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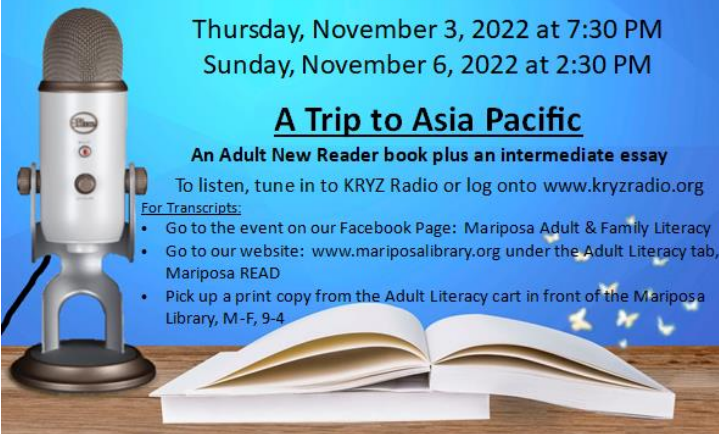
A Trip to Asia Pacific

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A Trip to Asia-Pacific



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Asia is very big. Asia Pacific is part of Asia.



There are big cities. Some have new buildings that are very tall.



Some buildings are very old.



These houses are on the water.



This is a special taxi called a tuk-tuk. You can go lots of places in this.



You can take a boat ride to see some caves.



You may see special animals. This is a monitor lizard.



These monkeys live in the snow. They like to sit in hot water.



You may see rubber trees. They have rubber sap called latex.



You can go to the padi fields. Padi is the name of rice when it is in the fields.



There are many kinds of fruit trees too. These are papaya, starfruit and mango trees.



You can go to the market. You can buy many kinds of foods there.



These are some of the fruits and vegetables you can buy.



You can buy all kinds of fresh fish too.



These are special fried snacks. They are bugs.



Some people sell food in the streets.



Some people sell food from their boats.



On a hot day, you can buy ice cream from a cart by the road.



Asia Pacific is a fun place to visit. There are many things to see and do.

The End

Asia-Pacific for Intermediate Learners

Asia-Pacific is part of the continent of Asia that is near the western Pacific Ocean. This area is called APAC when dividing the world into large regions for commerce, finance, and politics. The exact region is not clearly defined but it generally includes Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, North Korea, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, Vietnam and more.

In the book we just read, we saw a tuk tuk, which is a three-wheeled, open-air, gas or electric-powered vehicle used like a taxi to transport people. Before the tuk tuk, many tourists in Southeast Asia could travel by rickshaw, which was a two or three-wheeled cart pulled by a bicycle that could transport one or two people. Before that a pulled rickshaw was just a cart pulled by one person. They could only transport one person at a time.

The monkeys that we saw in the book we just read are called Japanese macaques or snow monkeys. They soak in the hot springs to keep warm in the winter but also to lower stress and to relax, just like many humans.

While rubber trees are native to South America, today 97 percent of the world's natural rubber comes from Southeast Asia. It is one of this area's most important high-value cash crops. Unfortunately, it is replacing traditional agriculture and the small farm owners who have worked the land for generations. Luckily, since rice is a staple in Asia Pacific, there are still a lot of paddy fields. A paddy field is flooded land used for growing rice and taro. Paddy fields require a lot of labor and water to create, so oxen and water buffalo, adapted for life in wetlands, are used to help farm them.

Some of the wonderful fruits cultivated in Asia Pacific are mangoes, starfruit, papaya, dragon fruit, rambutan, tamarind, jackfruit, and durian. Some of the favorite vegetables in this region are eggplants, cucumbers, mustard greens, bok choy, and radishes. Of course, being a part of the Pacific Ocean, there is always plenty of fish and sea food to eat as well. Many countries in Asia-Pacific enjoy eating bugs or insects as part of their meals or snacks. There are over fifty species of edible insects. Some of the most popular are silkworm pupae, bamboo worms, locusts, beetles, crickets, and red ants.

Asia-Pacific is an area of the world that is full of beautiful nature, wonderful cultures, incredible cities, and fascinating history. It is a world-wide favorite of places to visit and tourism is a huge part of their economy. There are many things to see and do. Asia-Pacific is truly a wonderful place to visit.