多生活类应用软件里都有虚假信息,甚至当你打开软件的时候就会自动弹出。谨防那些不能亲自出面且向你要钱的人,签署任何文件之前都要仔细核对每条款项。



The Grand Hall of Dabei Buddhist Temple

by Monica Wang

FIND THE WHERE TO **EXPERIENCE THE SPRING FESTIVAL**

s Spring Festival a good time to travel? I should say yes because you can see a lot of Chinese culture and traditions in addition to sceneries and places of interest.

Make a wish for the Year of Dog

In Tianjin, a must-go place is the Dabei Buddhist Temple. On the first day of the Chinese New Year, people came to the temple in the early morning to burn the first incense of the year and pray for the Buddha's blessing. Dabei Buddhist Temple was originally built in the end of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). Its golden age was in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). During the vicissitude of history, it was damaged and renovated for several times.

The present temple, covering an area of 10.38 acres (about 42,000 square meters), is composed of two parts: the West Temple and the East Temple. The west one was built in 1669 in the Qing Dynasty, while the east called New Temple was built in 1942 by the Master Monk Tan Xu.

The West Temple is the site of Tianjin Buddhist Institute, including the Buddhism Scripture Chanting Hall and Buddhist Abbot Hall. And the main part of the Dabei Buddhist Temple is a series of Buddhist architecture in the East Temple - the Dabei Hall, Grand Hall, Hall of Heavenly Kings (Tianwang Hall) and Hall of Earth Treasure Bodhisattva (Dizang Hall).

Among those, the Grand Hall lies in the center, featuring hundreds of statues made in Chinese ancient times with bronze, iron, wood and stone. Demonstrating the care and the precision of the sculptors, the statues are exquisite and artistic. Included are statues of Sakyamuni, Kwan-yin of One Thousand Hands, Maitreya and the Eighteen Arhats of the Buddha.

Dabei Hall enshrines the statue of Kwan-yin. This statue of Kwan-yin is very special with 24 arms and a pair of eyes which can perceive the front as well as both the left and the right. The wall inside Dabei Hall is painted with colorful murals, describing the life experiences of Sakyamuni.

The Hall of Heavenly Kings houses the statue of Buddha Maitreya, namely Future Buddha in the center. The statues of the four Heavenly Kings stand on the two sides,

symbolizing favorable weather for the crops. The Hall of Earth Treasure Bodhisattva honors Ksitigarbha Bodhisattva and many hierarchs.

Tianjin Dabei Buddhist Temple once housed an invaluable Buddhist treasure - a piece of head bone relics of Xuanzang, an eminent monk in the Tang Dynasty (618-907). In 1956, the Buddhist relic was sent to India as a gift to embody the friendship between India and China. Now, without the top treasure, the temple is still very popular among disciples and visitors, especially on Buddhist festivals. In addition, various tasty vegetarian foods are available there.

Experience Yangliuqing for Chinese tradition

Yangliuqing is another place you can experience the local culture in Tianjin. It is famous for the Yangliuqing New Year Painting, which is listed as national intangible cultural heritage. The paintings are featured with bright and festive colors that symbolize abundance, fortune and happiness. For centuries, Chinese people have believed that more children will bring more blessings and thus greater

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happiness, so babies are a popular theme in these paintings. The fish and lotus, of course, also have a meaning. In Chinese, the word "lotus" sounds similar to "consecutive" and fish is a homophone of "surplus" in Chinese, this painting implies a wish for "prosperity in consecutive years." It is one of the most wanted souvenirs for tourists and those who have lived in Tianjin for a while.

The Spring Festival celebration activities always happen on the street where the Shi's Courtyard, a former residence of a wealthy family in Tianjin surnamed Shi is located.

Shi Courtyard is situated in Yangliuqing Ancient Town of Xiqing District, which is the former residence of Shi Yuanshi, the 4th son of Shi Wancheng, one of the eight Freat Masters in Tianjin. The Shi family was one of the eight most famous and powerful families in Tianjin in the late Qing Dynasty. Many of the rooms feature antique furniture, paintings and calligraphy, and the extensive Shifu Garden. Stands as a surprisingly well-preserved monument to China's pre-revolution mercantile spirit, it serves as a shooting site for many of China's popular historical dramas.

First built in 1875, Shi Courtyard covers over 6,000 square meters, including large and small yards and over 200 folk houses. The Shi family first became rich through trading grain and cotton, using the canal transportation that was popular at that time. They made enough money to buy land and build their own houses. Then they opened shops, factories and



Lantern fair in Yangliuging



The theatre in Shi Family's Courtyard

private banks to multiply their wealth. The family lived in Yang Liu Qing for over 200 years. During the reign of Emperor Jia Qing, the Shi family owned thousands of hectares of land and 500 houses. Shifu Garden, which finished its expansion in October 2003, covers 1,200 square meters, incorporates the elegance of imperial garden and delicacy of south garden. Now the courtyard of Shi family covers about 10,000 square meters, which is called the first mansion in North China. T

The residence is symmetric based on the axis formed by a passage way in the middle, on which there are four archways. The rooms on north side were the accountants' office. On the east side of the courtyard, there are traditional single-story houses with rows of rooms around the four sides, which was once the living area for the Shi Family. There are the accountant rooms, waiting room, the study, rooms for other female members of a family.

While on the west side, there are the major constructions including the family hall for worshiping Buddha, grand hall for the reception room and theater. Compared with the buildings in the east side, the material of construction here is more elegant with more sophisticated workmanship. Large theater here is spacious and ornate, which can accommodate for 200 people, is the largest theater among many residential houses. On both sides of the residence are side yard rooms for maids and servants.

On Lantern Festival which falls on March 2nd, there is always a lantern show going on in Yangliuqing. In addition to the lanterns of various shapes and styles, there are booths



Yangliuqing New Year Painting

selling traditional handicrafts and local snacks. It will be a grand and hustled bazaar that draws a perfect conclusion to the Spring Festival.

