

# The Spring Festival



# Chinese New Year Or Lunar New Year





# **Chinese Culture and Tradition**

## in the XX1st century



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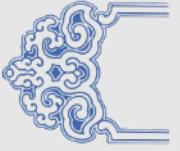


- **ancient Babylon**
- **ancient Egypt**
- **ancient India**
- **China**

# China's Geography



stable and closed environment



The geographical environment made it possible for convenient and frequent exchanges between ethnic civilizations in Europe. That's why the rise of Europe, the industrial revolution, and the great geographical discoveries are not surprising or accidental in Europe at all.





# agriculture civilization





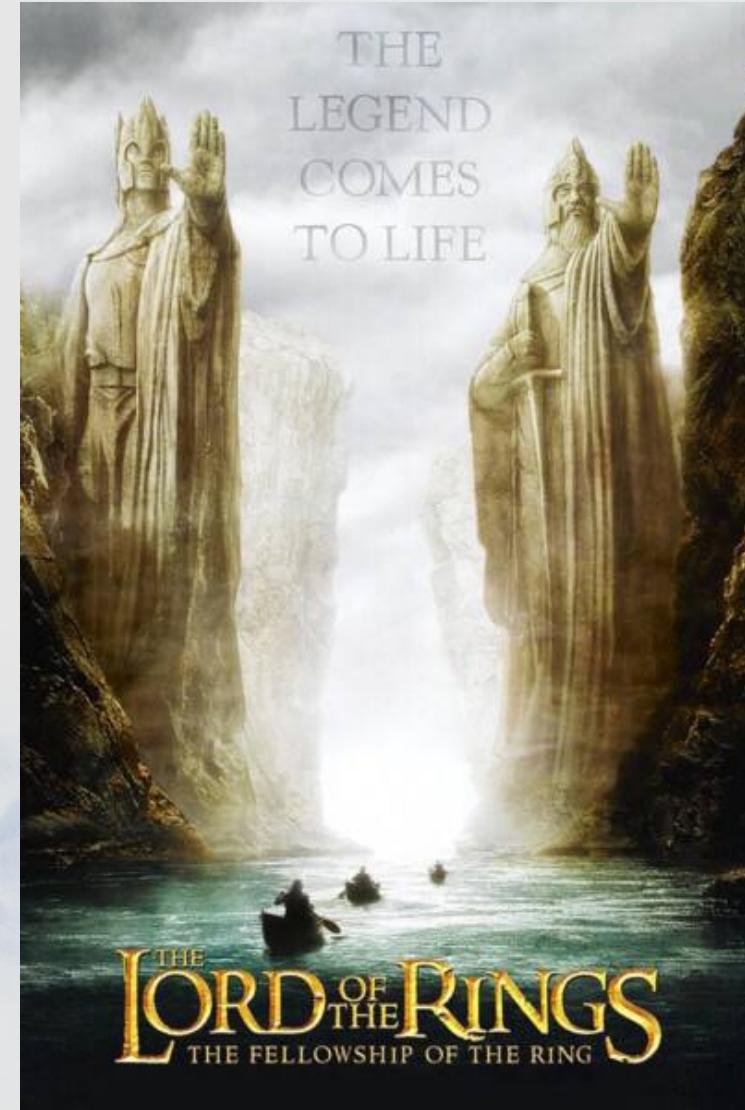
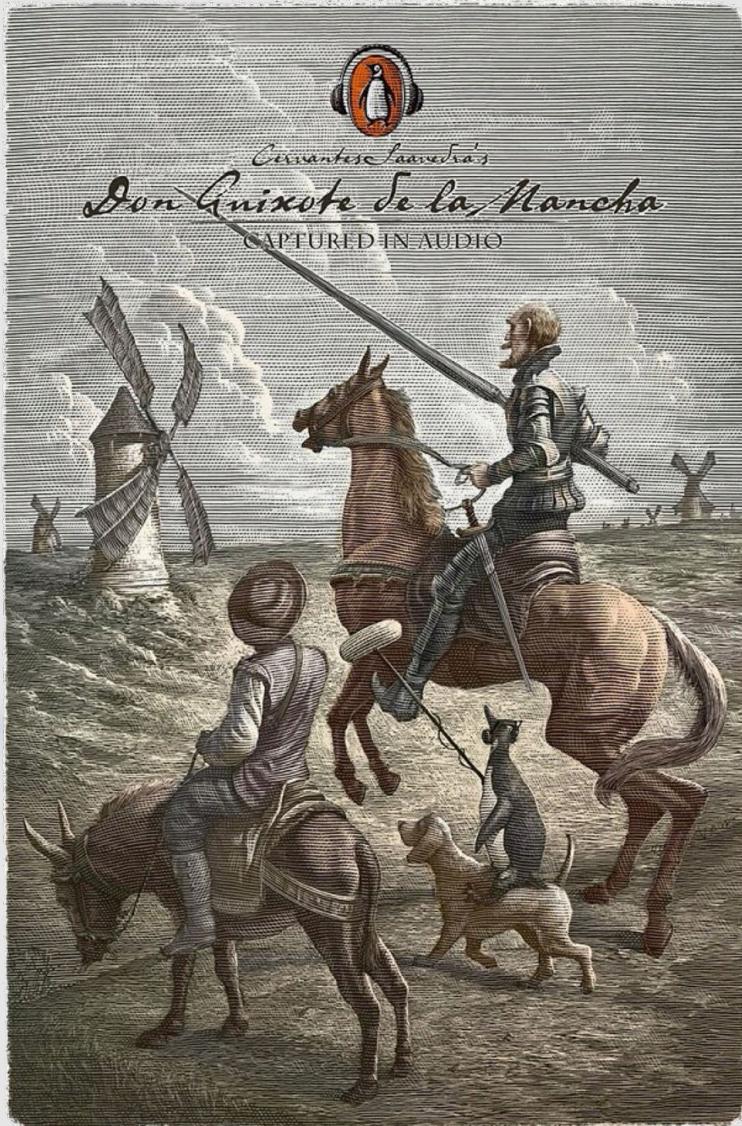
# agriculture civilization



