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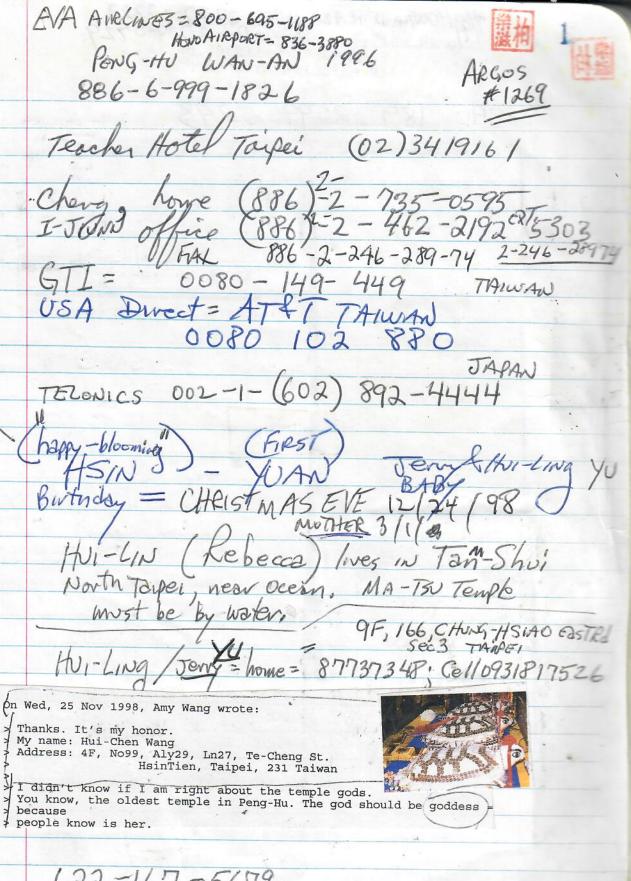


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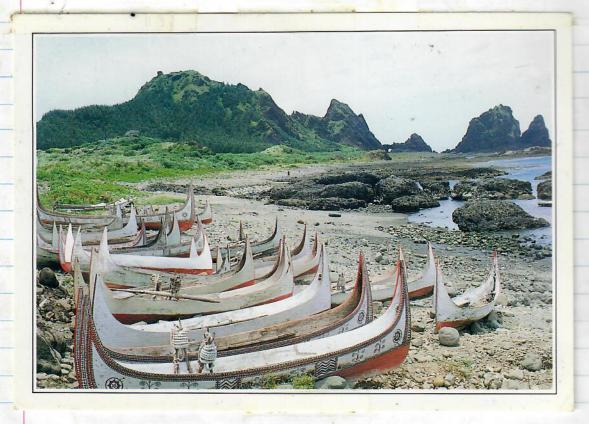
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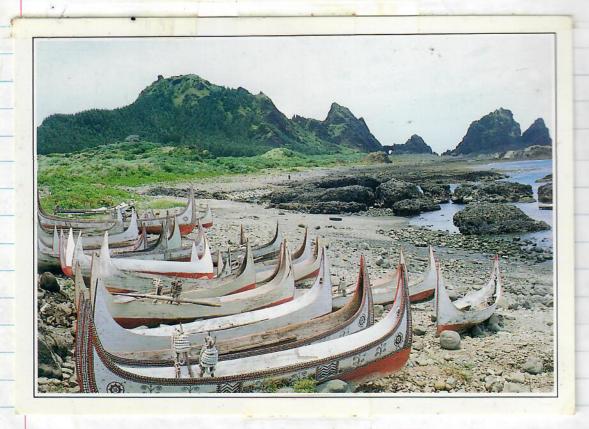
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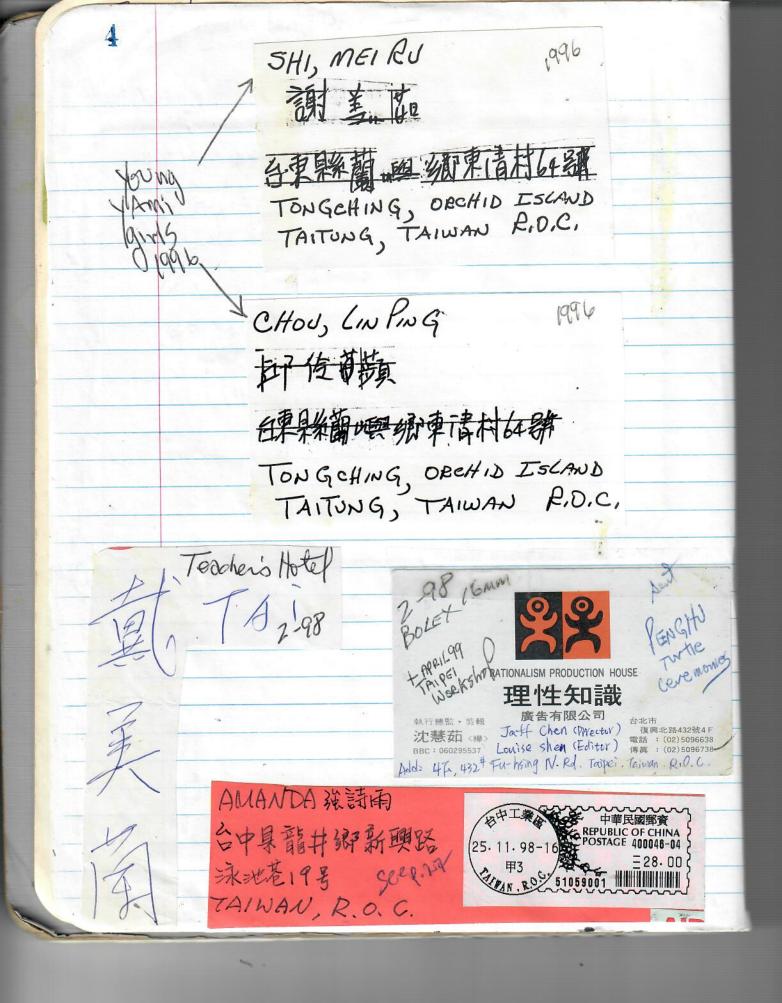
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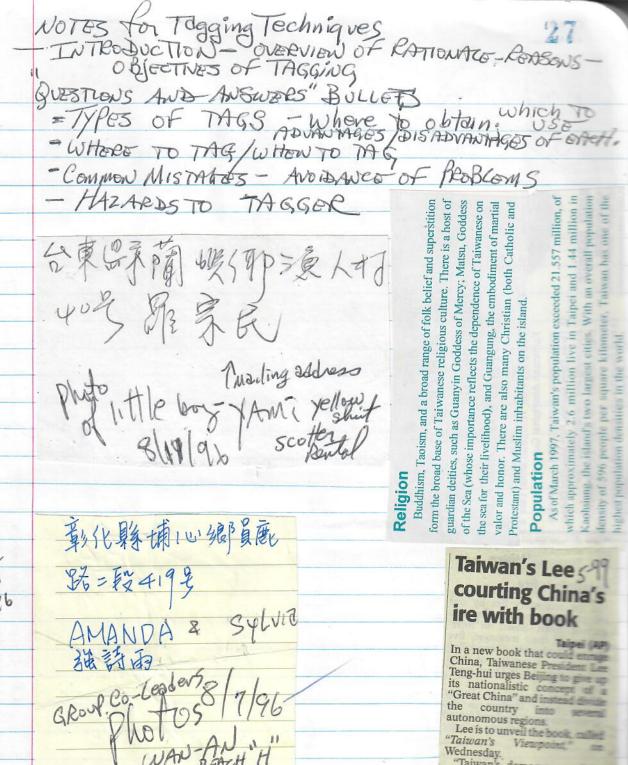
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other fine examples of the stonemason's art. In addition to its artistic achievements, the temple, as a center of local religious culture, is the