For any inquiries concerning making a trip to Dabei Buddhist Temple or Yangliuqing, or other places for Spring Festival exploration, please contact Tianjin China International Travel Service office at tel:022-58559520 or 58559525. The agency can tailor your travel plans to suit your needs.

寻找年味最浓的地方

春节是游览的好时候吗?当然,因为这是你最能感受中国传统文化的机会。第一个必须去的地方就是大悲禅院,很多人会在大年初一到大悲院烧香祈福。大悲禅院东院由天王殿、大雄宝殿、大悲殿、地藏殿、玄奘法师纪念堂、弘一法师纪念堂以及讲经堂组成。西院为念佛堂、方丈室和天津市佛教协会驻所。形成以东院为寺院主体,西院为寺院附属部分的建筑格局 ,体现出一般佛教寺院的传统形式。

大雄宝殿前面是大悲殿。殿前是砌砖走廊。向 右穿过题额为"慈航普渡"的门洞,便是玄奘法师 纪念堂。向左穿过题额为"悲愿宏深"的门洞,是 弘一法师纪念堂。庭院西东两侧还分设地藏殿与讲 经堂,皆面阔3间。大悲禅院是以古典殿堂式的建筑 集群与封闭式的园林庭院结为一体的寺院 ,寺中有 园,园中有寺。

另一个年俗气息浓厚的地方就是杨柳青了。来 杨柳青不能不领略杨柳青年画的魅力。杨柳青年画 具有笔法细腻、人物秀丽、色彩明艳、内容丰富、 形式多样、气氛祥和、情节幽默、题词有趣等特 色,创立了鲜明活泼、喜气吉祥、富有感人题材的 独特风格。

杨柳青的另一张名片就是石家大院。石家大院 原为清末天津八大家之一石元士住宅。石家原籍山 东,祖辈漕运发家后在清乾隆年间定居杨柳青。进 入大门即是一条宽阔的长长的甬路,构成大院的中 轴线,甬路上有形式各异、建筑精美的5座门楼。从 南向北门楼逐渐升高,寓意为"步步高升",而每 道院门都是3级台阶,寓意为"连升三级"。道路东 西两边各有五进院落。东院为内宅,有内账房、候 客室、书房、鸳鸯厅、内眷住房等,现在陈列着杨 柳青年画、泥塑、木雕、砖雕及天津民俗,细细观 览,十分有趣。西边的院落为接待贵宾的大客厅、 暖厅、大戏楼、祠堂等,现已基本恢复了原有陈 设。

与内宅相比,这里建筑用材更为考究,做工更为精细。大客厅院内有高近5米的大天棚,可挡风避雨,当年从镇外很远就能看到。大戏楼宽敞华丽,可供200人听戏饮宴,是华北民宅中最大的戏楼,京剧名家孙菊仙、谭鑫培等都曾在此献艺,其中花灵格扇全部是楠木原色,精雕细刻,极为华贵。西院的西边还有三进院落,是私塾先生教书及其他的专用房,体现了古代劳动人民的卓越才能和和艺术创造力。

每年春节期间杨柳青民俗文化旅游节开幕式都 会在石家大院举行,会举行民俗曲艺节目表演、西 青特色纪念品展卖等活动。



Guan Yin of Nanshan

SANYA by David Wong

he city of Sanya is at the southern tip of the province of Hainan Island海南. Prior to 1988, Hainan was part of Guangdong province. The latitude of Sanya is almost the same as Hawaii and it has been called the "Hawaii of China". Sharing the same latitude does not make Sanya similar to Hawaii. The beaches and surf is not comparable to Hawaii, but for the majority of visitors from mainland, it is a good alternative since no visa is required and just hop on a domestic flight.

In Sanya, the surf very rough and churns up a lot of sand, just not very good for wading or swimming. The sand is not very fine and unfortunately visitors are not very considerate to others regarding tossing debris. Not a disaster and probably acceptable when you consider the number of visitors compared to those visiting Hawaii, Sanya beaches are littered with cigarette butts, garbage and leftover food. The numbers of tourists are predominantly from other parts of China. The local tourism bureau is trying it's best to upgrade facilities

and attract more international visitors but I suspect that there is an abundance supply of Chinese tourists that there is no need to count on the international visitors. Be prepared for minimal English speakers even in the major 5 star international hotel chains.

Places to See

There are several places in and around Sanya to visit if you feel too bored to sit by the pool or on the beach. There are plenty of taxis and tours available but as mentioned, you will need to specify an English speaker and doubtful if you will find a taxi driver that can speak English, because, if he or she speaks English, they wouldn't be a taxi driver. Another alternative is take a rental or shared vehicle, nowadays with the phone GPS systems, you can probably manage as long as you have some rudimentary Chinese. If you are feeling very adventurous, there are plenty of motorcycle rickshaws that are illegal but will get you from point A to B at half the price of a taxi but for safety sake, try to flag a taxi or use the didi or wechat app or even consider

taking a local bus; all these alternatives require some Chinese.

One of the world's tallest statues is the Guan Yin of Nanshan 观音, a 108 meter statue of the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy. Next to the statue is the Nanshan Buddhist Temple, which was built in 1988 to commemorate 2,000 years of Buddhism in China.

There are a few golf courses and since it is not a popular sport with most visiting tourists, getting a tee time is usually not a problem but call ahead and make sure to arrange transportation for the return.

