



“Charms of China”

with

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To expand the horizons of students, RANDY NADLER has spent much time and effort in preparing this presentation on the People's Republic of China. Nadler, an educator who has brought the world into schools for 33 years, traveled over 15,000 miles by airplane, train, bus, boat and on foot to properly cover a country approximately the size of the United States. He has put his experiences and pictures together in an excellent presentation that is both educational and tremendously entertaining.



China...where evidence of ancient civilizations meets face to face with profound 21st century transformations...where every mile traveled brings new discoveries, from incredible scenic beauty to ancient art and archeological finds...where curious and friendly people, her greatest treasure, will enhance your truly unforgettable China experience.

This presentation on China affords a unique look at nearly a quarter of the world's population, relics of history 6000 years old, magnificent landscapes and much, much more...

RANDY NADLER will show you the best of 5,000 pictures taken in the People's Republic of China.



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Using materials that are both educational and entertaining, the China presentation correlates with various aspects of the overall curriculum. A few examples are presented below. Because the lecture is presented live and not taped, the delivery of the subject matter is varied so as to maintain an extremely high level of interest with any age audience.

GEOGRAPHY

This largest country by population—approximately 1.3 billion people on four million square miles, has begun to seek help from abroad in terms of treaties and alliances to further its aim to transform itself into a powerful modern state by the year 2010. Two-thirds of China's area is mountainous or semi-desert. Only about one-tenth is cultivated. 90% of the people live on one-sixth of the land, although China lies almost entirely in the temperate zone.

HISTORY

Of the world's oldest continuous major civilizations, perhaps the most self-contained over thousands of years was that which began in the great river valleys of China long before the Christian era. Destination of Marco Polo 700 years ago, Sian is a principal center of ancient Chinese culture and permits viewing of prehistoric relics dating back as far as 6000 B.C. Beijing, capital of China for 700 years, has 3 of the most historic sites—the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the Ming Tombs. Shanghai clearly illustrates the extraordinary continuity of Chinese culture, having served as China's capital for eleven dynasties. The Chinese people have been aware of their cultural identity for more than 3,000 years, and are justifiably proud of their history and accomplishments.

SOCIOLOGY

Because China's population is over a billion, new birth control measures attempt to control the nation's growth rate. Considerable publicity, incentives and disincentives promote the one-child family as the ideal model. The people are imbued with the idea that life is lived for the common good so human warmth abounds. The Chinese believe in the dignity and pride of all people. Courtesy and consideration of others is utmost in their minds.

ECONOMICS

By Western standards the People's Republic of China is still a "developing" nation with an economic product of less than one dollar a day per person, and a population overwhelmingly rural and agricultural. Yet its annual economic growth has averaged around 7% for 30 years despite many political convulsions. Although China has cemented its ties with the United States by trade agreements, cultural exchanges and full diplomatic relations, many questions remain concerning China's economic goals and the stability of both its leadership and national policies.

BIOLOGY

At the Hangchow Zoo there are many species which can seldom be seen elsewhere such as the Giant Panda and the Manchurian Tiger. Silk production as seen in Wuxi and Soochow is of great interest. Natural waterways and ponds, and a flower-lined network of canals enhance the more than 150 gardens in Soochow.

ECOLOGY

At Guilin, solitary limestone mountains, wind and water-scarred, rise from the green banks of the Li River. Problems of flooding by the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers have largely been eliminated in several ways. Slowly, by hand, every yard of erodable soil in the drainage area was terraced or stabilized either by cover crops or by the planting of hundreds of millions of trees. Hundreds of thousands of dams were built in gulleys and on tributaries. Irrigation, water conservancy fertilizers, climatology and similar subjects are of great interest in China.

SCIENCE

What may prove to be one of the most important advances in medicine since the introduction