focus of numerous local celebrations and festivals.

NT\$3.2 bil. offered for new nuke dump

Taipei, Aug. 11 - The state-run Taiwan Power Company is offering to pay local governments and residents NT\$3.2 billion (\$116 million) for a new nuclear waste dump, newspapers reported on Sunday.

The company will pay NT\$200 million after initial qualification screening and the remaining NT\$3 billion after the new location is finalized, the United News Daily said, quoting company documents.

Taipower has been seeking possible sites overseas, including mainland China and the Marshall Islands, to store its nuclear waste after environmental concerns raised heckles at home, but no decision has been made.

Taipower decided in July to stop sending its nuclear waste to the tiny Lanyu (Orchid) island after strong opposition and protests by local aborigiesidents.

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stored by Taipower at the Lanyu dump, its only site with a capacity of 98,112 barrels, the government has said.

The new location would be decided by the end of 1996 and construction of the new dump was scheduled to be completed by 2002, the China Times reported, also quoting company documents.

The new dump would have a capacity of 1 million barrels of nuclear waste, the amount produced by Taiwan's four nuclear power plants over 40 years, the documents

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and laws in China and Hong failed and none of the turtles returned, it would help raise awareness of their plight, he said. The species is protected by international convention Even if the experiment



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I have sequenced a 450 base pair fragment of the control region of mitochondrial DNA from a total of 42 green turtle samples from Taiwan. These included 14 nesting females from Wan-An (Taiwan), one stranded juvenile found on Wan-An, and 5 nesting females from Orchid Island. The remaining 22 samples were collected from the coastal gillnet fishery.

Taiwan nesting populations

Three haplotypes were present in the Wan-An rookery (FijA, TwA and TwC). FijA was the most common, occurring in 7 out of the 14 turtles (50.0%); six of the turtles were TwA (42.9%), and only one was TwC (7.1%). All five of the females from Orchid Island had fourth unique haplotype (TwB).

Comparison with preliminary sequence data for an extensive number of rookeries in the Pacific suggests that these two rookeries are genetically isolated from each other, and distinct from other nesting sites that have been examined so far. Although FiJA is also found at several nesting sites in the southwest Pacific, TwA and TwC have only been found in Taiwan. Likewise TwB has only been found in one other location (Tinian), and only at low frequency. However, a complete survey of all the rookeries throughout the Indo-Pacific has yet to be completed.

The juvenile found dead on Wan-An was FijA haplotype; it is therefore likely it is of local Taiwan stock, however since this haplotype is found in other locations, one can't be certain without further analyses using multiple nuclear markers.

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Gillnet Fishery

Nine different haplotypes were identified among the 22 samples from the Taiwan gillnet fishery, including haplotypes that have been found in the Japanese nesting population, and other Pacific locations. Only two animals were FijA (9.1%), two were TwA (9.1%) and one TwB (4.5%). Since the data from all possible source stocks are not complete, it is not possible to quantify the stock composition of the gillnet fishery. However it is evident that only a small proportion of the turtles caught are from local Taiwan nesting stock. The majority are animals from other nesting populations, which must be foraging or migrating through the area where this fishery operates. This further suggests that the "Taiwanese" turtles make up only a small proportion of the forage population in the area impacted by the fishery, and that the forage population represents a mix of animals from several different regional stocks. At least 32% may be

Further work is needed to analyze stock composition of all the regional nesting sites, particularly the South China Sea and Indo-Pacific, before a more thorough statistical evaluation can be made. Until this work is completed, the conclusions reported here should be considered tentative.

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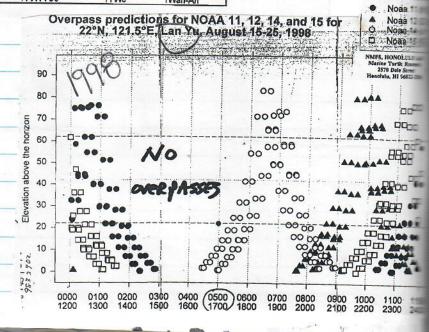
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Date: Thu, (12 Jun 1997) 12:54:08 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw

To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu

Subject: pathology report on the tumored turtles

I just received pathology report from the vets professor of the Taiwan University this morning. Briefly, accroding to his report, both turtle had fibropapilloma mainly on the skin fraction, no internal infection were observed. However, both turtles were infected by cardiovascular trematôde spriorchidiasis, which caused widely infection on the blood vessels, heart, liver, stomach, intestine and kidney. The trematode infected the blood vessels, heart, liver, stomach, intestine, prances, kidney and part of the brain cells. both turtles had also infected by the ulcerative stomatitis-obstructive rhinitis -pneumonia (US-OR-BP). The conclusion was the turtles won't be last very long in the wild. They will die not caused by the GTFP, but by poor condition of the immunization system. By the way, both turtles were female. Regards, I-Jiunn

Date: Sat, 26 Jul 1997 12:51:44 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: Re: Finally, old turtle come back

GIVE

I'll be going to Orchaid Is. tomorrow for the transmitter mounting work. Hope everything will be going out fine.
The old turtle come back has become a big news again; as big as the first time we deploy her. I think this result has some good self-explain evidence that will convinence many doubts about our works.

