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TECHNOLOGY

The Beginning of Electronic Vehicle Age

by Takashi Abe

Since the introduction of a new electric vehicle Nissan Leaf, the Electric Vehicle (EV) has become a hot topic in the automobile industry.

From the customer point of view, it is really difficult for us to realize that the most of the world automobile manufacturers are now putting tons of efforts into the development of an electric vehicle with their cutting-edge technology.

However, many automobile manufacturers are now announcing their strategic plan of the EV to cultivate consumers' interest. For this reason, American consumers should try to understand the characteristics of the EV and its impact on the US and world market.

Not so many people

can define the question of what electric vehicle is. According to *encyclopedia.com*, the definition of an electric vehicle is given as "A ground vehicle propelled by a motor that is powered by electrical energy from rechargeable batteries or other sources onboard the vehicle".

In other words, the EV is different from an automobile because it has a battery, an electric motor and a control unit while an automobile usually has a fuel tank and a gasoline engine. This feature of not using fossil fuels makes the EV very special because of recent ongoing movement to an eco-friendly society, and anti-global warming regulations. Since the EV does not emit any carbon dioxide, it is often considered a savior for solving gas emissions.

The introduction of the EV is thought to be one which will greatly improve our lives in

many ways, such as solving air pollution in big cities and consuming less fossil fuel. This can help to slow down or stop some of the environmental problems we currently have in the world.

In particular, the impact on introduction of the EV would be ever larger in a country like the US. This is because the US produces nearly 25% of the world's carbon dioxide emissions and also because, according to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA), 33.1% of the US energy-related carbon dioxide emissions (by End-user Sector) is accounted for by transportation use. As such, it can be estimated that one third of carbon dioxide emissions will be decreased if all the car owners in the US switch their cars to the EVs.

Additionally, in states like California, there is a movement of setting the

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Zero Emission Vehicle program (ZEV) to deal with the global warming program. In this program, the buyers of the EV are allowed to get the state government's subsidy when they purchase the EV.

According to Reuters News Online on Nov. 27th, 2010, Nissan-Renault CEO Carlos Ghosn, "EVs could account for one in ten new car sales by 2020" in the world car market. Since Ghosn is known as the biggest supporter of

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CUISINE

Recipe: Kimchi Stew
Minkyung Kim

As a Korean living in America, I would like to introduce you to some Korean food.

Here's a dish that is simple and quick to make. That is Kimchi stew. Kimchi stew is typical of spicy and hot food in Korea.

Ingredients (for 3-4 people)

- Kimchi 300g
- Tuna 200g
- Green onion 1/2
- Onion 1
- Red pepper 1ts
- Minced garlic 1TS
- Bean curd 1/2

How do you make it

1. Pour the water in a pot and add Kimchi.
2. Boil for 10 minutes.
3. Add tuna and bean curd.
4. Boil for 5 minutes.
5. Add green onion, minced garlic, onion, red pepper.

6. Boil for 5 minutes.

In Korea, we often eat Kimchi stew because it is great early or late on any day, hot or cold. Maybe you will like eating Kimchi stew on many occasions too.

ARTS

Scanderbeg: A Great movie! ... maybe someday.

by Njomza Kalaveshi

There is no doubt that Scanderbeg is one of the brightest personalities in Albanian history. Like many great personalities, he inspired many painters, poets, and folkloric musicians to create works based on him. But why haven't people made movies about him in the west? Why should anyone care to?

Who Is Scanderbeg?

Gjergj Kastrioti Scanderbeg, who lived in the 1400s, is a national hero of Albanians. As the Ottoman Empire was expanding into Europe,

the Albanian prince Gjón Kastrioti resisted him to the death and passed leadership onto his youngest son Gjergj.

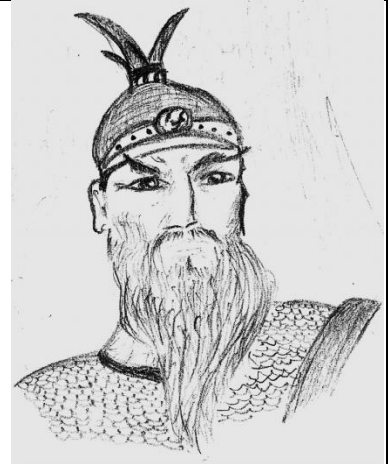
As a child, Gjergj was taken hostage by the Ottomans and he was sent to the palace of the Ottoman Sultan in Edirne. That was where the Ottomans first called him Iskender

(Alexander) and gave him the honorary title of "beg" which means 'lord'.

During the time that he was a hostage, the Ottomans trained him to be a soldier. As a result as him showing intelligence he became a distinguished leader of the Ottomans army against the Hungarians in war.

However, he never forgot about his homeland, and after a short time he returned to his motherland and led them in battle against the Ottomans, who were occupying Albania.

Scanderbeg made the greatest revolution in Albania's history with



his wars. That's the reason that makes him one of most important figures for Albanians history.

How is Scanderbeg a Great Hero?

Even though Scanderbeg didn't succeed in breaking Ottoman rule, he was like William Wallace—i.e.

Braveheart—was to Scotland. He didn't defeat the great dominating empire but made clear that his land was a dangerous place to attempt to rule. And the Ottoman Empire never extended beyond the borders of Albania.

