

EXPLORING GLOBAL DIVERSITY

Feb. 3, 2009 USU Room 312-314

Presenter: Chindy Lien

Country: Indonesia

Topic: Welcome to Indonesia, the land of embracing diversity! Explore this dazzling string of islands with pre-business major Chindy Lien and enjoy the unique flavors of Indonesian language, tradition and culture. This presentation is sure to provide you with an exciting "to do" list of great travel destinations and tips that only a local could offer.

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Presenter: Abdullah Al Hasani

Country: Oman

Topic: Oman is one of the important tourism destinations in the Middle East. It is the land of high contrasts - the essence of Arabia. Oman offers a diverse landscape: from the tops of the high mountain ranges, to the vast deserts and open plains, to the 1,700 kilometers of coastline. Add to this land a great heritage dating back thousands of years, the peacefulness of the country, and the hospitality of people. Oman offers memorable days for tourists and visitors. Learn about the beautiful country of Oman with linguistics major student Abdullah Al Hasani.

Date: Feb. 17, 2009 USU Room 312-314

Presenter: Rafi Uddin

Country: Bangladesh

Topic: Liberated in 1971, Bangladesh is truly a country of proud and courageous people. Always willing to smile, the people of Bangladesh are well known for their warmhearted hospitality to all travelers. This small Southeast Asian nation is home to countless majestic rivers that run throughout the tropical countryside creating a striking geography and a rich livelihood for its people. Beyond these natural wonders, the country offers such attractions as archeological sites, historic mosques, and splendid tea gardens. Join business administration and finance student Rafi Uddin for a presentation on regal Bangladesh.

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Presenter: Zulfiya Ismailova

Country: Uzbekistan

Topic: When hearing this name Uzbekistan, people often echo "East Pakistan," having no clue what they really heard. Having been a part of the Silk Road, this country has a history of more than 2,500 years. In the late 19th century it was occupied by the Russian Empire and gradually became one of the more prominent republics of the Soviet Union. However, in 1991 Uzbekistan gained its independence and has since been slowly entering into the "world arena." Come and learn about this beautiful and fascinating land with linguistics major student Zulfiya Ismailova.

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Presenter: Shang Wang

Country: China

Topic: Ranked as the most populated country in the world, China is truly a world unto itself. A bustling economy, complete with a variety of business opportunities, has led China to be considered one of the fastest developing nations. With a history dating back more than 5,000 years, this country is also one of vast ethnic diversity and tradition. Fifty-six distinct races, stunning ancient architecture, and unique holidays like Chinese New Year (January 26, 2009), and the Mid-Autumn Festival (October 3, 2009) are bound to intrigue any curious traveler. Join business major Shang Wang as he shares interesting facts about the wonder that is China.

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Presenter: Dr. Merab Gogberashvili

Country: Republic of Georgia

Topic: Viewed as one of the great ancient civilizations, Georgia is home to some of the world's oldest monuments of which 10 are in the UNESCO list of world heritages. Its age also has contributed to Georgia's unique language, alphabet and traditions. Even English words like "vine" and "medicine" have Georgian origins. With a variety of landscapes and climates, Georgia is similar to California but with higher mountains and warmer seas. Its location also has given Georgia a somewhat difficult history with the war with Russia one of the top news stories of this past year. Join Dr. Merab Gogberashvili as he hosts a special film and active discussion on this ancient land.

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Presenter: Nana Y. Lucien

Country: Cameroon

Topic: Along the coast of Africa lies a land of promise and glory known as Cameroon. Home to more than 18.6 million people, this remarkable country often is referred to as "Africa in miniature" because it offers a complete selection of the continent's climate, culture and geography in one special medley. Join geology major student Nana Y. Lucien and discover more about this unique combination of scenic landscapes and captivating customs.

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Presenter: Sin Lee Loh

Country: Malaysia

Topic: Located in the heart of Southeast Asia, Malaysia is a melting pot of rich cultural diversity. Combining the fast pace of modern living with the simpler pleasures of old-world tradition, Malaysia is truly a land of exotic balance. From the lush jungles and rugged caves of Borneo, to the bustling city streets of Kuala Lumpur, there is surely something of interest for every traveler. Join psychology major Sin Lee Loh on a trip through the enchanting sights and sounds of Malaysia.

April 14, 2009 USU Room 312-314

Presenter: Trang V. Pham

Country: Vietnam

Topic: Mass communications and journalism graduate student Trang Pham invites you to learn about lovely "Vietnam: A Country, Not a War." Come and hear about this truly welcoming nation filled with friendly people, expansive rice fields and sparkling pristine beaches. Fifty-four ethnic groups, each with their own identities and customs, provide a cultural diversity unlike any other. Surely Vietnam has more to offer today's worldly travelers than ever before.

April 21, 2009 USU Room 312-314

Presenter: Nucharaporn Liangruenrom

Country: Thailand

Topic: Have you ever heard of the land of smiles? Travel there together with linguistics major student Nucharaporn Liangruenrom to explore amazing Thailand. Discover the extraordinary hospitality served by the Thai "heart and smile." Experience the art of Thai living through traditional greetings, spiritual practices, cuisine and taboos. Journey across the charming beaches and islands, said to be among the most scenic in the world. Learn about the linguistic phenomenon of the English language in Thailand. These wonders will be brought to you soon, so get ready to discover the country of smiles through this exciting presentation of Thailand.

April 28, 2009 USU Room 312-314

Presenter: Katsuhito Watanabe

Country: Hawaii and the Japanese Culture

Topic: Beginning in the early 1900s, the first group of Japanese immigrated to Hawaii to work on the vast sugar cane plantations found on the islands. Since then, the Japanese culture has influenced Hawaiian tradition and language to produce a unique blend unlike any other seen on earth. In 2004, linguistics major Katsuhito Watanabe moved to Hilo, Hawaii, to pursue his undergraduate degree and learn more about this fascinating dynamic of cultures. Join him for a presentation on the history of this phenomenon and hear about the personal experiences of a Japanese man living in Hawaii.

The International Coffee Hour Program

brings people from different cultural backgrounds in the world to share the history, customs, economy, culture, and current situations of their countries. The International Coffee Hour is designed for faculty, staff and students at California State University, Fresno, as well as for people in the surrounding communities.

The program helps international students integrate into the new environment. It also enables the community to have access to a great variety of cultures that represent one of the biggest assets of California State University, Fresno.

Some facts

- There are more than 550 international students at California State University, Fresno
- More than 60 countries are represented

Objectives

- Expand our knowledge about different countries and cultures
- Allow international students to serve as educational resources by sharing their knowledge, experiences and perspectives
- Create a friendly atmosphere to inspire campus-wide and community dialogues with people from different backgrounds

Opportunities

- Develop global friendships
- Share cultures of international students and faculty with the campus community
- Explore programs available to study, travel and work

International Students Services and Programs (ISSP) has been conducting many activities for the community throughout the year:

- International Culture Night
- International Coffee Hour
- Student Orientation
- Various Social Activities

For more information:

Call 559.278.2782

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http://studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/international_students/

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