Well, about the turtle with the lump on the 2nd dorsal scute. I may have to do it

do it on the third scute.

Good to hear that you have four PTT going back. Maybe the ST-6 is sasier to get off than the ST-14. In any case, I lost it in the sea. Now, should we count on more ST-14 come back next year? You will have the honor to deploy the new one if we find one of them come back next year.

Date: Sun, 27 Jul 1997 15:15:03 +0000

From: PETER H DUTTON <peterd@caliban.ucsd.edu>

To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu

Subject: taiwan samples

The 2 Taiwan samples you sent 6/17/97 were both the same Haplotype.

PH001 SCI-45.6cm 3-9-97 Nai-an Village, Taiwan.

TW-002,(5-2-97, SCL 60.5cm Tanshiu, Taipei(fibropapilloma).

Both have a haplotype I'm calling "FijF" because I first detected it in the Fiji forage samples...HOWEVER I have not found this haplotype in any of the rookery samples I have, and it is not in the Japanese rookery. This haplotype is the same as some of those animals caught in the Taiwan gillnet

So as far as the second fibropapilloma turtle, you can say it is NOT from Hawaii, and not from Japan.

-Peter

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Date: Thu, (22 May 1997) 08:28:29 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw

To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu

Subject: Re: Euthanasia

Dear George: Sorry, I hit the wrong button, and sent out the unfinished message. The euthansia of the tumored turtles went out fine. The vets actually gave the turtles more than the enough dose to kill them. As you suggested, it took VERY LONG time before the beast stop heart beat. All the necropsy works went fine. There were 3 vets and 4 graduates from vets department involved in the operation. They all excited about this work, because this is the first case we ever done with the wild animals. With 2 of them, they can make good

comparison of the fibropapilloma disease. However, we also arose some debate about life and wildlife conservation in Taiwan. I think this is because we also have the first case that the wild endangered species ever put to sleep and necropsy by the professions. It involves not only the concept of conservation, concept of life value but the concept of animal disease. All these works may sound acceptable and reasonable to you folks. It's, however, never happen in here. That's why we received many complains about putting the animals to sleep forever mandatory. Well, they have the right to complain. But I am introducing "new" concept of wildlife conservation to the Chinese. We are the conservationist, not the perservationist . People should change their thought about the conservation. That's why I said before that even the journalists have a better understanding about the conservation than some of the "experts" in the field.

I had a phone conservation with the vet who conduct the operation. According to his preliminary observations, at least one turtle suffered multiple internal diseases. The case is very complicate. All the other may All the other diseases may caused by the virus or parasites from the fibropapilloma disease. He will need at least another two weeks to finish the preliminary diagnosis. So, it's good to terminate the turtles's life. We are reliefing their pains.

I-Jiunn Regards,

Date: Fri, 15 Aug 1997 08:24:52 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: Re: taiwan samples (fwd)

Thanks for the information. It looks like we have some connection with Fiji (sort of). Apparently, more data are needed to reach some conclusions.

I've back from the PTT deployment works both in Lanyu and Wan-An.

It's a "hard" work, especially work in the neo-bad weather. It always rain hard before or after deployments. Worst than that, the playwood is almost flooded away by the spring tide + heavy surf few hours before my second deployment at Lanyu. Boy, it's definately not easy to carry this kind of work in the tropical rain forest island-- it's raining too much. One of my leg was in the tropical rain forest island-- it's raining too much. One of my leg was after falling down from the bike (when I try to tak care one of the media after falling down from the bike (when I try to tak care one of the media reporter) at Lanyu. In any case, the works are over, and the date is fax in Thanks for the information. It looks like we have some connection with

reporter) at Lanyu. In any case, the works are over, and the date is fax in

By the way, I can only find two turtles at Lanyu during my working time at Lanyu. One of them has the lump on the second dorsal carapace. Thus, I am deploying the PTT on the third carapace. The data come in just fine. The question is, I cannot find the third one during that week. It appears that the turtle has been experienced some environment change during her incubation. the turtle has been experienced some environment change during her incubation. Not only we have one lump on the second carapace, the side carapace number is not only we have one rump on the second carapace, the side carapace number is not right; 5 one the left side and 4 on the right side. Well, she still grow to the adult and produce the next generation.

I have one question, the data I received from the Argos did not looks

I have one question, the data I received from the Argos were much less in quantity then in previous years ever since we extended the coverage of the antenna almost to the top. Were these results related to the 3 hour on/3 hours

Do you have any idea how to measure the vegetation coverage and light shade above the nest in the field? I am trying to look into the factors that influence the hatching success of the nest in the field. This is one of the influence that come screen my mind. Of course, water table and precipitation factor that come across my mind. Of course, water table and precipitation should be another considerations. But, the first ideas have come into the discussions among me and my students for the last two years. I-Jiunn Regards,

Date: Tue, 27 May 1997 20:57:54 -0600 From: "R8_NWHR.HON" < R8_NWHR.HON@nbs.gov> To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu

Subject: Re[8]: tumored turtle

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Subject: Re[8]: tumored turtle Author: R8_NWHR.HON at NBS-REMOTE

5/27/97 8:55 PM

Dear I-Jiunn

Thank you for the kind update on the turtle euthanasias. It sounds like things went fairly well and that you got the needed samples to get a good confirmation I will be interested to hear what the vets have to say in their final report.

Hope all is well with you.

