

SAY *it* LOUD !



Premiere ISSUE

The “Say it Loud” newsletter will be published at the beginning of each month, free of charge, for interested Global Village citizens. Check out our website for more details... <http://sei.starlight.ca>

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MISSION

The “Say it Loud” newsletter’s mission is to present “food for thought” articles relating to education and culture with the objective of promoting a Global Village Mindset (GVM). “Say it Loud” will host opinions and advice from leading experts as well as interested citizens (*further to editorial review*). The *Starlight Educultural Institute*, S.E.I, will be using the newsletter as part of its research and promotional initiatives into the above aspects of society to contribute to a more mature Earth civilization. You are invited to join us as sponsors or supporters, and even as readers of this newsletter to “Say it Loud” to the world.

Knowledge is learning something every day. Wisdom is letting go of something every day.

Zen Proverb



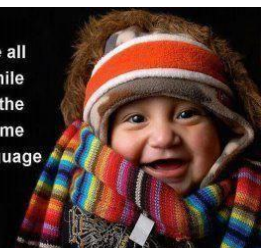
So, does **education** have any “**limits**”? If we look at formal education, many believe that it is now nothing more than the brainwashing of children to “fashion” them into unimaginative trusting adult serfs for the 1%. But can we truly accept that image of education? We should remember that education also includes an informal aspect that is nigh impossible for any to control. We have gone through the age of information and are now in an era of unprecedented instant access to not just information but also knowledge... and the wisdom-laced writings of innumerable wisemen. A part of S.E.I’s educultural mission is to promote this aspect of learning. Learning skills in this global village are now even more important to all.

Dr.J.

S.E.I’s GVM needs you if it is to succeed. Join us now ! ... visit our website to see how you can “pen up” to help in making a better place to live.

GVM? It’s an initiative to change people’s thinking about diversity in our world, to build a deeper appreciation of the many different cultures that make up our civilization. GVM will be backed by ongoing research on issues of education, culture and behaviour.

We all
Smile
In the
Same
Language





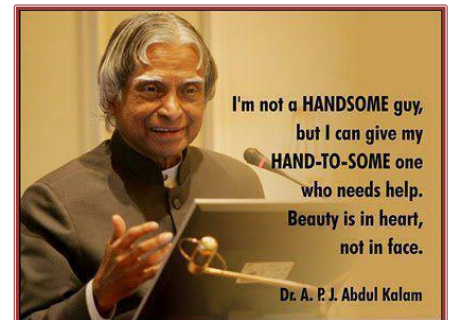
We often hear the phrase “**Education is King**”. But in China that would be an understatement. It is insatiable! The gross university enrolment rate rose from 4% to 33% between 1998 and 2014, and is expected to peak at 40% in 2020. Competition to get into university is fierce due to the number of students coming out of the innumerable number of high schools. Only about one in three of those who sit for the gruelling gaokao examination secure a place in a four-year undergraduate programme. Even with the scheduled reforms to the entrance exam criteria, there will still be countless young men and women who will still not be able to go to university. What do you think they will (should?) do?

Gaokao

With reforms scheduled for the Chinese university entrance criteria by 2017, is it possible for local education departments, universities, high schools, parents and students, even society, to adapt? Send us your opinion... and say it loud.

Go West Youngsters

It is a formidable task for many Chinese students to overcome one of the world’s most brutally competitive university entrance exams. That is one of the reasons why many of them, usually with their parents’ encouragement, decide to pursue higher education abroad. Between 1978 and 2012, more than 2.6 million students have gone to other countries to study. 2013 alone had an excess of 400,000 getting student visas (up from 200,000 in 2008), with the UK and US now commanding around 60% of that total. When we consider the higher tuition fees charged for studying abroad, that is a staggering market.



IF YOU CAN READ THIS, YOU HAVE A STRONG MIND

THIS MESSAGE
SERVES TO PROVE HOW OUR MINDS
CAN DO AMAZING THINGS!
IMPROVE YOUR MIND!
IN THE BEGINNING IT WAS HARD BUT NOW,
ON THIS LINE YOUR MIND IS READING
AUTOMATICALLY WITH OUT EVEN
THINKING ABOUT IT. BE PROUD!
ONLY CERTAIN PEOPLE
CAN READ THIS

Is our brain flexible enough throughout our life to continue learning ? Do we need to continue learning as we get older ? The lazy man’s answer would be a loud yes. But in this day and age can we truly afford to lapse behind ? Should we feel pressured to continue... to survive ? The answer is part of a personal choice. Each one of us must decide, must be willing to make a commitment to continuous personal improvement. Only in this way can we become better able to contribute to society, no matter how small our contribution, to ensure the enrichment of ourselves, of course, but also of all. And as you can see from the test on the left, our brains remain powerful for a long time... till death do us part ! Enjoy the journey.

Dr.J.

As a research institute, **S.E.I** must always seek out fresh “content”. To do this economically, and unbiasedly, we need your help as contributor “grunters”.

GVM ? It’s about having a caring, kind heart. It’s about thinking of others, not just ourselves or our family... or our country. It’s about being part of a civilization, not just a society. Join us today... become a **Global Villager**.

The “**Pending Coffee**”
Buy 5, take 2, leave 3 pending.. for the needy.
Small actions can make a difference!

