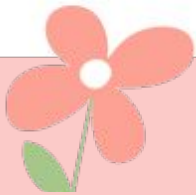


Digital Pen Pal Program

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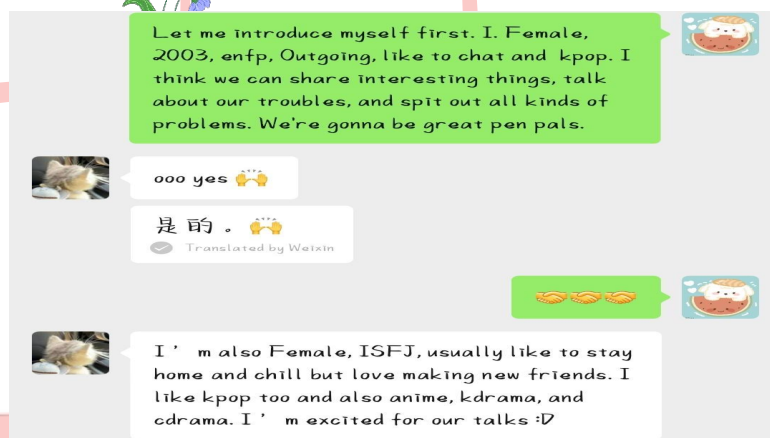
On the day we officially became pen pals, we introduced ourselves to each other.

Kimberly Chau

- Female, ISFJ, usually like to stay home and chill but love making new friends.
- She likes kpop too and also anime, kdrama, and cdrama. She was excited for our talks :D.

Zheng Huarong

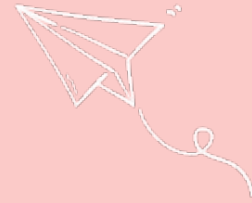
- Female, 2003, enfp, outgoing, usually like to go out to make new friends.
- She likes to chat and kpop.
- English major.



Preparatory Activities

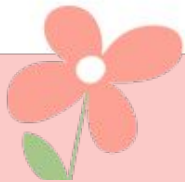
We also share different foods, views and desserts to each other.





PART 01

Economic Overview



Economy in China

01

In China, Agriculture is a traditional industry in China. Although it contributes less to GDP than other industries, it is still the foundation of national economy. Agriculture includes plantation and animal husbandry.

02

Industry is the main pillar of China's economy and contributes the most to GDP. Industrial sectors include manufacturing, mining, electricity, heat, gas and water production and supply.

03

Service industry is an important part of China's economy, and its contribution to GDP is increasing gradually. The service industry includes finance, education, medical care, tourism, catering and other fields





Economy in America



01

The US economy is highly developed, the production scale is huge, the production technology is advanced, the department structure is complete; the agricultural industry is developed and advanced; the technology and traffic volume of highway and aviation rank first in the world; the foreign trade volume is second in the world; the financial industry is very developed; its economy has long been the largest in the world in terms of scale, per capita GDP of over US \$60,000, and the highest in a country with a population of 50 million or more, making it the world's most important economy. It plays the most important role in the economic life of mankind.

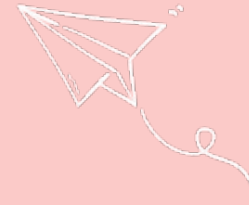
02

Wall Street in New York represents the great financial power of the United States. Many of the world's most famous electronic technology companies are located in Silicon Valley, and they bring huge profits to the United States both at home and abroad

03

The technology sector is a rising industry with all the big tech companies, especially in California.