Cuisine

Being on the ocean, the expected treat is seafood, but you will have to also expect inflated prices. Frankly, the quality of seafood in Tianjin is much better that Sanya. However being next to the sea, you cannot avoid the



Sanva ocean

IN FAIRNESS TO ISLANDERS, THE HAINAN CHICKEN DISH SERVED ON MAINLAND IS REALLY A SINGAPORE DISH AND THE **SECRET IS THE SAUCE MADE WITH** GINGER, ONIONS, COOKED OIL AND DARK SOY SAUCE AND THE RICE IS COOKED WITH CHICKEN **FAT TO GIVE IT INCREDIBLE** FLAVOR.

temptation to try the local offerings. Almost every restaurant will have numerous fish tanks displaying live seafood. Just be careful when ordering, stay close to the chosen items when they are being weighed and bring your own scale to confirm you are not being shorted. Also confirm what is the final price of the items you selected and whether is there is an extra charge for preparation. Even with all these precautions, be prepared to pay a higher price than you would at any equivalent restaurant in Tianjin. One of the most popular restaurants is Mrs. Pang胖夫人"Pang Furen" it is always busy so the food must have a high turnover and should be fresh. Just be ready to be crowded because tables are jammed next to each other and usually set up for 4 or 6 so you may be placed with strangers. There are several other neighboring restaurants that try to benefit from Mrs. Pang's customers that are not willing to wait. My advice is be patient because the others are not as good and

overpriced.

Another somewhat reasonable seafood restaurant area is Friendship Community Seafood Market友谊社区海鲜广场 "Yǒuvì shègū hǎixiān guǎngchǎng", it is on a short side street and has about 6 seafood restaurants almost identical and I tried 3 and after following my advice as highlighted earlier, had meals ranging from 500-700 rmb which were acceptable. None of the restaurants have heard of diet soft drinks 健 怡可乐 "Jian Yi Kele" or 零度可乐 "Língdù Kělè" literally "Zero Cola" so you better find a grocery store or supermarket and buy it and take it with you (there is one next to the Mrs Pang restaurant).

One of my favorite dishes is "Hainan Chicken Rice"海南鸡饭"Hainan Ji Fan"but it is not the same here and believe I ordered it at almost every restaurant, it is a steamed chicken but not close to the same dish that can be found in Tianjin and the rice served on the island is a mushy type that is tasteless. In fairness to islanders, the Hainan Chicken dish served on mainland is really a Singapore dish and the secret is the sauce made with ginger, onions, cooked oil and dark soy sauce and the rice is cooked with chicken fat to give it incredible flavor.

Conclusion

Although Sanya is not Hawaii, you have to remember that it only started to develop 30 years ago and still continue to improve. It has successfully held the Miss World competition for 6 times in the past decade and the 2015 Volvo Ocean Race, which was the leg 4 to Auckland.

Almost every international hotel chain has operations in Sanya and many more are



Hainan Chicken Rice

under construction. There are also many private condos available for short term rent, especially in the off-season. The main attraction of Sanva is the weather, when it is below freezing and a cold bitter wind in Tianiin wouldn't it be nice just to hop on a plane and spend time near the beach and sunshine?

出逃三亚记

三亚, 位于海南岛的最南端。因和夏威夷纬度 相似, 故而得名"东方夏威夷"。尽管海南的沙滩和 海浪还不能真的和夏威夷一较高下, 但这丝毫不影 响中国游客对它的热爱。三亚的冲浪相对粗糙,沙 子也不是很精细。对于游客常年到访的旅游胜地, 这里时常遍布废弃物。三亚的游客多数是中国人, 尽管当地旅游局正积极改善这一状况, 目的是吸引 更多的国际游客, 但我相信, 庞大的中国人口足以 填充海南的旅游市场, 因为即便是在五星级酒店, 讲英语的服务员也寥寥无几。

三亚周边有很多可玩的地方, 著名景点有南山 海上观音。圣像高 108 米,凌波伫立在直径 120 米 的海上金刚洲上。像体为正观音的一体化三尊造型, 宝相庄严, 脚踏 108 瓣莲花宝座, 莲花座下为金刚台, 金刚台内是面积达 15000 平方米的圆通宝殿。雕像 旁边就是赫赫有名的南山寺,它依山就势,错落有致, 感兴趣的朋友不妨前去参观。

海岛,就餐免不了要吃上几顿海鲜。为谨防大 家上当受骗,建议大家购买商品时,尽量带个随身秤, 挑选之后,还要和商家确认烹饪过程是否有其它费 用。在外旅行,再小心都不为过。总体来讲,三亚 的海鲜价格普遍高于天津市场。遇见太过受欢迎的 餐厅, 你要做好耐心等待且和别人拼桌的准备。

在这边我最喜欢的菜肴当属"海南鸡饭"。世界 各地我点过无数份"海南鸡饭", 只有海南这边的做 法最为地道。烫煮过的白切鸡配以鸡油和浸鸡水烹 煮的米饭,整道菜的口感立即升华。

三亚不是夏威夷, 它的发展始于 30 年前, 并且 还在继续发展中。在过去的十年,它曾多次举办世 界大赛,向我们展示了一个多元化的未来可塑城市。 来到三亚你可以看到大大小小的星级酒店此起彼伏, 还有很多国际酒店正在等待开业中。除此之外,很 多私人公寓都能提供短期租用。不得不说, 在天津 冷风刺骨的天气里, 三亚绝对是个值得到访的地方。 跳上飞机, 找一个阳光充足的沙滩, 度过愉快好时 光难道不是很好吗?



Overall view of Sanya



COURTYARD®

Southeast Asian Cuisine Festival at Courtyard by Marriott Tianjin Hongqiao

To treat more foodies, Courtyard by Marriott Tianjin Hongqiao will make Pavilion the great place to explore Southeast Asian cuisine from January 15 to February 11, 2018.

As known, Southeast Asia is home to an incredibly rich food history. Salad bar, black pepper shrimp, satay meat & seafood and Thai curry will be top reasons for dining at Pavilion next month.

You're warmly welcomed to call 022-58988188 for reservation on Southeast Asian dinner buffer, pricing at RMB218 net/pax.