TMW

Reply Separator

Subject: Re: Re[6]: tumored turtle

Author: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw at NBS-Internet-Gateway

5/28/97 8:21 AM

Dear Thierry: I am sorry to tell you so late. Both turtles were euthanasized two weeks ago. We have some problems to find the right place to put them to sleep. The Taipei Zoo refused to let us to use its place because they think it's a bad idea to put the endangered species to sleep forever, UNDER THE NAME OF CONSERVATION. Finally, we taking care of the problem in the Taipei County Veternery Disease Prevention Center. All the bodies were ashed afterwards. You're right, it takes a long time before the turtles cease movement after euthanasia shot. They even use other materials to improve the euthanasia. This is the first trial in Taiwan, and none of the vets know exactly where the heart is located. It took them a while to insert the neddle through the ventral carapace, and we believed that one of the shot was not inject into the heart directly. Anyway, it took 2 hours to finished all the necropsy. The vets took every samples, include blood samples, as you have suggested. The pathological conditions of one turtle is rather complicate. The vets did not see fibropapilloma tumor inside the lung. He, however, saw other kind of tumor there. According to his phone conservation, the internal parasites has caused other diseases. Apparently, both turtles have suffered multiple diseases before being pick up by the fisherman. The vets needs at least another two weeks to finish his diagnosis works. Detail works will take even longer period to finish. That's all \bar{I} know about it. Regards, I-Jiunn

Date: Fri, 15 Aug 1997 10:43:57 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: Re: taiwan samples (fwd)

Dear George:

I just received a "sort of" good news for your from the COA. The cutting off your travel grant from this year is a misunderatanding (which I was not informed at all until one hour ago). The State Department from my country has just approved a long-term grant for you to visit Taiwan each year (I don't know how long it will last, but it will be for the next several years) by the end of July. It was proposed by Mr. Chen from the COA two years ago. That's the major reason they reject the second proposal I submit this January. Mr. Chen did not informed me any of this activities. That's the misunderstanding between me (include you) and COA. Now, I have the money for you to come here this year, next year and god know how many years to come. It's the <u>US-Taiwan Cooperation grant</u> from the COA. Well, it's too late for the satellite deployment work this year. So, will you come over this September when there are still mother turtles come to nest, baby turtles come out, and check on the Ta-Yi Tample and "sea turtle rescure center" at Peng-Hu Fisheries Branch Institute? We can travel to both islands when my fellows students and RAs are still working hard to collect their field data.

Date: Sat, 16 Aug 1997 11:37:42 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: your new position in Taiwan

I-Jiunn

Dear George:

Regards,

8-16-97 I have just received the fax message from the COA. You are going to have a new position in here. The name of the program is "US-Taiwan Foundation" Your formal title is "foreign advisor to the sea turtle research project". I am still trying to figure out your salary from the COA, and let you know maybe next Monday (it's the weekend). Is this make you feel better?

One more thing, your experience/formal position are: Durty chairmerson. Many One more thing, your experience/formal position are: Dupty chairperson, IUCN, MTSG, and "pro fessor of the University of Hawaii". So, try to speak like the "big professor" from a major university (smile) when you come to Taiwan

Regards, I-Jiunn

Date: Sat, 16 Aug 1997 09:40:17 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: various things

Dear George:

I agree your opinion, the typhoon tube has no affect on the quantity of data. It should be the behavior of turtle. The data looks fine to me, One turtle has migrate from Lanyu to a southern island of Penghu County, vie the south tip of Taiwan. The second one deposited another egg nest two nites ago. Jack checked the PTT on that turtle. It looked as solid as usual. Thus, the deployment work went fine so far. However, the resin I found in Taiwan harden faster than the one you howeight in thus I was "your busy!" diving the harden faster than the one you brought in, thus I was "very busy" during the

deployment (always felt back ache after the work).

The other thing is the funding for you to come to Taiwan last from the beginning of this August till the end of next June. Then, there is another grant for you to come next fisical year. That's what I know about it. Regards, I-Jiunn

Date: Sat, 23 Aug 1997 12:46:26 +0800

From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw

To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu

Subject: various things

8-23-97

Dear George: According to the project, as usual, you will be granted NT\$110,000 to 120,000 (include international and domestic travels, lodaging, and others) for 10 days travel to Taiwan (tax-free). I'm still documenting

your grant proposal, however, money is there already.

One thing you ought to know is; some officials maybe from NMFS or
FWS (Fishery and Wildlife Services) are coming to Taiwan in the middle of September to understand why my government refuse to implement TEDs. I will give a presentation in a one-day symposium on 17th of next month. Yes, I did tried once to introduce TEDs to the COA. However, the Fisheries Section of the COA cut off my grant and treat me as a betrayer ever since (my undergraduate major was the fisheries). Well, it's the time the Fisheries Section should take the heat, not me any more. Regards, I-Jiunn

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[Your display is set for the "US-ASCII" character set] [Some characters may be displayed incorrectly] Dear George, The "Goddess of the Sea" is called Ma-tsu in Taiwan and Fujian. In Ho Kong and other South China coastal cities, she is called Tin Hau. Literally means the "Queen of the Sky". The other title given to the same person that became Goddess that protects sailors and fishermen. Macau was named after the temple that was dedicated to the Goddess, there she was known as "Ma Kok Temple", mother's temple. The Portugue arrived at Macau and named this place after the big temple that was built by fisherman came from Fujian. The Portuguese built by fisherman came from Fujian. I'll take a TV crew to Chinese Sea Turtle Reserve this Saturday. This year so far there has been 20 nests found. Now Hong Kong has no turtle nest yet but a dead turtle was found untangled in a fishing net last

I'll take a TV crew to Chinese Sea Turtle Reserve this Saturday. This year so far there has been 20 nests found. Now Hong Kong has no turtle nest yet but a dead turtle was found untangled in a fishing net last month by my brother while diving at South of Hong Kong Water and he took the whole skeleton and some of the shells back. Are you coming over to Hong Kong? I can take you to China but this season is going to the over soon, so if you want to go to see Chinese turtle should hurry up, otherwise leave it to next year.

SEA TURTLE WORK IN CHINA

Marine turtle conservation is being carried out in China, where marine turtles have been classified as protected animals. The First Session of the Marine Turtle Conservation Meeting was held at Huidong County, Guangdong Province in September 1985, attended by representatives of the China

Ministry of Farming, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, the China Ministry of Construction and Environmental Protection for City and County, the China Scientific and Technical Committee, the Institute of Zoology Academia Sinica of China, the China Wild Animal Conservation Association and the concerned departments of Guangdong Province. During the meeting, the Guangdong television station made a TV film about the turtles' egg-laying, hatching and breeding in the Port of Huidong County.

