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ShangHai Art Fair



7-1 Lee Ji Yang

From September 8 to September 12, Shanghai Art Fair 2010 was held in Shanghai Shi Mao Shang Cheng. There were so many works of art and so many people. I was so amazed about it.

At the museum, there were Chinese artists' works of art, china, and the world's works of art. There were many sections. Each section was given to an artist. I guess there were almost 200 sections on each floor.

Chinese artists' works of art were displayed on the first floor. There, I could see many interesting things. At first, I was impressed because there were some works of art that were about famous characters of dramas or movies like Super Woman and Superman. Also I could see some works of art about famous brand names like Chanel and McDonald. The most interesting thing is that these works of art are depicted very uniquely.

I could see many kinds of China on the 3rd floor. Some were so big that they were bigger than me. Some were so small that they were smaller than my palm. I think it was instructive because I could learn that there are many kinds of china in the world.

The world's works of art was displayed on the fourth floor. There were many pieces of Korean, French and German art. Also I could see some foreign artists. Our school's art teacher, Jun-hee Lee, also participated the Art Fair and showed her works of art. Here is the interview with her.

Q: I heard your works of art are linked to nature. Why?

A: There are many works of art that are about nature because humans are essentially born in nature and die in nature. I used nature when I was doing my work too. Humans are also included in nature. Therefore, all living things are included in nature.

Q: Why did you give homework that is about visiting the art fair or art museum to students?

A: When I started to teach the students in Shanghai Korean School, I was surprised that the students here didn't have opportunity to experience art. Like music, there is an appreciation part. I think experiencing art by visiting the art museum is a real art education. In other words, real art education is studying how to understand works of art.

In conclusion, I think it is good to visit the art museum because we can experience many famous works of art. If you have time, I really recommend you to go to the art museum or Shanghai Art Fair and experience art.

Roots & Shoots Festival in Celebration of Gombe 50



10-4 Choi Yeon Joo

Roots & Shoots organization is about making positive change - for our community, for animals, and for the environment. The organization, which made weak start with only 16 high school cohorts, is recognized as a world-renown program almost over 100 countries today. On September 24th, with the celebration of Dr. Jane Goodall's 50 years of research in Gombe, SKS Roots & Shoots team was honored to be part of such a event.

With perfect weather, the celebration was held in Gengzhi High school. It was filled with booths hosted by Roots & Shoots members. These booths included: second-hand books and DVDs, bio-farm products, items made from recycled or discarded materials, hand-made pouches and many more things. What's more, was that there were free Mc Donald's and a slice of pizza for each person too. The fun didn't end there. At 5 o'clock, the real show started and awards were given to members or teams of Roots & Shoots. When all the awards were handed out, it was the hallmark of the show - Dr. Jane Goodall's speech. It was an honor and pleasure just to hear her speech. Her life hadn't been easy, but she pulled it through the difficult times. When the speech was over, Q & A's session was held for guests.

During the speech I heard that most of the Roots & Shoots teams visit Inner Mongolia every year to plant seeds. Although it requires exhausting labor, the teams absorb an important message: teachers and adolescents are absolutely enthralled to witness how with a little co-operation, they could achieve something meaningful. From this, I realized that we could change the world if we are empowered just a tiniest bit. Also, Dr. Jane Goodall mentioned that if you are willing to do something, you should never give up. This short snippet of her speech still lingers in my head vividly because I tend to give up things easily. Thus, her words truly toughened my endurance. As the old adage goes, you should never give up.

WAYS TO RESTORE OUR HISTORY

11-2 Choi Yeon Ho

What kinds of feelings arise when you see Sea of Japan labeled on a worldly renowned atlas? As long as you are a Korean citizen, intense anger towards the Japanese and indifferent foreigners would undoubtedly surge up. However, such straightforward effusion of resentment won't do much to uproot such misguided information. To convey and implement the true history of Korea to the global community, the following methods ought to be executed.

Above all, raise a formal suggestion and persuade logically. It is completely natural to feel upset whenever seeing a false fabricated historic data in a foreign museum or official website. However, emotion alone can't play an instrumental role in correcting the false historical information. Practically, the only option most people are left with is adherence to the conventional process of objective persuasion. Though this sounds a grave challenge, such a process is not as difficult as it appears on paper. As the first step, write a formal document introducing yourself and explaining the purpose of the document. Then, to add more plausibility to the argument, supplement the document with authorized information from encyclopedias, official websites, or other media sources. Moreover, stay cool. No doubt this suggestion is an obvious cliché. However, one should never underestimate the value of staying calm. Keeping composure actually gives an impression that the person is ready to hold a negotiation, instead of taking a heated argument. Psychologically speaking, the approach additionally adds a sense of amiability. This would inevitably support the chance of making amendments. After all, the best strategy is to win without engaging in a conflict.

As it seems, restoring true history is not an inhuman task at all. You don't need an extraordinary brain or mighty leadership to fulfill it. What matters more is the sincerity and keen determination to contribute something to restoring our history.



THE PEARL; THE BOOK FOR YOU THIS FALL

10-2 Kwak Kyeong Hyeun

As the trees turn into a warm orange color and the air begins to have a cold crisp to it, we can feel autumn coming. Autumn, the beautiful season splashed with colours of ripe orange and yellow is never quite "Autumn" without a novel to spend it with. And <The pearl> a classic written by Steinbeck is the perfect book for this year.

<The pearl> is a story about how a poor fisherman; Kino, dreamt of wealth and happiness for his family and how he and his life changes when his dream came true. The story starts by illustrating fisherman Kino's humble but happy life. But then it twists into evil darkness as disaster strikes when Kino's child Coyotito gets stung by a scorpion. Unable to afford the cost of professional medication, Kino dives into the village lake and searches for a pearl that would pay for Coyotito's medication bills. It is then he finds the great pearl. This great pearl has a breath taking and innocent appearance, but makes the family fall into a twister of unfortunate events as thieves attempt to raid Kino's house. The corollary of terrible occurrences reaches it's peak when Kino ends up murdering an attacker. Although Kino slowly realizes that the great pearl is the cause for all the disasters and that only the riddance of it would put an end to their misery, enchanted by the great pearl's irresistible beauty Kino keeps the pearl only to face more and more menacing dangers

<The pearl> is an absolutely thrilling and exciting book to read. It carries an moral teaching in the end and although confusing at first, the short novel is mind-grIPPING and definitely entrancing. So, for this Fall, how about devouring the pages of<The pearl>?