Four Seasons Hotel Tianjin Introduced Chef Iacopo's New Signature Menu at Cielo Italian Restaurant

Guest who loves authentic Italian cuisine will appreciate Chef Iacopo's New Signature Menu at Cielo Italian Restaurant of Four Seasons Hotel Tianjin. With the freshest seasonal ingredients, the new menu features amazing delicacies including New Zealand Lamb Rack, Risotto Alla Pizzaiola, Roasted Hokkaido Octopus, Marinated Thin Sliced of Langoustines, Rum Baba dessert and more. It is available by a la carte menu valid from 1 Jan., 2018 onwards.

For inquiry or reservation about Cielo Italian Restaurant of Four Seasons Hotel Tianjin, guest can contact at +86 (022) 2716 6263 / 6688.





A Romantic Gift from TEDA International Club Tianjin

A Feng Hong Kong Restaurant

Seafood dinner for two, $\mbox{\em Y}$ 520/two persons on Feb. 14. Plus $\mbox{\em Y}$ 1 to get two complimentary cocktails.

TGI Fridays

TGI Fridays special Valentine's Day set meal will be launched on the romantic day.

TEDA International Club Tianjin, 7+2 Fu Kang Lu, Nankai. Tel: 5869 5555





Fall In Love In The Silver Moonlight

* BLD

"Take You to the Journey" themed dinner buffet on Valentine's Day, RMB 488/person

Have no time for travel? This Valentine's Day, take your beloved one come and try the delicacy from all around world, Turkey, Tokyo, Paris, Shanghai, Beijing...make your special day full of special moment.

* Fire House

Valentine's Day Set Menu RMB999/couple Cupid prepares secret gift for every beloved couple in this romantic night.

* The Lounge

Valentine's Day Sweet Set Menu RMB131.4/set Inclusive of 1 dessert and 2 glasses of cocktail or 1 bottle of pink wine.

For more information and reservation please contact 022-5822 3388.





" Fly Me To The Moon " at Tangla Hotel

Lovebirds are welcome at SOU on this special Romantic Valentine's Day dinner buffet. With an inspired buffet, including complimentary hamper, lucky draws, Belarus live band, free-flow soft drinks and juice, available to go with your meal, this RMB599 is certain to please both your partner and your wallet.

Valentine's Day Buffet Dinner @ SóU RMB599 net /couple 17:30-22:00 49F SóU Valid on February 14, 2018





East & West Fusion buffet dinner @ Radisson Tianjin

Meet at the Radisson Tianjin for an extravagant buffet dinner featuring food such as hot pot, seafood, Japanese sushi & sashimi, smoked salmon, live cooking stations, succulent desserts to name a few and much more!

Price: RMB 218* per person * Subject to 15% service charge. Time: Daily 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Venue: 1F, Café@66, Radisson Tianjin, 66 Xinkai Road, Hedong

District, Tianjin, 30011, China.

For more information or reservations, please call 022 24578888 ext. 3635





Exclusive 666 Champagne Night

Every Saturday evening, FLAIR is a stunning place where music and Champagne fuse to perfection. Come taste our six highly recommended luxuries: Ritz Blanc de Blancs Champagne, G.H. Mumm, Louis Roederer, Rose Vintage 2011, Taittiunger, Rose, Taittinger, Vintage 2008, Taittinger, Grand Crus. Enjoy sumptuous Champagnes of unique aroma, texture and taste for exclusive 40% savings. We also offer Champagne in bottles for RMB666+ each.

Venue: 1st Level, FLAIR of The Ritz-Carlton, Tianjin Tel: 86-22-5857-8888

*The above rate is subject to 15% service charge.





Romantic Valentine's Day Celebrations

Melt your loved one's heart with a romantic and memorable dinner on Valentine's Day at Wanda Vista Tianjin! Celebrate the special day with exclusive gourmet dining options featuring Valentine's Day dinner buffet and luxury set menus.

Date: February 14, 2018 Time: 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Price: Valentine's Day Dinner Buffet: RMB 576/couple Valentine's Day Dinner Set Menu: RMB 888/couple

Venue: 1/F, Café Vista, Wanda Vista Tianjin

For more information or reservations, kindly call 2462 6888 ext.6014 Business Hours: 17:30 - 21:30

■ =English Menu 有英文菜单:

CC =Credit Card 可信用卡付账 人均消费 =Cost per person

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RESTAURANT

[Western 西餐厅]

Tianiin Downtown

Café BLD 響廊西餐厅 ★ P E

Offers buffets with open kitchen.

1F, Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel, 16 Binshui Road, Hexi 河西区宾水道16号万丽天津宾馆1层 Tel: 5822 3388 Hrs: 06:00am-10:30am 11:30am-14:00pm 17:30pm-22:00pm

Pacifica – All-day Dining

Address: Pan Pacific Tianjin 1F1 Zhang ZiZhong Road, Honggiao District Tianjin, China 300091 天津泛太平洋大酒店1楼 Tel: +86 22 5863 8888 Ext. 8718

Promenade Italian Restaurant 河岸意大利餐厅 ¥200 P E

Cuisines are showcased in a sumptuous à la carte menu. International favorites comprising fresh produce are prepared by a dedicated team of savvy chefs

1F, St. Regis Tianjin, No. 158 Zhang Zi Zhong Road, Heping 和平区张自忠路158号 天津瑞吉金融街酒店一层 Tel: 5830 9959 Hrs: 05:30am-10:00am 17:30pm-21:30pm

Pomorodo

Traditional Italian food, featuring salads, pizzas and pastas. Reasonable price for a

Add: 1F, International Mall, Nanjing Lu, **Heping District** 和平区南京路国际商场1层 Tel: 23460756 Hours: 11:00-23:00

