Dr. Riz A. Oades Endowed Scholarship for Asian Studies

This scholarship in memory of Dr. Riz A. Oades, Founder, President and CEO of Kalusugan Community Services and Emeritus Faculty at San Diego State University has been inaugurated. The Dr. Riz A. Oades Endowed Scholarship will be utilized by the College of Arts and Letters for scholarships to students in the area of Asian Studies.

- Recipients must have their major or minor in Asian Studies, or in History.
- Preference will be given to applicants who are engaged in Philippine or Filipino American Studies, including its culture, language, history, economics, politics, business, and public health.
- Preference will be given to applicants who are actively providing community service to support the Filipino Community.
- Students at all class levels are eligible (freshman through graduate).
- Recipients must have a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 2.00 out of 4.00, or the arithmetic equivalent
- Demonstration of financial need as defined by the SDSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be taken into consideration.
Teacher’s Day Celebrates Faculty by Honoring Confucius

The shared Confucian cultures of China, Macau, Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea, and Japan converge every year to commemorate the anniversary of Kong Zi’s birth in late September (the twenty-seventh day of the eighth lunar month). Master Kong (551-479 B.C.E.), aka Confucius, was heralded as “Supreme Teacher” more than two thousand years ago. The Center for Asian & Pacific Studies will celebrate with a symposium of scholars highlighting “The Transformative Power of the Confucian Teacher” in ancient Korea, contemporary Confucius Institutes, role ethics, and even twenty-first century feminism. This marks the second annual campus observance of a significant East Asian tradition.

Buddhist Fraternity/Sorority Proposed for SDSU Campus

Jeff Zlotnik, a founder of the Dharma Bum Temple and key presence at the College Area Buddha for You shop, is joining forces with SDSU students to explore the possibility of establishing a Buddhist-oriented frat (Delta Bet Tau) and sorority house (Delta Beta Theta). This would be a first for Greek organizations in the U.S. The goal is to offer students exposure to Buddhist teachings as well as meditation practice, a unique alternative to other opportunities for social bonding. The story has been picked up by the Associated Press, and has appeared in the New York Times as well as papers in Alabama and San Antonio. Fox News declared: “The Greek gods on Fraternity Row at San Diego State University may have to make room for the Buddha.”

Confucius Institute Hosts Moon Festival

The Organ Pavilion at Balboa Park will be transformed with firecrackers, Lion Dancers, and Chinese cultural performances to welcome the awesome Autumn Moon. Multiple legends swirl around this festival. The Celestial Archer Yi saved the earth from the scorching heat of ten suns carried by mystic ravens, shooting down nine of them. His wife Heng (aka Chang’e 嫦娥) took the elixir of immortality meant for Yi, then floated to her new home on the moon, where her only companion was the white jade rabbit. She became the Moon Goddess, exuding yin energy, while Yi’s yang energy associated him with the sun. A moon cake was given to Yi that allowed him to visit his wife; the fifteenth day of the lunar month represents the reunion of husband and wife, yang and yin, as reflected in the brilliance of the full moon. The crew of Apollo 11 looked for “the bunny girl” on their lunar mission! China’s first unmanned mission to the moon was appropriately named Chang’e. Take some time to enjoy the luxurious beams of the harvest month with family, friends, and a significant other; savor some delicious mooncakes while sipping fine tea as you contemplate the goddess, the rabbit, and the heroic archer.
History’s Mysteries:

Genghis Khan’s Genetic Legacy

Researcher Dr. Albert Yu-Min Lin observes: “Genghis Khan was one of the most exceptional men in all of history, but his life is too often dismissed as being that of a bloodthirsty warrior. Few people in the West know about his legacy — that he united warring tribes of Mongolia and merged them into one, that he introduced the East to the West making explorations like those of Marco Polo possible, that he tried to create a central world currency, that he introduced a written language to the Mongol people and created bridges that we still use today within the realm of international relations.”

Could you be a direct descendant of the legendary conqueror Genghis Khan? It seems millions of people in the world are: “a single male line, probably originating in Mongolia, has spread in the last 1,000 years to represent 8% of the males in a region stretching from northeast China to Uzbekistan.

... The Y chromosome of a single individual has spread rapidly and is now found in 8% of the males throughout a large part of Asia. Indeed, if our sample is representative, this chromosome will be present in about 16 million men, 0.5% of the world’s total. The available evidence suggests that it was carried by Genghis Khan.” The distribution of these descendants mirrors the borders of the Mongolian Empire—the largest contiguous empire in human history. Time to check your DNA for haplogroup C-M130711 (xC3c-M48)!

* Happy 800th birthday to Genghis Khan’s grandson Kublai Khan, the first Yuan emperor, born on September 23, 1215.*


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Fall 2015 Special Campus Events

Confucius’ Birthday, Teacher’s Day Symposium:
The Transformative Power of the Confucian Teacher
When: Tuesday, Sept. 29: 3-5 PM.
Where: Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center

Hangul Day: Commemorate and Celebrate the Korean Alphabet
When: Wednesday, October 7: 4-7 PM.
Where: Aztec Student Union Theater 270
Details - Calligraphy demonstration by Professor Hyang-Ok Lim, student presentations and awards ceremony, Korean food Reception.

Indian Thought and the Contemporary World
When: Tuesday, October 13: 7-9 PM.
Where: Storm Hall West room 12

The Vietnam War: Reconsidering the End
When: November 8 at 1:30 PM and 17 (start time to be announced)
Where: Aztec Student Union Theater
Details - Commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, featuring two short documentaries by award-winning filmmaker and SDSU alumnus (M.A.) of Television, Film, and New Media Pat Clark: “The Last to Leave” and “Return to the End.” A brief panel discussion with the filmmaker and American and South Vietnamese veterans of the war will follow the films.
China:

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Contact: Dr. Zheng-Sheng Zhang at zzhang@mail.sdsu.edu or 619 594 1912

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Study Abroad in Asia! Summer 2016

China: Shanghai
Upcoming in Spring 2016

February 8: Lunar New Year ~ Welcoming the Mischievous Monkey

April 5: The Dharma of Social Reform: WOMEN BUDDHIST LEADERS OF TAIWAN

Japanese Spring Festival (Vernal Equinox)

Beijing: June 4 - July 3
$2554

Shanghai:
dates and price TBA
COMING SOON! Look for our newly designed “CAPS” website, with links to Asian-related events and sites!