# the Mediterranean Sea



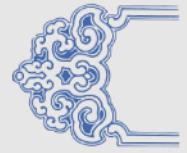
# Adventures





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# The Old Summer Palace



# The Old Summer Palace (Now)



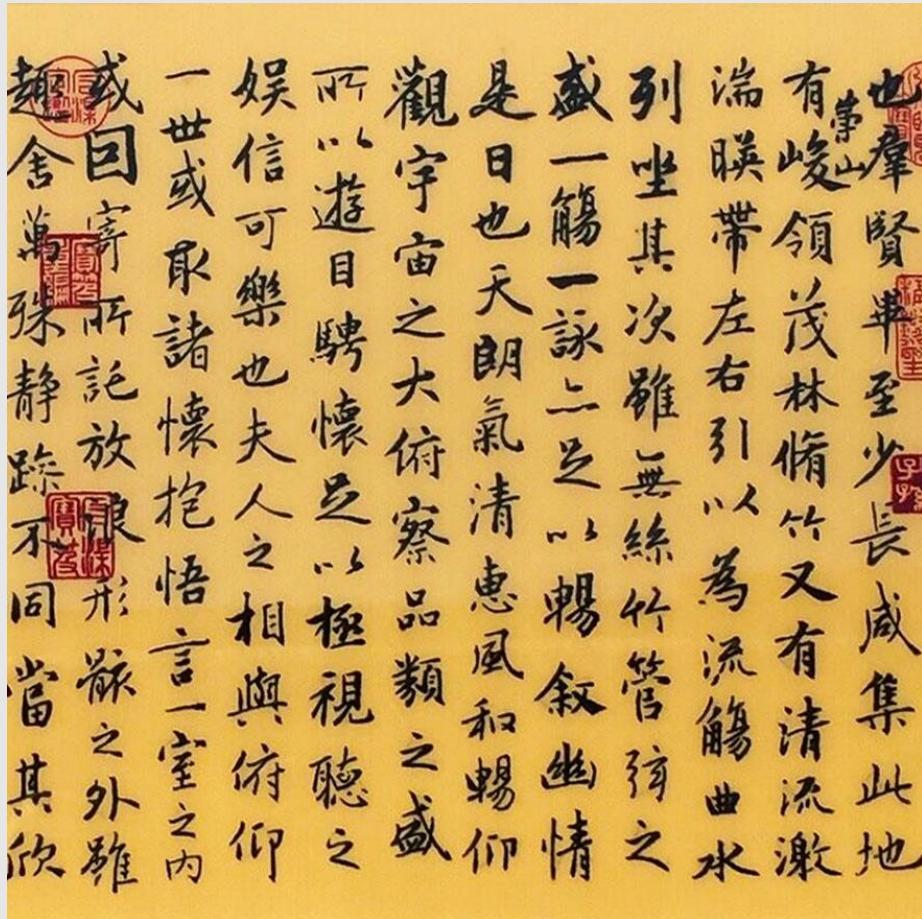
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# Westernization Movement