El Flamenco Restaurant & Bar

44-46, Ziyou Dao, The Italian Street, Hebei District 天津市和北区意式风情区自由道44-46 Tel: 022-86286811 ¥:175RMB Hours: 11:00-02:00

Brasserie FLO Tianjin

Everything here is centered on the style and ambiance of a traditional French brasserie and reflected in its 1920s Parisian Art Deco style. Every detail has been meticulously crafted, from the crystal chandeliers to the marble flooring, with each piece being an exact replica of the Brasserie FLO in Paris

Add: No.37 Guangfu Road, Italian Style Town, Hebei District 河北区意大利风情区光复道37号 Tel: 022-26626688

Tube Station

Add: 1F-19-20, Heping Joy City, 189 Nanjing Lu, Heping 南京路189号和平大悦城1F-19-20号 Tel: 022-23320661 ¥:RMB 90

TGI FRIDAYS

星期五餐厅 PE Great place to have tasty burgers, french fries, chicken and steak

No.7-2, Fukang Lu, Nankai 南开区复康路7-2号 Tel:23005555 Hrs: 11:30am-22:00pm

Venezia Club Italian Restaurant &

The recipes ensure traditional homemade Italian cuisine as the owner is from the north of Italy. The products and raw ingredients are imported from Italy.

Add: No.48 Ziyou Avenue, Former Italian Concession Area, Hebei District 河北区意大利风情街自由道48号 Tel: 022-87613413

Terrace Café

燕园咖啡厅

Offers both buffet and à la carte service. Western and Asian specialties featured at the buffet and theme nights are

1F, Sheraton Hotel Tianjin, Zi Jin Shan Lu, Hexi 河西区紫金山路天津喜来登大酒店1层 Tel:27313388 Hrs: 06:00am-23:00pm

Drei Kronen-1308 Brauhaus

路德维格1308 德餐啤酒坊 ★PE Good sausages, awesome pork knuckle

1F, BLK5, Jinwan Plaza Jiefangbei Road, Heping 和平区解放北路津湾广场5号楼1层 Tel: 23219199 www.ldwg1308.com Hrs: 11:0am-24:00pm

PAULANER Tianjin

普拉纳啤酒坊

A unique journey experiencing authentic Bavarian food, flair and

Venice Square, Italian Territory, No,429-431, Shengli Lu, Hebei 河北区胜利路429-431号 意大利风情威尼斯广场 Tel:24468192 Hrs: 10:30am-01:30am

La Sala Lobby Lounge 四季・大堂酒廊

Cozy yet energetic lobby lounge for a quick bite or cocktail.

2/F, Four Seasons Hotel Tianjin, 138 Chifeng Road, Heping District, Tianjin 和平区赤峰道138号天津四季酒店2层 Tel: 022-2716 6261 Hours: 11:30am~14:00pm 17:30pm~22:30pm

Trolley Bar

Trolley is well known among Aocheng locals for quality western food and a good selection of craft and foreign beers. The pub has six beers on tap including two Indian Pale Ales (IPA's). the Kentucky IPA from Kentucky and Goose Island from Chicag

YAY CRAFT BEER HOUSE

🏠 Xiannong Courtyard, No.1, Hunan Lu,

022-58352835 185-2225-5354 (En)

Heping District, Tianjin

11:00-24:00

Add: 119, 1F, Building 23, 22 Tianxi, Aocheng, Nankai District 奥城商业广场天玺22,23号楼底商119 Tel: 15222091582 Hours: 11:00-00:00

[Thai&Malay 泰国&马来西亚]

Tianjin Downtown

YY Beer House

粤园泰餐厅 ★ ¥100 P E The best Thai Restaurant in Tianjin offers the fantastic Thai food and beer.

3 Ao Men Lu, (behind the International Building), Heping. 和平区澳门路 3 号(国际大厦后) Tel: 18526654835 (Eng; WeChat) Hrs: 11:00am-24:00pm If need be, we have a designated driver to take you to your next destination.

YY Craft Beer House 粤园泰餐厅 ★ ¥100 P E

Xiannong Courtyard, No.1, Hunan Lu, Heping District, Tianjin 天津市和平区五大道先农大院 湖南路1号粤园餐厅 TEL:58352835 / 185-2225-5354 (En) Hrs: 11:00-24:00

If need be, we have a designated driver to take you to your next destination. Happy hour: Monday~Sunday, 2:00pm~6:00pm, YY craft beers, Buy 1 get 1 free(for 1 person)

[Chinese 中餐厅]

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No.3 Ao Men Road, (behind the

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Tianjin Downtown

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1F, Shangri-La Hotel, Tianjin, No. 328 Haihe East Road, Hedong 河东区海河东路328号天津香格里拉大酒店1层 Tel: 8418 8111 Hrs: 10:30 to 14:30 17:30 to 22:00

Din Tai Fung 鼎泰丰 ★ ¥ 150 P E

Steamed Bread made of choice ingredients are the main attraction. The Special desserts, steamed glutinous rice pudding and almond togu, will melt in your mouth.

18 Binshui Dao, Hexi. 河西区宾水道18号(宾水道与紫金山路交口) Tel: 2813 8138 Ext 8001 Hrs: 11:00am-14:30pm/17:00pm-21:30pm

Tian Tai Xuan

Savor dishes from the renowned Cantonese tradition in concert with innovative creations exploring seasonal local ingredients, together forming a culinary experience which is not only extraordinary but quite possibly the most unique in the entire world.