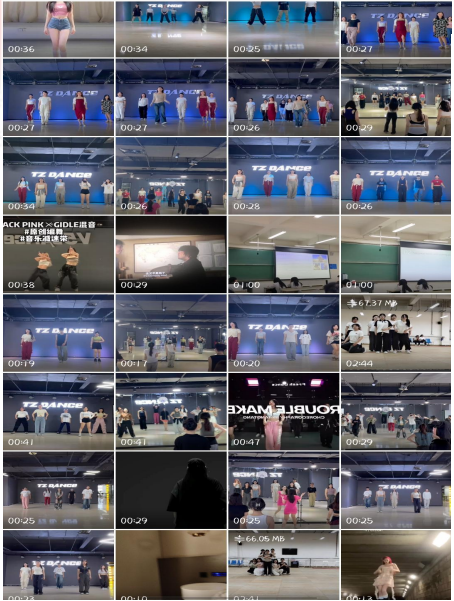




PART 02

Sports/ Activities/ Hobbies/
Musical Instruments





Sports/ Activities/ Hobbies

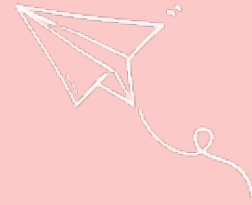


We all go to clubs, and I usually go to dance clubs and learn some dance pieces to do random dances, My pen pal likes to cook. She usually cooks some rice and soup by herself



And we're going to some meetings.





PART 03

Fashion





Han Fu Fashion



I introduced the Chinese Hanfu culture to my pen friends, and now the new Chinese Hanfu is popular. But there seems to be no traditional dress in the United States. Casual clothes are popular now, usually depending on the activity.



Hanfu, meaning "Han clothing," is based on the idea of donning costumes worn in bygone eras by China's Han ethnic group. Some of the most popular styles are from the Ming, Song and Tang dynasties.



Now, we are popular to wear new Chinese Hanfu, for example, we will go to Xi'an Datang Night City to take photos, will go to Jinan and summer rain lotus to take photos, hairpinning flowers.





Han Fu Fashion

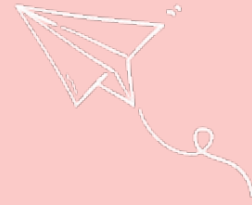


This is a traditional dress.

This is a hairpin taken in Jinan.

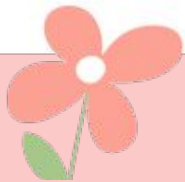
I took this in Xi'an Grand Tang Mall.





PART 04

Travel





Places



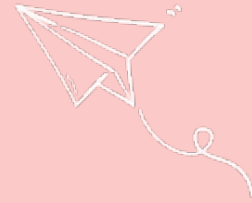
I like traveling, so I went to Badaguan in Qingdao, she told me that she also wanted to travel and see the nature

And then ,I went to Changzhou,JiangSu Provinces.I went to Changzhou Museum to see Cultursl relics



The small powder stove, whose scientific name is the antique Furong stone pan chi ear cover stove, is a famous exhibition of the Nanjing Museum. It was born in the Qianlong period of the Qing Dynasty and attracted much attention because of its pink appearance and unique shape. The small powder stove is carved from a piece of powder crystal original stone from Sri Lanka. It is 17 cm high and 14.9 cm in diameter. The whole body is full of natural veins of different lengths and the same size. The shape is clumsy and thick, and the carving is fine.





PART 05

Holidays and Foods





Holidays and Foods



We compared traditional Chinese food with American hamburger and pizza culture.

Traditional Chinese food is dumplings: it is an important food during the **Spring Festival**, symbolizing reunion and welcoming the new year. More bags stuffing, by boiling or frying, frying, steaming and other methods processing mature.

In addition, there are spring cakes: the ancient beginning of spring to eat flour cake, baked very thin, also known as pancakes. Eat with several kinds of lettuce, then the number is spring plate.

We will eat yuanxiao on the **Lantern Festival**: the north eats yuanxiao on the fifteenth day of the first lunar month, and the south eats glutinous rice ball. Yuanxiao was very popular in the Song Dynasty. It was first called "Floating Yuanzi" and later called "Yuanxiao". Businessmen also euphemistically called it "ingot". Usually with sugar, rose, sesame, bean paste, cinnamon, walnut, nuts, jujube mud and other raw materials as the filling, wrapped with glutinous rice flour into a circle.





Foods



We compared traditional Chinese food with American hamburger and pizza culture.

Some food that is usually eaten here would be hamburgers and pizza but because it is very diverse here, there are many food options. Fast food is very popular. Places like Chipotle serve Mexican fast food and it is popular among many. There are many small towns and areas where ethnic groups reside and you can find many authentic cultural foods in such areas. For example, there is a Koreatown and Chinatown in many different cities, which allows cultures to connect. Whenever there is an event like a birthday party, pizza is almost always ordered.