# Chinese calligraphy



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天地玄黃宇宙洪  
闕餘歲律呂謳  
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龍師火帝鳥官人  
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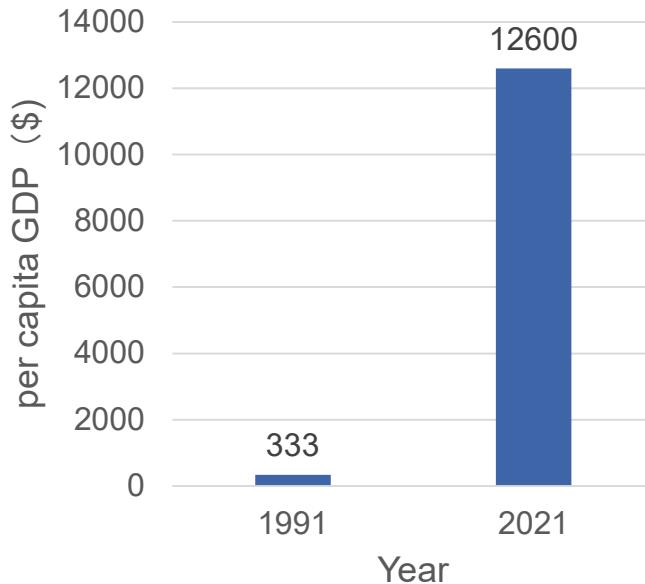


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The New Development of Chinese  
Culture in the 21st Century

# The Change of China's per capita GDP



# Traditional Elements Reappear



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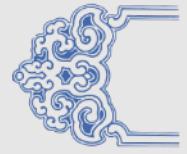


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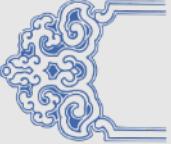
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# Traditional Elements Reappear



Red packets in the traditional sense are also called lucky money, which is money wrapped in red paper packets for children given by elders with best wishes during the Lunar New Year.



# snatching virtual red packets



the traditional culture, which was considered outdated and backward, has become more attractive in the new century.



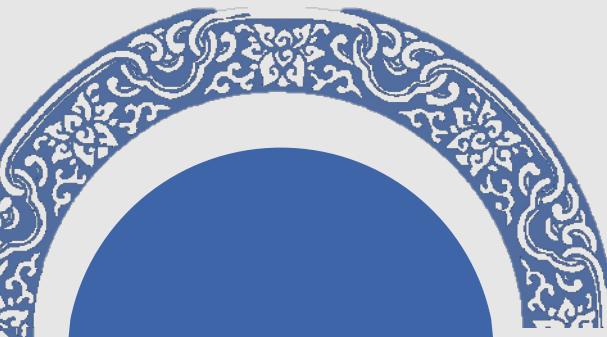


# The Core part of Culture



The core part of culture includes perceptions, views, beliefs, values, attitudes, tradition, history and so on.

All these are abstract, are invisible.



The essential core consists of traditional ideas and especially their attached values.



# three levels of mutual integration and absorption



**The self-sufficient economy of small agriculture and cottage industry, supplemented by small market commodity exchange**



**The bureaucratic system (bureaucrats are selected through examinations) is governed by the centralized monarchy, so that the imperial court decrees go directly to the basic-level governments**



**the spiritual world, composed of Confucianism, Buddhism, and Daoism, which is in harmony with the above-mentioned economic-political structure.**



# new cultural identity



It is a new subjectivity that transcends the subjectivity of traditions.



**traditional  
culture**



**industrial culture**



**the latest  
achievements of  
social practice**



# The reconstruction of the cultural confidence

**It is essentially the reconstruction of its own "language and discourse"**

**changing from an "object role" that is "expressed" by the West to a "subject role"**

**a path of modernization with distinctive characteristics that is so different from that of the West.**

**A possible Chinese solution for social development**



**stage 1**  
**Learing**



**stage 2**  
**rebuilding**





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# A GOOD human nature



Human nature is good



# An overall harmony in Chinese traditional culture

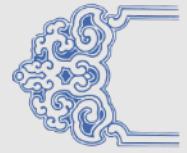


Chinese scholars are trying to argue that, the worldview of an overall harmony in Chinese traditional culture is likely to be a system that can promote real peace and benign interaction between various cultures, thereby thoroughly solve the existing problems in the world cultural communication and offer a sustainable development of the globe cultures.

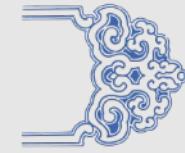
# An overall harmony in Chinese traditional culture



The Chinese tradition focus on “仁(benevolence)” and emphasize ethical behavior in communications. The ideal individual in would be a person who is well integrated into a perfect ethical system.



# Values: China V.S. West



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a "universal harmony"



West

the maximization of  
individual interests

# The Confucian Edification System Based on Free



When westerners use their own cultural logic to interpret the Chinese edification, they will get a misconception that it is an ideological restricts to free will.

# Thank you !

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