The Ritz-Carlton, Tianjin, 1st and 2nd floor, No. 167 Dagubei Road, Heping 和平区大沽北路167号 天津丽思卡尔顿酒店一楼和二楼 Hrs: 11:30am-14:00pm 17:30pm-21:30pm Tel: 5857-8888 Seats:160

Address: Pan Pacific Tianjin 1F1 Zhang ZiZhong Road, Hongqiao District Tianjin, China 300091 天津泛太平洋大酒店 1楼 Tel: +86 22 5863 8888

Ext. 8716

Noodle Bar

JIN House

Classical Cantonese and Tianjin cuisine in a contemporary atmosphere

7/F, Four Seasons Hotel Tianjin, 138 Chifeng Road, Heping District, Tianjin 和平区赤峰道138号 天津四季酒店7层

T· 2716 6262 Hours: 11:30am~14:00pm 17:30pm~22:30pm

[FRENCH 法餐厅]

Tianjin Downtown

福楼 ★¥350PE

The best French Restaurant in Tianiin offers the most authentic French cuisine Brasserie FLO is the first restaurant in Tianiin to offer fresh oysters from France.

No.37 Guangfu Road, Italy Style Town, Hebei 河北区意大利风情区光复道37号

Tel: 2662 6688 Fax: 2445 2625 Hrs: 11:00am-23:00pm

[Italian 意大利餐厅]

Tianjin Downtown

意大利餐厅 ¥400 P E

Prego's cuisine is rustic yet refined, rooted in tradition while producing innovative creations using only the finest and freshest ingredients available

3F, The Westin Tianjin, No.101, Nanjing Lu, Heping 和平区南京路101号 天津君隆威斯汀酒店3层 Tel:23890088 Hrs: 11:30am-14:30pm 18:00pm-22:00pm

意荟・意大利餐厅

Authentic and creatively composed Italian cuisine in a modern space

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Hours: 06:30am~10:00am 11:30am~14:30pm 17:30pm~21:30pm

[Japanese 日料]

Kawa Sushi Lounge

||・寿司酒廊 Authentic Japanese sushi lounge

7/F, Four Seasons Hotel Tianjin, 138 Chifeng Road, Heping District, Tianjin 和平区赤峰道138号 天津四季酒店7层 Tel:022-2716 6262

Hours: 11:30am~14:00pm 17:30pm~22:30pm

Fuku Sushi

Add: 167 Shanxi Lu, Hening District (at the crossing of Shanxi Lu and Yingkou Dao) . 和平区山西路167号

(山西路与营口道交口) Tel:022-8321-9509 186-2229-6209 182-0225-5286(Mr.Maeda)

Hours:: 17:00 -23:30 (L,O)

■ Wine 红酒

Tianjin Downtown

Montrose Wine House 名特公司进口葡萄酒

Imported wines.2nd floor YY Beer House, Montrose(Tianjin) Office 粤园餐厅二楼名特 (天津) 办事处 Tel: 139 200 21679

Hrs: 09:00am-18:00pm

Chantal (Tianjin) International Co.Ltd

香达 (天津) 国际贸易有限公司 Room 104, No.30 Building, KEYUANLI, Hexi District, Tianjin China 天津市河西区可园里30-104 Tel: 86-13920706019



BAR

Tian jin Downtown

WE Brewery

WE Brewry has six draft beers which change depending on the seasons and the owners desire to experiment as well as a small but excellent menu of western food including burgers and hotdoas

4, Yi He Li, Xi An Dao, He Ping District, Tianjin 天津市和平区西安道恰和里4号 Tel:18630888114

Hours: Sun-Thursday: 5pm~midnight Fri.-Saturday: 5pm-2am Monday closed

River Lounge

瑞吉畔吧 ¥ 100 P E

One of Tianiin's premiere destinations. you can enjoy High Tea or artisan cocktails at the gleaming bar or in conversation areas furnished with rich leather seating overlooking the sparkling Hai River. The signature cocktail features a blend of unique Chinese flavors and seasonings, including Fujian lapsang souchong tea, Sichuan pepper, and soy sauce with fine vodka

1F, St. Regis Tianjin, No. 158 Zhang Zi Zhong Road, Heping (Next to Jin Tower, the opposite side of Ha Mi Road) 和平区张自忠路158号, 津塔旁,哈密道正对面, 天津瑞吉金融街酒店一层 Tel: 5830 9958 Hrs: 10:00am-01:00am

Lobby lounge

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Provides fine wines from all over the world, cocktails, snacks, coffee and

1F, Shangri-La Hotel, Tianjin, No. 328 Haihe East Road, Hedong 河东区海河东路328号 天津香格里拉大酒店1层 Tel: 8418 8111 Hrs: 09:00 to midnigh

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1st floor Astor Wing, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Tianjin, 33 Taier Zhuang Road, Heping 和平区台儿庄路33号 天津利顺德大饭店豪华精选酒店,

酒店一层 Tel: 58526888 ext. 8919 Hrs: 06:30pm-01:00am

Qba

Q吧 PE

Qba's Latin-inspired décor creates an authentic ambience where delicious tapas and Latin-style snacks are shared among friends.

The Westin Tianjin, No. 101 Nan Jing Road, Heping 和平区南京路101号 天津君隆威斯汀酒店 Tel: 2389 0088 Hrs: Tue-Sat 6:30pm-01:00am

Flair

★PF

East Asian cuisine, the menu combines playful snack-style dishes with richly flavorful entrées, designer desserts and the freshest of seafood.

The Ritz-Carlton, Tianjin, 1st floor, No. 167 Dagubei Road, Heping District, Tianjin China 和平区大沽北路167号 天津丽思卡尔顿酒店一楼

Tel: 5857-8888 Mon-Fri 17:00-24:00 Sat-Sun 17:00-01:00 Seats:118

Gusto Bar

Hand-crafted cocktails, craft beers and whiskies in a sleek, sexy ambiance

9/F, Four Seasons Hotel Tianjin, 138 Chifeng Road, Heping District, Tianjin 和平区赤峰道138号 天津四季酒店9层 Tel: +86 22 2716 6264 Hours: 18:00pm~01:00am

SHOPPING

Tianjin Downtown

Riverside 66

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Web: www.galaxy-mall.com.cn Hrs: 10:00-22:00

Mighty Source

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B1-13, ITC Mall, 39 Nanjing Road, Hexi District 天津市河西区南京路39号 天津国贸购物中心B1-13 Tel: 022-59006108

南开大悦城

Stocks a number of popular brands including Sephora, H&M, supermarket and plenty of restaurants.