Holidays



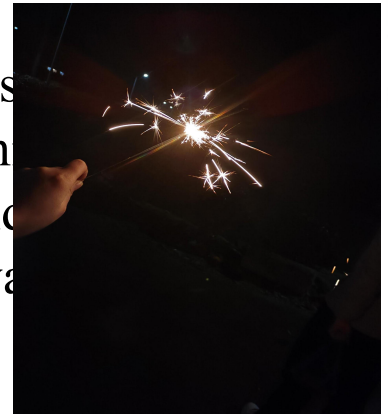
We compared traditional Chinese Holidays with American Holidays.

The Spring Festival

The Chinese Spring Festival, also called Lunar New Year comes on the first day of Chinese lunar calendar and ends with the Lantern Festival. Being one of the Chinese traditional festivals, it is the grandstand the most important festival for Chinese people. It is said that the "Nian"(year) was a strong monster. People used red color and firework or firecrackers to drive away "Nian". As a result, the custom of using red color and setting off fireworks remains.



New clothes must be bought, especially children. Couplets are pasted at both sides of the gates. The Chinese character "Fu" is pasted on the center of the door and paper-cut pictures adorn windows. Dumplings and the reunion dinner are indispensable at this time. Cold and hot dishes are all served. Fish is always an important dish then, which expresses people's hope of having a wealthy year.



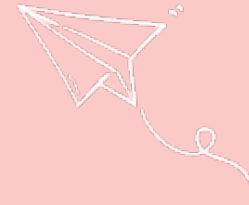


Thanksgiving Day



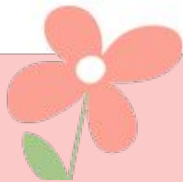
Pen pals told me Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated by families coming together to have a warm dinner and share what they are thankful for. It's a tradition that started when the Pilgrims came to the North America and shared food with the Native Americans. On this day, people usually eat Turkey, mac n' cheese, and mashed potatoes but it can also be different depending on the family's culture. It is usually a tradition to have a turkey for thanksgiving.





PART 06

Finals Exams





Finals Exams



We compared the final exams in China and the United States, It is mainly reflected in the educational concept, test form, grading standards and cultural background.

- ✓ The American higher education system emphasizes general education and critical thinking. Students are often required to take courses in multiple fields during their undergraduate years, and final exams may cover a wide range of knowledge points. The content of the exam is not limited to textbook knowledge, but may also include class discussions, case studies, etc.

- ✓ China's university education system pays more attention to the depth of professional knowledge. Students usually decide the direction of their major at the time of admission, and the final examination content is more concentrated on the knowledge points of professional courses, and the examination form is relatively traditional.





Finals Exams

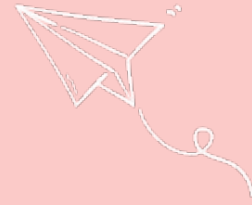


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✓ The final exam in the United States comes in a variety of forms, and may include essays, project presentations, open-book exams, closed-book exams, and group discussions. Professors pay more attention to students' comprehension and application skills than to simple memory.

✓ The final exam in China is relatively simple in form, mainly consisting of closed-book written exams, with emphasis on students' mastery and memory of textbook knowledge. Some courses may have lab or design exams, but overall, written exams dominate.





PART 07

Hypothetical Meeting

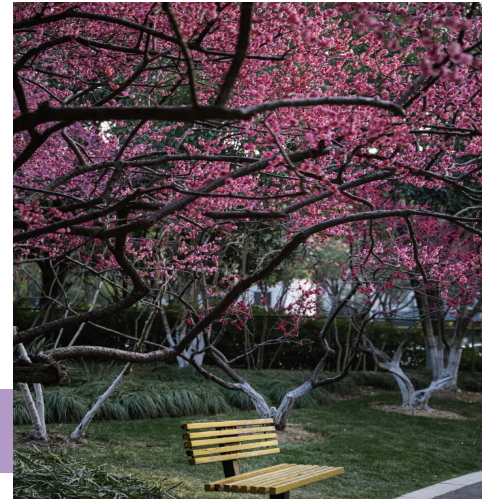


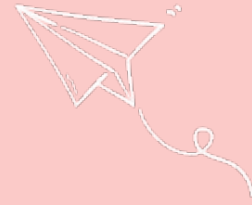


- ✓ In America, she think it would be fun if we visit places like Chinatown and Koreatown in LA and try delicious foods and see how similar or different they are.