The major area in China for marine turtle nesting is the Hsisha Islands, but the turtles also nest every year in the Port of Huidong County. In order to protect the marine turtle resource, a marine turtle hatching area has been set up at Huidong County and two marine turtle conservation areas are being planned to be built in the suburbs of Sanya City and along the coast of Ling Shui County of Hainan Island. After artificial breeding there, the turtles will be tagged and returned to the sea. A South China marine turtle observation team will be organized by the Ministry of Farming, Animal Husbandry and Fishery. This team will complete its observation mission from 1986 to 1987. Dr. Huang Chu-chien has been contacted to act as an advisor to the team and will participate in the marine turtle observation with the team.

The Bejing Science and Education Film Studio will shoot a film about the South China Sea marine turtles. Dr. Huang Chu-chien will also act as technical advisor for the film, which will be made during 1987.

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CHINESE TURTLE RESOURCES SURVEY M

A meeting was held in Haikou City, Hainan Island, Guangdong Province on 21 & 22 March 1st concerning the survey of the Southsea turtle resources. Methods of conserving the Southsea turresources were discussed and a plan was worked out to investigate and research sea turtles in the Xisha Islands. A base will be built in the Xisha Islands to conserve sea turtles, and preparations are being made for the breeding and rearing of sea turtles there.

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Date: Mon, 1 Sep 1997 08:29:45 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: Re: VARIOUS

Dear George:

The campus mainframe was down again last weekend Thus, I was able to

read your message, but cannot reply it.

About the title of the "BIG PROFESSOR", don't worry about it. It's only appear on the paper works. Everyone in here will consider you as the Deputy chairperson of the MTSG. As a matter of fact, that's what the newspaper says all the time. Already, a couple of reporters miss you since this summer. I think the government should change their thought on this matter from "know how to do the deployment of PTT" to "what is the reason to get you to here"

Regional strategy meeting, that's something I almost forget completely. However, the money the COA granted to you just isn't enough to held such meeting. Maybe just come over to arrange something like that?

All three PTTs are working fine. One turtle finished her nesting and migrate from Lanyu to the southern Penghu. The rest two are still in the

internesting stage.

Thanks for the information about the TEDs people. I have just returned from Malaysia from a international symposium held at Terenggeau, where the Chan and Liew are stay and teach. I have a great time there (I stayed only for four days), and pay a visit to their field site. It's a great place to work, with only one beach about 300 meters width, no road access, no electric (so no lights in the night). You can only reach their site by boat. Naturally, very very visitors, and workers are the only residents on that side of the island. They hire 4 villager and one RA. This year, they have 83 nesters produce more than 370 nests (green turtles). The season is not over yet. How I wish to have such situation in Taiwan.

Ironically, Chan will be act as the scientific advisor to the Malaysia government to go to Geneva in the middle of September along with the officials from Thailand, Indonesia, to appeal the recent practice of US's TEDs law at the WTO. She told me that the government pointed her to that position. Thus she has not choice to say no to this "offer". Anyway, I told her it's a opportunity to see how the politicians practice their dirty game.

I-Jiunn Regards,

Date: Sat, 6 Sep 1997 10:26:23 +0800

From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw

To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu

Subject: Re: VARIOUS

Dear George:

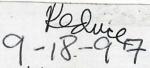
I do hope you have a nice trip to French Frigate Shoals. I have just returned from a short trip to Wan-An. Finally, under the helps of many complains from the tourists, reporters, etc. the PengHu County officials invited me to deploy the Inconel tags on the turtles that Da-Yi Temple had have, I got all my students, helpers from Wan-An yesterday to the mainland island of Penghu, and finished all the works in the basement of that temple for two hours. The place is a horrible jail for the sea turtle (Nazi death camp). Not to mention the high humidity and bad air circulation, among 19 turtles we tagged 17 of them are in various stage of hungery. Some of them are in critical conditions. At least 5 of them had their flippers being beaten off partially. Two of them even showed the sympotom of infection on the flippers. Most of the turtle are juveniles or subadult, one

of them are mature green female. Among 19 turtles, one is loggerhead (subadult), 5 are hawksbill (juvenile to subadult) and the rest are greens. We did the measurements, took the photos ID, took the tissue samples, and tagged with Inconel tags. The officials were with us all the time. They have observed and understand the situation. However, at least I was not in the position to push the owner to improve the jail condition or made them to release some of the turtles (these turtles will die once they release to the sea, they are too weak to release). That's make me very sad and frustrate. However, I make the first movement to management this temple. I'll keep my eye on this temple from time to time and make sure that they are not getting any new turtles from the fishermen. I also you to go to that temple, take a look at the situation once you are here. I need expert suggestion (that's yours duty to be here, right?) to file the report to the officials in the near future.

I-Jiunn Regards,

Date: Thu, 18 Sep 1997 08:19:28 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw
To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu

Subject: Re: Biological Conservation publication



Dear George: Thank you. However, I haven't seen reprint copy myself. I wish that we can send out our manuscript sometime this year. Right now, I am working on the other manuscript on the nest site selection with Amy. However, I have to do some extensive rewrite and more background information reading before that manuscript can be submitted. It will takes at least another two month's work before finishing all the editing works.

The TEDs specialists came to Taiwan and held a workshop since yesterday. There is a guy, name Charles A. Oravetz from MNFS, Southeast Region told me that he is a old friend of yours. We have a nice talk in the banquet. I also told him that your nick name in here is "Mr. Guava Juice". This is a four-day long workshop, and my position in that meeting is to give a talk about the sea turtle conservation in Taiwan and translater between English and Chinese. I have absolutely no idea what will happen to Taiwan after this workshop. Anyway, it's not my business, because I was "block" from access any of such data and fisheries officials denial any such catch.

By the way, I have submitted your travel grant several days ago. It will be effected within a week or two. Maybe it's the time to talk more about

it. Regards,

I-Jiunn







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Conservation News

On July 23, 1997 the ROC's first female green turtle to be fitted with a satellite telemetry, Wang-An No. 1 returned to the shore of her birth place on Wang-An Island, Penghu, to lay her eggs.

