Echoes of China

General Culture

Key figures, customs, dietetics.

Intercultural

History, philosophy, cultural exchange, economy, and work.

Literature

Language, calligraphy, poetry, idioms, couplets, and proverbs.

Music

Traditional and modern music.







5000 years

- Dynasty Shang1570 to 1045 BC: beginning of Chinese writing
- Dynasty Qin 221 to 206 BC: 1st Chinese Empire,
- the Great Wall. The terracotta army.
- Dynastie Yuan 1271-1368 <u>Marco Polo in Chine</u>, Silk road.





Key figures



Population: More than 1.4 billion — about one-sixth of the world's population.

Area: 9.6 million square kilometers (9,600,000 km²).

Capital: Beijing.

Official language: Mandarin Chinese.

Inventions: China is known for four great inventions — the compass, printing, paper, and gunpowder.

Religions: The main traditional beliefs are Confucianism, Taoism, and Chan (Zen) Buddhism.

Education: The education system includes 6 years of primary school, 3 years of middle school, and 3

years of high school.

Customs

Chinese New Year

Celebrated on the first day of the lunar year. The date follows a 19-year cycle in the lunar calendar.

Mid-Autumn Festival

Observed on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month — the midpoint of autumn, when the moon is at its fullest and brightest.

Birth Traditions

The year, hour, and name are chosen with care and symbolic meaning. Mother and baby rest for one month, followed by a celebration after 100 days.

Marriage Customs

Colors, symbolic objects, numbers, astrology, age, and the choice of date all play an important role in ensuring harmony and good fortune.

Funeral Traditions

White is the color of mourning. Ceremonies include rituals of respect and purification, and hair is traditionally cut after 35 days.

Dietetics



Harmony, sharing, respect

- * **Drink**: hot water, tea, soup, alcohol,.
- * **Dietetics**.: rice, noudle, vegetable, meat, fruit.



- * Ancient and modern China Marriage, family, education, economy, money, dress
- * The usual look of foreigners and reality in China. Social networks, the medials, television.....
- * Foreign procedures and specificities in China.

 Regulation: label, raw material, formula, dimension, standard, audit, documents, deadline, logistics, transport
- * Work in China
 Contract, market, competitiveness, flexibility, negotiation, collaboration, long-term, personalized relationship, trust

Ancient China

Marriage, family, education, economy, money, dress













Modern China









Work in China

- * Market, competitiveness
- * Contrat, flexibility,.
- * Negotiation, collaboration.
- * Long- term, personalized relationship, trust



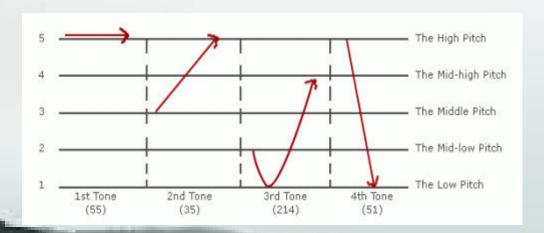






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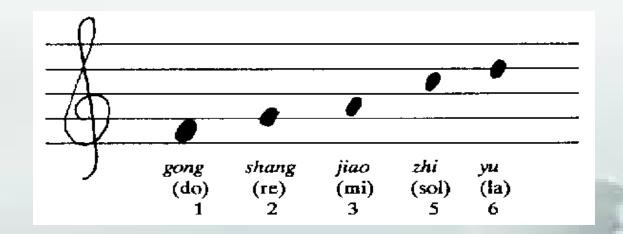
Pin yin: uses the Latin alphabet, each syllable is accented





Chinese music

★ The notation of Chinese music is done using jianpu, a number system. The pentatonic mode.





What do you know about China? How did you learn about it?

What would you like to know about China?

Could you say a few words or sentences in Chinese?