- ✓ In China, we usually go to amusement parks or museums to learn about history and culture. I prefer to go to museums because I like to learn about the culture and history of different regions.





PART 08

Life Goals and Reflection



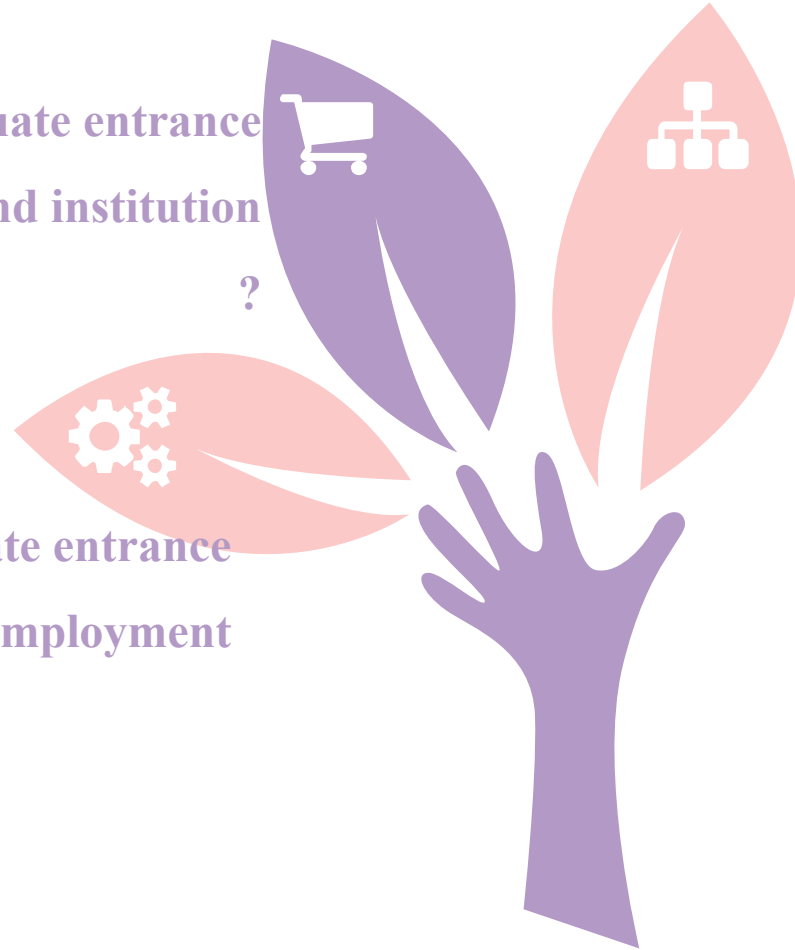


Our discussion around a few issues.

If you take the postgraduate entrance examination, which major and institution

?

The choice of postgraduate entrance examination or employment



If you are employed, what certificate do you to take?

Through this dicussion,I know that employment and postgraduate entrance examination in the United States are 50-50.But in China,the proportion of postgraduate entrance examination is higher than that of employment,and most of them will choose postgraduate entrance examination.





Life Goals and Reflection



Kimberly Chau



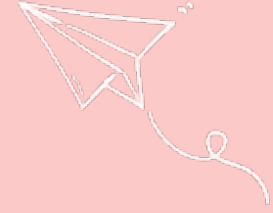
She said that it is more up to the person and they could get a job not related to a certificate or career, to make ends meet. She is going to try and land an internship and then later maybe I can get an entry-level job. She is not sure if she want to go to graduate school.

Zheng Huarong



I want to go to graduate school, but I'm not sure if I can pass the exam. If I pass the exam, I will study English major, in a foreign language college, I will be engaged in a middle school teacher.





I am very happy to know my pen pal through this pen pal activity! Every time I receive a pen pal's message, I feel the warmth and surprise across the distance. Although we live in different places, through words, we share each other's stories, dreams and thoughts, which is really a special fate. I hope our friendship will last forever, whether through letter, mail, or some day in the future, we can meet in reality.

Performer: Zheng Huarong