No.2, Nanmen Wai Da Jie, Nankai 河西区南门外大街2号 Tel: 5861 8888 Web: tjjoycity.com

Heping Joy city

189 Nanjing Road, Heping District, Tianjin 天津市和平区南京路189号

Riverview Place

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A newly opened huge shopping mall stocks many different items

Riverview Place, 238 Liu Wei Lu, Hedong District 河东区六纬路238号嘉里汇 Tel: 24230101

HOTEL

[Hotel 酒店]

Tianjin Downtown

The Westin Tianiin

天津君隆威斯汀酒店

No.101, Nanjing Road, Heping District 和平区南京路101号 Tel: 2389 0088 Fax: 2389 0099 Website: westin.com/Tianjin

Wanda Vista Tianjin 天津万达文华酒店

No.486,Ba Hao Lu, Da Zhi Gu, Hedong 河东区大直沽八号路486号 Tel: 2462 6888



Hyatt Regency Tianjin East 天津在即悦洒店

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Email: tianjin.regency@hyatt.com tianjin.regency.hyatt.com



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Sheraton Tianjin Hotel 天津喜来登大酒店

Zi Jin Shan Lu, Hexi District 河西区紫金山路 Tel: 27313388

Shangri-La Hotel Tianjin 天津香格里拉大酒店

No. 328 Haihe East Road, Hedong District, Tianjin, 300019, China 天津市河东区海河东路328号 Tel: (86 22) 8418 8888

Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel

16 Binshui Dao, Hexi District

河西区宾水道16号 Tel: 58223388

Pan Pacific Tianjin

天津泛太平洋大酒店

Address: 1 Zhang ZiZhong Road, Hongqiao District Tianjin, China 300091 天津市红桥区张自忠路1号

Telephone: +86 22 5863 8888 Email: info.pptsn@panpacific.com Website: www.panpacific.com

Banyan Tree Tianjin Riverside

34 Haihe East Road Hebei 河北区海河东路34号 Tel: 5861 9999 Fax: 5861 9998 Web: banyantree.com

Crowne Plaza Tianjin Meijiangnan

天津梅江中心皇冠假白酒店

East to South Youyi Road (Opposite to Tianjin Meijiang Conference&Exhibition Center), Xiqing District, Tianjin, P.R. China 300221

天津西青区友谊南路东侧 (天津梅江会展中心正对面)

Tel: 5857 6666 Fax: 5857 6688

Web:www.crowneplaza.com/tjmeijiangnan

TEDA International Club Tianjin 泰达国际会馆

7+2 Fu Kang Lu, Nankai. 南开区复康路7号增2号 Tel: 5869 5555 Fax: 2300 5656

Holiday Inn Tianjin Aqua City 天津水游城假日酒店

No. 6, Jieyuan Road, Hongqiao 红桥区芥园道6号 Tel: 5877 6666

Tangla Tianjin 天津中心唐拉雅秀酒店

No. 219, Nanjing Road, Heping 和平区南京路219号 Tel: 2321 5888

The St. Regis Tianjin

天津瑞吉金融街酒店

1F, St. Regis Tianjin, No. 158 Zhang Zi Zhong Road, Heping (Next to Jin Tower, the opposite side of Ha Mi Road) 和平区张自忠路158号 津塔旁,哈密道正对面 天津瑞吉金融街酒店一层 Tel: 5830 9999 Web: Stregis.com/tianjin

Clarion Tianjin Hotel

天津滨江凯隆酒店 105 Jian She Lu, Heping. 和平区建设路105号 Tel: 2302 6888 Fax: 2302 8530

Hotel Indigo Tianjin Haihe 天津海河英迪格酒店

No.314, South Jiefang Rd., Hexi Dist 天津市河西区解放南路314年 Tel:88328888/4000380666 Web:www.indigohoteltianjin.com

Hotel Nikko Tianjin

天津日航酒店

189 NanJing Lu, Heping. 和平区南京路189号 Tel:8319 8888 Fax:8319 2266 Web:www.nikkotianjin.com

The Astor Hotel.

A Luxury Collection Hotel, Tianjin 天津利顺德大饭店豪华精选酒店

33 Taier Zhuang Road, Heping 和平区台儿庄路33号 Tel: 5852 6888 Web: www.luxurycollection.com/astor

Radisson Tianjin

天津天诚丽筠酒店

66 Xinkai Road, Hedong District, Tianjin 天津市河东区新开路66号 Tel: +86 22 2457 8888 Email: hotel@radisson-tj.com

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Easy Zone opened its new restaurant in Luneng CC Mall in January. Established in 2008, Eazy Zone has been a popular restaurant among those who pursue elegant atmosphere and exquisite food. The new restaurant is featured with fusion food that combines the northern and southern cuisines, Chinese and western food. The menu is bilingual with pictures so there's no obstacle for expats to order.





Shangyi Expert Consultation Launched Membership Package **Initiation Ceremony**

Shangyi Expert Consultation held its Membership Package Initiation Ceremony at Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel. 300 quests from the chambers of commerce of Jiangxi, Liaoning and Shanxi, fellow hospitals, suppliers of medical equipment, medical experts and etc. participated in the ceremony.

Shangyi Expert Consultation is a comprehensive medical service platform that integrates the most advanced medical technology, resources in and out of China and provides high standard and quality medical service in disease prevention, diagnosis and rehabilitation. Adopting membership mode, Shangyi can provide many customized service to members, including family doctor service, expert clinic, specialist clinic, group consultation, remote consultation and international consultation.