Wang-An No. 1 is the first female turtle to be fitted with satellite telemetry as part of research into the migratory routes of green turtles by assistant professor I-Juinn Cheng of National Taiwan Ocean University. Her return marks the first real evidence in Taiwan that Penghu's green turtles actually do return home to spawn. When the satellite equipment was attached on August 27, 1994, Wang-An No. 1's shell measured 96 cm in length. When she returned this year, her shell had grown by 3 cm. Wang-An No. 1 is a relatively young turtle. Her shell is ample and ranges in color from tawny-brown to deep brown. After the tracking equipment was attached, Wang-An No. 1 swam north towards Japan. Contact was lost in mid-October and, when she returned to Wang-An to spawn three nests of eggs, the telemetry had already dislodged. It is expected that Wang-An No. 1 will

leave Wang-An sometime between late August and mid-September to return to her habitat. (July 26, 1997)

Date: Wed, 8 Oct 1997 15:48:01 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: Re: Argos mapping of your data

Dear George:

Thank you for all your helps on the generic mapping. about the Taiye Temple, the PengHu County officials are taking care of this issue. Basically, they were "very shock" when they went down to the pool to doing all the tagging works with us. Now, they are trying to force the temple owner to transfer at least part of the turtles to the rehabilitation center that Fisheries Branch established. I have just talked to the guy in the county office about the "save the last turtle". They decide that the temple is definitely not the place for so many sick turtles. However, because the temple owned by the whole village the decision is on the hand of the village meeting. They will held a meeting on October 11 and decide the fate of these poor turtles. Right now, I am trying to remove as many turtles as I can from the "death house". They will be much happy even if they stay in another "jail" as the rehabilitation center. We are even talk about release photo to the news reporters to create a pear pressure to the temple owner to release these turtles. As to the increase of daily diery, I heard nothing from the officials. Basically, they will not survive too long if the officials cannot get their hands into it.

I did do one thing in this action, I took the tissue sample from each turtle. There are 15 greens, 3 hawksbills and one loggerhead, most of them are juvenile and subadults. I also got 8 tissue samples from Lanyu Island, 12 from Wan-An (they are all the greens). Will you analysis these 39 tissue samples for me ? I have also reach a agreement from the I have also reached a agreement with the head of Penghu Aquarium that whenever he got a by-catched turtle from the local setnet fishermen, he will take a tissue sample for me. Then, I will be able to identify the genetic structure of the turtle in the waters of Penghu County.

Regards, I-Jiunn

Date: Thu, 22 Jan 1998 08:14:22 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: Chinese New Year Holiday

Dear George:

I'll be out of town for the New Year Holiday to Taitung from this Saturday (January 25th) till Feb. 4. I'll be in my office on Feb. 5 to check my mail and e-mail messages. I'll be gone again for the meeting from Feb. 6 till 7, and be back to my office on the day of your arrivial. Do you have the same message I prepared for you two years ago ? Or, I can pick you up at the CKS airport on the day of your arrivial in here.

Remember, Taiwan is not Hawaii. It can be cold (not freeze) during the winter. So, prepare heavy clothes and warm jacket for this trip (we are not going to stay on the beach, it's too cold). The temperature can drop down to less than 10 degree centigrade plus wind chill factor. Although we have El Nino thus warm winter this year, the cold front blow from the mainland China can still create very cold days. It's always rain in Taipei during this period, and always windy in PengHu. This give you some ideas the weather in here. However, we have heating system in here, it won't be too cold most of the time.

Date: Thu, 22 Jan 1998 11:00:08 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: your trip to Taiwan

Dear George:

There is something I would like to ask to add up in your trip in here. Would you like to give a talk during your stay in here. I'm pretty sure that , at least my students, will be very interested. If the answer is yes, then please e-mail me your topic, I'll post it out and put a note in the domestic e-mail system. I have to do it in these two days, because the big holiday is coming up. The COA officials will alos very interest too. They are arranging to meet you officially after your arrivial. Regards, I-Jiunn

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Date: Fri, 23 Jan 1998 12:29:45 +0800 From: b0107@ntou66.ntou.edu.tw To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu Subject: Re: Visit 1-23-98 Dear George: It's nice to hear about your successful in deploying the PTTs. Well.

I'll fax the message to you again. Regarding the agenda, we will do the above things plus your talk, and we will travel to Kentun and visit the Marine Biology Museum. We will stay in the hotel on Feb. 12 where I will give a lecture for two hours (to the high school biology teachers), then we will visit the Museum or/and Kentun National Park. We'll be returned on Feb. 13. Thus, your schedule will be: arrive on Feb. 8 (the nite); we can talk on Feb. 9 and give a talk and talk to my student on Feb. 10 or vice verse. We can also do some senic visiting in Taipei during the same periods. We will travel to PengHu. not Wan-An on Feb. 11: go to Kentun (in the Pen-tung County: the most PengHu, not Wan-An, on Feb. 11; go to Kentun (in the Pen-tung County; the most southern county in Taiwan) on Feb. 12, come back to Taipei on Feb. 13. I have decide what to do for the rest two days. Maybe find some time to talk to COA officials regarding the funding for the regional meeting. In the meanwhile, you can do some shopping in here. In regarding to your talk, it's really up to you. You can talk 40 min. or one hour. It's the winter break session, so we have plenty of time to do it We can open to free discussion afterwards. We have slide projector (35 mm, yes overhead projector, everything you have in the US. I can even burrow the vedio recorder if you want. So, feel free to bring your stuff. The topic is fine. I'll post it out ASAP. See you soon., Regards, I-Jiunn Date: Wed, 28 Jan 1998 10:52:04 -0500 From: donnelm%dccmc@cenmarine.com To: "George H. Balazs" <gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu> Subject: Re: Planning for a Regional Meeting on Sea Turtles (fwd) Dear George; My knowledge of what's happening in the Southeast Asia-Oceania region is limited but Doug Hykle at CMS has told me that his contacts there are interested in holding a regional meeting in the next year or so. Have you contacted Col about this? FYI, he and Leisa are having another baby sometime in the next few weeks! Romy Trono in the Phillippines has been quite interested in developing a regional sea turtle network and is in contact with Doug Hykle about this. I recommend that you ask him for his input. His email is "rtrono@mozcom.com" Please keep me apprised of what you learn. BYE! MD Date: Tue, 03 Feb 1998/19:43:19 +0100 From: Douglas Hykle <dhykle@cms.unep.de> To: "George H. Balazs" <gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu> Subject: Re: Regional meetings on sea turtles in SE Asia Dear George, Just to give you a quick (interim) reply as I'm tied up in meetings most of this week: CMS has a fairly longstanding plan to organize a regional (SE Asian) sea turtle meeting along the lines of those sponsored by CMS in South Africa and India, and which we are planning for West Africa later this year (w. Jacques Fretey). Ideally this would take place in Malaysia, in collaboration with the relevant government ministries and Wetlands International (based in KL), which can provide logistical support (the Liews would also be involved). The plans have not yet materialised, in part because of the economic difficulties Malaysia is currently facing (which, incidentally, have recently resulted in the postponement of a Ramsar/Wetlands International meeting there). In any case, I will be pursuing the matter again in the coming weeks to see whether it's still feasible in 1998.

