

INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

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What's new?

On the 1st of October, 2021, philology students studying in the specialty "Russian Philology. Foreign Language (Chinese)" together with Chinese students held an event dedicated to the national holiday of China – the Day of the Proclamation of the National Republic of China.

At the beginning of the festive event, the students congratulated the Chinese students on the holiday, offered to watch a video and listen to the anthem of the Republic of China performed by the choral chapel of our university. With great interest, the guys watched a small video chronicle about the historical event that took place on the 1st of October, 1949 – the solemn proclamation of the National Republic of China by the leader of the National Republic of China Mao Zedong. Professor of the Department of Russian, General and Slavic Linguistics Vladimir Koval and Chinese language teacher of Gymnasium No. 71, Master's student Angelina Aksenchikova-Biryukova spoke to the audience about the history of studying Chinese language and Chinese culture at our university. The presentations of the first-year Chinese students devoted to the life and work of Confucius (Victoria Chekan) and the grandiose structure – the Great Wall of China (Maria Yezhova) were informative.



Proclamation Day of the National Republic of China



National Day is a public holiday in China celebrated annually on the 1st of October as the national day of the National Republic of China, commemorating the formal proclamation of Republic of China establishment on the 1st of October 1949. The Chinese Communist Party victory in the Chinese Civil War resulted in the Kuomintang retreat to

Taiwan and the Chinese Communist Revolution whereby the People's Republic of China replaced the Republic of China.

The Communist Party of China (CPC) had defeated the incumbent Kuomintang (KMT) nationalist government of the Republic of China in the Chinese Civil War that took place from 1927 to 1950 except for a brief alliance against Japan in the Second Sino-Japanese War. In its aftermath, the internationally recognized government of China withdrew to the island of Taiwan, previously a prefecture of the Qing Empire that was ceded to Japan under its colonial rule from 1895 to 1945.

Although it is observed on the 1st of October, another six days are added to the official holiday, normally in lieu of the two weekend breaks around the 1st of October, making it a de facto public holiday comprising seven consecutive days also known as Golden Week (黄金周; huángjīn zhōu) with specifics regulated by the State Council. Festivities and concerts are usually held nationwide on this day, with a grand military parade and mass pageant event held on select years.



The Double Ninth Festival (Chong Yang Festival)

The Double Ninth Festival observed on the ninth day of the ninth month in the Chinese calendar, is a traditional Chinese holiday, mentioned in writings since before the Eastern Han period (before AD 25).

According to the I Ching, nine is a yang number; the ninth day of the ninth lunar month (or double nine) has too much yang (a traditional Chinese spiritual

concept) and is thus a potentially very auspicious date. Hence, the day is also called "Double Yang Festival" (重陽節). It is customary to climb a high mountain, drink chrysanthemum liquor, and wear the zhuyu (茱萸) plant, *Cornus officinalis*. (Both chrysanthemum and zhuyu are considered to have cleansing qualities and are used on other occasions to air out houses and cure illnesses.)

On this holiday some Chinese also visit the graves of their ancestors to pay their respects. In Hong Kong and Macao, whole extended families head to ancestral graves to clean them and repaint inscriptions, and to lay out food offerings such as roast suckling pig and fruit, which are then eaten (after the spirits have consumed the spiritual element of the food). Chongyang Cake is also popular. Incense sticks are burned. Cemeteries get crowded, and each year grass fires are inadvertently started by the burning incense sticks.





Chinese Programmer's Day



Programmer's Day is a common holiday of Chinese programmers. 1024 is 2 to the tenth power, one of the basic units of measurement of binary counting. Programmers often work on weekends and do not even sleep at night, so on this day they are advised to give up overtime work. The Global Programmers Festival is held on this day in Xi'an. This particular day was proposed by Valentin Balt

and Michael Cherviakov (aka htonus), employees of Parallel Technologies (a software company). As early as 2002, they tried to gather signatures for a petition to the government of Russia to recognize the day as the official Day of the Programmer.

On the 24th of July, 2009, the Ministry of Communications and Mass Media (Russia) issued a draft of an executive order on a new professional holiday, Day of the Programmer.



A little bit about China

China — this is a very unique country, famous throughout the world. It has many characteristics, which single it out from the other countries. First this is the most populated country and because of this reason there is a big number of the Chinese, who move to other countries and settle there. China also belongs to a small number of states governed by the Communists. Its area is more than nine million square kilometers and it is the fourth biggest country on our planet. The territory of this state is regarded the cradle of our civilization, which appeared on the shores of the third-longest Yellow River located in Asia. Another superior characteristic of China is its most complex and largest economy, and it will not be a surprise for someone that this is the world's greatest exporter of goods. One more superlative form will be used to describe the army of the state, as being a nuclear weapon country, there is the biggest standing army and the defence budget is rated number two in the whole world. Is not it interesting to know more about China?



To be continued

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