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Mr. Burak will oversee the Food & Beverage operation and management which includes Promenade, Riviera, The St. Regis Bar and catering.



M essential Reopened with an Upgraded Image

On January 20, M essential completed the upgrade of its store in Galaxy Mall and opened to the customers in a brand new profile.

M essential had its 2018SS new collection press conference on the day. The latest collection was inspired by He Tu Luo Shu, which was the origin of the Five Elements and Eight Diagrams in Chinese ancient civilization. The designer and creator of M essential Ma Kai continued to apply the concept of haute contour in the read-to-wears and introduce occasion symbols to daily life. As one of the characteristics of the brand, the contrast of various fabrics and materials is still seen in the new collection. While black and white remain the main colors of the brand. Some Champaign colors and pink colors were added. It is notable that the latest collection is a collaboration with Swarovski in ornament and handicraft.

The release was joined by Ren Zhiguo, the heir of paper cutting handicraft, which is listed as a national intangible cultural heritage and Liu Tao, an artist in sculpture and installation art.







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Pancake Day racing

PANCAKE DAY

By Robert Watt

ancake Day is the only festival widely celebrated in the UK that iust involves eating. Christmas, Halloween, bonfire night, birthdays, Easter, Burns night, Midsummer all have their rituals and associated opportunities for commercialisation. But Pancake Day is just about eating pancakes. Its official name is Shrove Tuesday, the last day before lent, a 4 week period of Christian fasting. In some countries the day is known as Mardi-Gras and is celebrated by colourful carnivals. But in the UK and much of the commonwealth, that period of denial and the last chance to fatten oneself up in preparation for it, has been largely forgotten. Nowadays, every day is an occasion to put on weight and Pancake Day another setback to the diet, began so keenly at the start of the New Year.

Pancake Day this year is Feb 13th. Unlike most celebrations, it still follows the lunar calendar, so the date, while always a Tuesday, varies wildly from year to year. As a child it was one of my favourite days of the year, a bright moment towards the end of a long, dark and miserable winter. The opposite bookend to a season, dull after the excitement of Christmas, which seemed to last forever.

Another tradition on Pancake Day in the

UK is pancake racing. People run in a race with a pancake in a frying pan. As they run, they have to toss the pancake several times. The most famous pancake race, which has been performed since 1445, takes place in a small town called Olney. The competitors must be women who live in the town and must wear traditional housewife clothing including a cooking apron and kerchief.

Pancakes are popular in China as a wrap for meat, or most famously, the Tianjin breakfast of Jianbing Guozi. Chinese pancakes (Bao Bing) are made with flour and water whereas the British pancake is made with flour and milk and an egg. They are also different to the crepe of the European continent, which has more eggs and traditionally made thin enough to be able to

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read a love letter through. Different again is the American breakfast pancake that is smaller, rubbery and fluffier. British pancakes, like much of their traditional winter food, is thick and heavy; they lie in your stomach like lead weights. Usually eaten with honey or syrup and lemon juice, they are sticky, sweet and the butter used in the frying may make them slightly greasy. No wonder the British only eat them once a year!

Pancake Day, is a rare opportunity to bring western and Chinese cultures together and combine traditional recipes. Over the years, I've found the experiments in fusing Chinese and Western cuisine together is rarely as successful as imagined, but having two courses of pancakes works very well. We will be starting with a savoury main of Bao Bing wraps, filled with shredded potato, lettuce, roast chicken, Tian mian sauce and coriander. This will be followed by a sweet desert of Crepe suzette cooked in orange juice. Racing with the pancakes is a little energetic, but will certainly try cautiously tossing one or two.



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英国的薄饼节是一个只和吃有关的节日,是斋 戒之前最后一个大快朵颐的机会,也叫做"忏悔星 。但现在的人们每天都经受着各种令自己发 胖的考验,薄饼节也并不像以前那样弥足珍贵

我小时候最期盼这个节日,这个节的到来标志 着漫长的灰暗冬天即将结束。英国的Olney小镇有个 传统, 在薄饼节这一天, 主妇们身穿围裙, 手拿煎 锅赛跑。煎锅里有一个煎饼, 在跑的过程中要不断

中国人也有自己的薄饼,或者说是煎饼,比如 天津著名早点煎饼果子。英国的薄饼是用面粉、牛 奶和鸡蛋做的,很厚很瓷实,就像吃了一个秤砣, 这样的饱腹感非常适合冬季。再配上糖浆、蜂蜜或 柠檬汁,热量高高的,难怪我们每年只吃这一次。

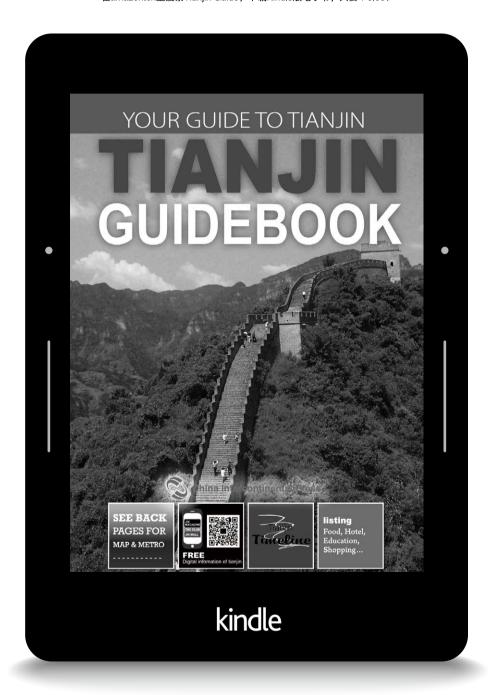
我尝试着把中国煎饼和英国薄饼的配方进行融 合,但是基本每次都搞砸。但是如果先来一套煎饼 加一切, 再来个英国薄饼当甜品也是个不错的组 合。

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