For reasons you are probably familiar with, CMS would not be able to be involved in anything in Taipei, but the reverse should not pose a problem. I suggest we keep in touch on how things are progressing. I wouldn't want to discourage your colleague; on the other hand, there have already been a number of meetings in the region that have yet to produce much in terms of regional cooperation, and I would be concerned that people will begin to "tune-out" if these activities are not focused and co-ordinated.

I look forward to hearing from you again.

Best regards.

At 14:55 31/1/98 -1000, you wrote:

>Dear Doug- I don't believe we've ever met in person, but I look forward >to the opportunity. I have been serving at the Deputy Chair of MTSG, and >Neca of course is the current Chair. Next week I'll be traveling to >Taipei (on my own vacation time) to spend a week with my friend and >colleague in sea turtle research, Dr. I-Jiunn Cheng. We will try to wrap >up a paper on satellite telemetry of green turtles done my Cheng, and >also visit the sea turtle ceremonies associated with Chinese New Year >held in the Peng-Hu islands each year at this time.

>We also plan to discuss the possibilities of Cheng hosting a regional >workshop on sea turtle research, management and conservation issues. He >has asked me to assist him in this regard, at least to brainstorm the >issue. It is uncertain at this point whether we will be talking about >something very small (less than a dozen selected persons) or something >much larger. I suspect the former.

>So, the bottom line of why I am writing to you at this time is to make personal contact, and solicit from you any ideas or background information or existing plans that Cheng and I should know about before we meet. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest popportunity. With Best Regards, George Balazs

Deputy Chairman
IUCN/SSC Marine Turtle
Specialist Group

Date: Fri, 27 Nov 1998 13:57:40 +0800 (CST)

From: Amy Wang <hcw43135@ms14.hinet.net>
To: "George H. Balazs" <gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu>

Cc: HCWHCW.bbs@bbs.ntu.edu.tw

Subject: Re: Exact 3 days of PengHu Turtle Sacrifice

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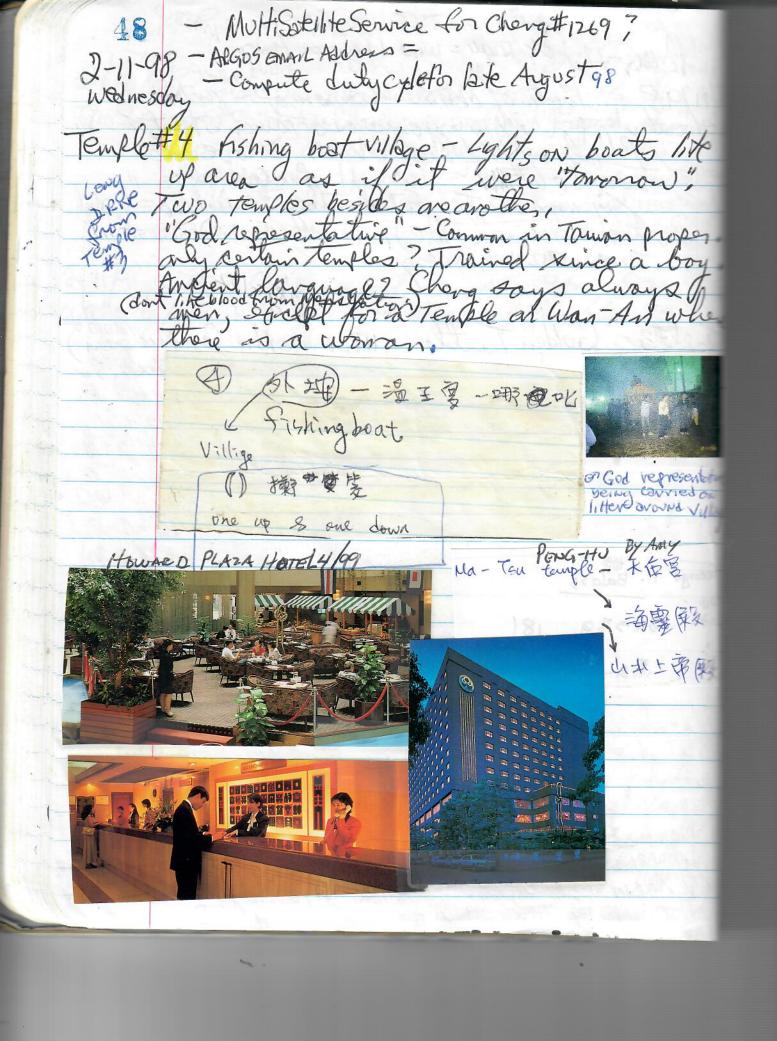
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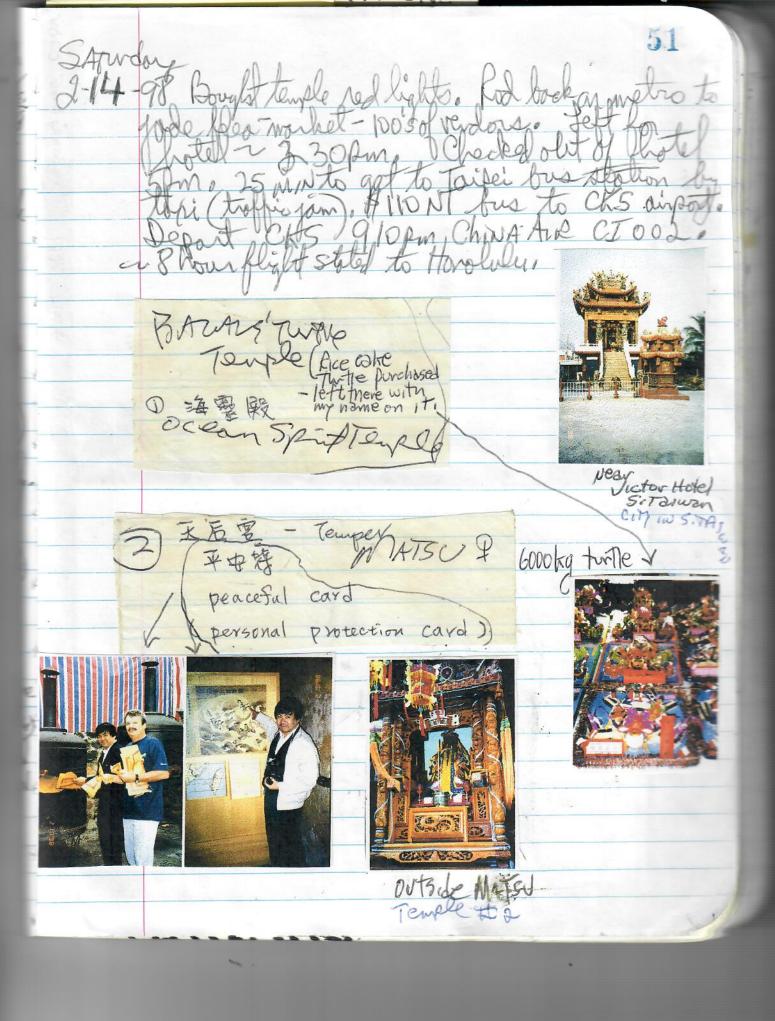
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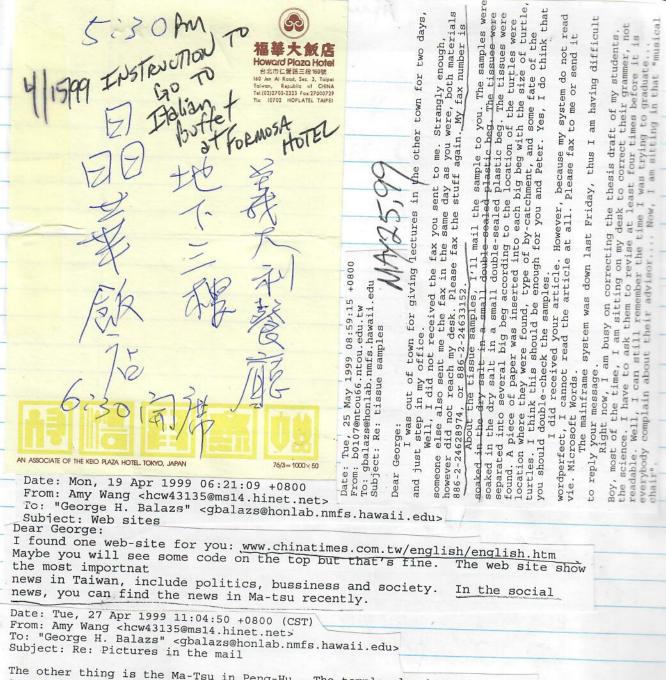
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Date: Tue, 04 May 1999 09:12:41 +0800 From Jerry Yu \$W% | % < jbyu@cihc.com.tw> To: "George H. Balazs" < gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu> Subject: Re: Home Mailing Address

