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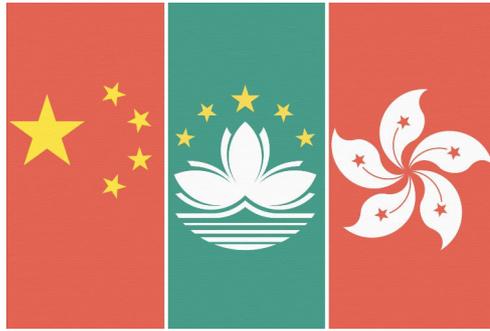


Da Yeh Loves the World: Highest rate of international enrolments in 2018!

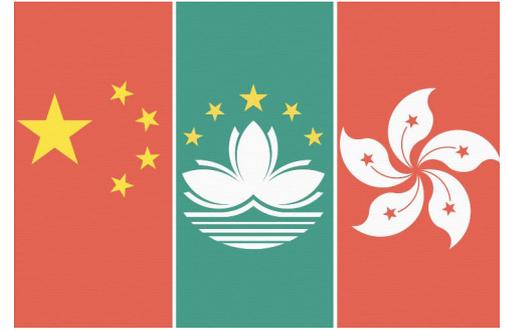
2018 has seen record numbers of international students arrive to Da Yeh University from all over the world greatly increasing upon the number of enrolments seen in previous years. We are fortunate enough to be joined by a great number of new friends from countries including Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Macao, China, Mongolia and many other places even further afield!

This great increase is largely the result of a new program of scholarships and awards offered to international students, in order to offset the high costs of studying in a foreign country. Another key avenue for the increase is partnerships with universities and other institutions in other countries, all designed to make Da Yeh seem like the most appealing place to come and study. This new focus on attracting international students is a key element of the growth and sustain strategy Da Yeh has employed, due to declining Taiwanese student numbers.

The arrival of so many international students into our university is truly a great thing! One of the greatest things you can do at university is to meet people with different perspectives and experiences from which you can learn, and to make some best new friends!



Amazing technological achievement: World's longest sea bridge now open!



China, Macao and Hong Kong celebrate as this month sees the opening of one of the world's newest technological marvels: the Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao bridge! The bridge, known as HZMB for short, is an amazing sight to behold. It consists of three cable-suspended bridges, a tunnel and four artificial islands that interconnect to create a 55 kilometer crossing which connects the three cities of Hong Kong, Zhuhai and Macao. This impressive accomplishment spans the Pearl River Delta in China, which makes this bridge the longest sea bridge in the world, whilst heralding new era of development and prosperity to the region.



The HZMB will make life a lot more convenient for citizens of the three cities it connects. Previously the fastest way for people to travel between Hong Kong and Macao was a lengthy ferry journey, and the only road connection took more than 5 hours! Now the journey time will be cut significantly, and it will also be far cheaper. However, in order to maintain safety and prevent traffic jams, only people who have applied for special permits will be allowed to drive their cars over the bridge. Everyone else will have to take the journey by bus, which fortunately will run 24 hours per day.

The entire project was completed quite quickly, considering its scale, with work on the bridge beginning in 2009. Of course, such a huge undertaking did not come cheap: the HZMB is estimated to have cost the three countries 126.9 billion Yuan, or around 19 billion USD. However, as the bridge is expected to last for more than 120 years, most agree it is a good investment.





The Republican Club: Trump portrait amuses everyone!

A light hearted story emerged from the White House recently, when a very interesting painting was spotted during a TV interview with the president! It turns out that Trump has taken a liking to a portrait of himself sitting amongst several other US presidents, and had the piece hung on the wall of the White House!

The painting is titled "The Republican Club", and it was painted by an artist called Andy Thomas, who specialises in nostalgic, pastiche depictions of American life. Thomas was surprised to see his painting on proud display at the White House, but happy

that he seems to have found a new fan in the president!

Reactions to the painting have been mixed, although on the whole sentiments towards it seem to be rather positive. Fans of the president are delighted to see their hero sitting in the company of some of the greatest US presidents of all time. Meanwhile, the president's critics see the picture as an obvious and hilarious symbol of his hubris and self-delusion: that he would place himself on the level of these great men.

The presidents in this painting are seen relaxing

and chatting over drinks, laughing together as though they are sharing a joke.

Trump's beaming face is the center of attention, but also in attendance is the previous Republican president George W. Bush and his father George H.W. Bush. Between those two men and enjoying a cocktail is Ronald Reagan, who was a very popular president during the 1980's.

Moving round the table, a more controversial figure, Richard Nixon sits next to Trump fingering a glass of red wine. The most subtle, but powerful inclusion is Abe Lincoln, who sits with his back to the viewer.

Strange animal: Blowfish

Among the strange creatures of the sea few seem more innocent and inconspicuous than the humble blowfish. However, this sneaky little fish is packing a big surprise! As soon as the blowfish (also known as a pufferfish) feels threatened, it quickly inflates to many times its size and scares any potential attackers away!

There are many different species of blowfish, mainly living in warm, tropical waters among coral reefs. Like many tropical fish species, blowfish come in a variety of different colours and shapes. The primary diet of the blowfish includes crustaceans, molluscs and various other kinds of shellfish. One of the most well-known characteristics of the blowfish are the sharp spines which emerge from their skin when they puff up. However, the spines are not just for show, they are also capable of delivering a powerful toxin which makes blowfish some of the most venomous animals in the entire world.

Despite the dangers of these beautiful and deadly creatures, there are those who consider the blowfish a delicious and luxurious delicacy. The most famous dish prepared using the meat of the blowfish is fugu sushi, which is served primarily in Japan, South Korea and parts of China.



However, fugu can be an incredibly dangerous dish to prepare and consume, due to the highly toxic nature of the animal. The toxins, which are capable of both paralysing and killing victims, are found in all the major organs of the fish, as well as its skin. This means that not just anyone can prepare fugu. In Japan, only highly trained masters who have been working with the fish for more than three years can qualify to serve fugu to members of the public.

Who would have thought such a small and average looking fish could hide such potential!