Hi, George:

MAY 4,99

I just came back Taiwan from China. Hui-Lin will send you the article My home mailing address:

9F, 166, Chung-Hsiao East Rd. Sec. 3 Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Meanwhile, we will send our baby's picture soon.

Have a good day!!

April 14, 1999 TAIBEI CITY, TAWAM





Outside the mainstream religions-and outside the supervision of the governmentare hundreds of independent Chinese religions that gird China like a rural electric network, illuminating lives house by house. In Fujian province each spring, tens of thousands of the faithful parade from town to town in religious "long marches" celebrating localized Taoist gods. Tai Shan, a holy mountain south of Beijing, is one of the country's most popular tourist sites-especially among would-be grandmothers, who trudge to the top, drape red strings over trees and then return home to wait for the grandson this ritual is supposed to guarantee. The searching need for faith is written on the faces of the Chinese who pace each day, by the thousands, through the "Confucian forest" in Qufu. There, among the 600-year-old birch trees, are buried 77 generations of Confucius' descendants. Their graves, trashed and looted during the Cultural Revolution, have been rebuilt and remade in this decade. During the Cultural Revolution, in the 1960s, angry adolescent Red Guards dug up Confucius' grave, the most sacred spot in the forest, to show the Chinese that it was empty, that their Confucian faith was misplaced. But today the shrine is one of the holiest in China. Confucius may not inhabit the crypt, but he still haunts the nation's heart.

Religious vacations may sound unusual, particularly for a communist country, but some form of faith or superstition weaves its

way through every element of Chinese life. The new Shanghai stock exchange is built in the shape of a hollowed square to help trap positive energy, a nod to the ancient geomantic rituals of feng shui. And members of China's new middle class are embracing both state-of-the-art technology to transform their economy and 5,000-year-old superstitions to support their lives. "It turns out that the majority of businesspeople in China believe in the god of fortune," sighs Fu, the Marxist leader. "And one-sixth of the people believe in the existence of gods or demons. One-twelfth believe they have seen ghosts or demons." He sighs again. "Is it any wonder that 80% of Chinese visit fortune-tellers?"

In many ways, the religiosity that has been reasserting itself in China may simply

be delayed evolution. Very similar melting pots of prosperity, superstition and pious philosophy have emerged and thrived in Chinese communities uninterrupted by Mao's revolutions-in Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. China of old had three competing and complementary religious traditions: Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism. While the religions were often at odds with one another-Confucianism, for instance, is built on a base of worldly order and ancestor worship

that's far different from Taoism's mystical beliefs-they have, over a long history, fused together. They continued to do so outside China and are doing it again within China. Sociologists call what has emerged a syncretic faith, resembling more than anything else a pointillist painting in which every individual's beliefs are shaped and colored by specks of each tradition-and, at the close of the 20th century, by the color of money.

It may be an explosive composition. The country's history is filled with terrible uprisings inspired by newfangled religions-among the most recent and cataclysmic, the Christian-tinged Taiping Heavenly Kingdom from 1851 to 1864 and the mystical, Kung Fu-like Boxer Rebellion at the turn of the century. Even Mao's militant idealism can be seen in this light. But China's long history is also filled with moments when faith and pragmatism merged to create miracles. What scares China's leaders is that the very first miracle of the nation's new faith may be their disappearance. - With reporting by Mia Turn Beijing and Edward Barnes/New York

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