Would This Illustrious Figure Make a Good Hollywood Movie?

Albanian and German movies have been made of Scanderbeg, but why not a Hollywood movie? Mel Gibson visited Albania while the country was transitioning out of communism and he couldn't get permission to make a movie of

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the EV, the number might seem a bit inflated, but many of the automobile industry's other top managers also believe that the EV will become more popular.

Nissan's flagship EV Leaf will be available this December, as well as the GM's Volt and some other EVs. Moreover, the biggest automaker Toyota just announced their EV debut in 2012 with the joint venture of a leading American EV manufacturer Tesla Motors.

As the EV market becomes an increasingly competitive market, consumers are likely to have more options for purchasing a car.

It is notable, however, that the infrastructure necessary for the EV, such as charging stations, has not been developed yet. Thus, as Toyota Motor Corp U.S.'s brand sales chief Bob Carter stated, "We do see a market for EVs but their cost and convenience is still a large question" (qtd. in Massy-Beresford and Seetharaman, par. 9).

On the other hand, it is also fact that the EV is becoming one of our options. Therefore, my recommendation is for us to keep our eyes on the EV and to carefully

evaluate its value, as we acknowledge the fact that we are already in the beginning of the EV age.

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Scanderbeg, but what about now?

As we saw with movies like Troy, it is now possible to make movies of epic wars with medium-size budgets. Hollywood is always looking for new stories, and here is an epic one which is strong enough to keep local artists interested for many centuries.

Scanderbeg is well known, not only in Albania, but also in other Balkan countries, like Macedonia, Greece, and Kosovo, as well as non-Balkan countries, like Hungaria, Austria, and Germany. So wouldn't the story of Scanderbeg also attract the attention of modern international audiences, especially with the help of modern movie technology?

Like other epic heroes, he is legendary in many

ways. His sword cannot be lifted by other men—it takes three normal men to lift it. His helmet was passed down from the time of ancient kings, starting with King Pyrrhus the king Epirus. However, unlike other legends, his sword and helmet can still be seen in Vienna where they are kept safe. So Scanderbeg is like William Wallace of Braveheart, a legend who changed history and still has a presence in our world today.

TRAVEL

Abha City: Come cool off... in Saudi Arabia!

by Hani Abumelha

Even though most of the people think that Saudi Arabia is a purely desert country, it has green and mountainous areas. For example, my hometown of Abha city is located in the southern part of Saudi Arabia is a cool green region which

might surprise visitors to the region. This city has many attraction places for many tourists all over the year. It is a mountainous area, and it has amazing weather especially in the summer season. Also in the winter, it is not as cold as many countries.

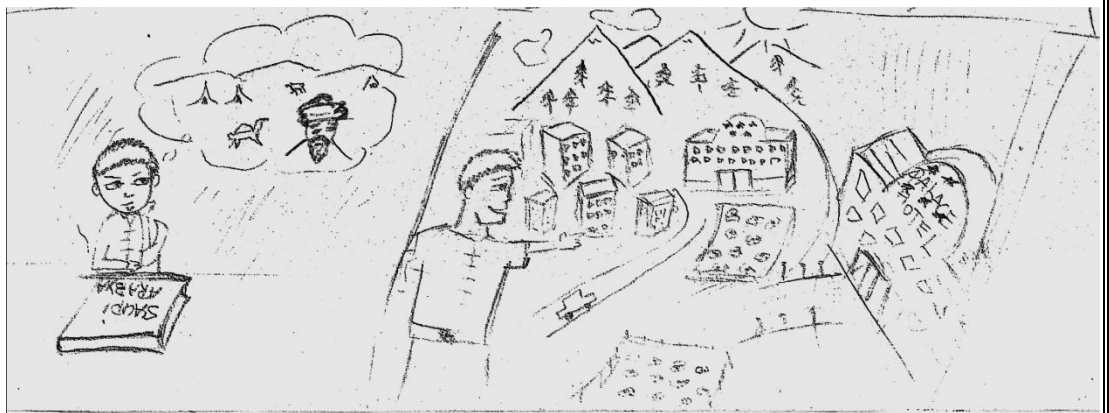
Abha city is between the highest point in Saudi Arabia and the sea level. From Abha city to the sea level it takes about an hour by a car and to the highest mountain about thirty minutes.

In addition, in the middle of Abha city is the Green Mountain. This mountain has a nice view on all of Abha city.

Also on the top of this mountain, there is a restaurant, coffee shop, and cable cars. You can take a cable car and take a tour of Abha city, which takes about thirty minutes.

While in Abha city, visitors can stay at the five-star Intercontinental Hotel or The five-star Abha Palace Hotel.

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Since locals love to welcome travelers from abroad, visitors often also find themselves invited into old traditional houses for coffee made the traditional way, with saffron and cardamom.

Saudi Arabia might not seem like an ideal destination for travelers seeking a cool getaway during the summer, but if you find yourself in the Middle East anyway, especially in Saudi Arabia, try to make time to visit.



Some refer to the youth as “strawberry generation.” This term means the young know only how to enjoy an easy life, but they lack the ability to face and overcome difficulties. Young people are like strawberries; when touched in the wrong way, they go rotten. Youth cultures have many new ideas. For example, young people use drawing to express thinking, which is often called “graffiti.” Youth don’t like laws, but old people obey laws every day.

Over time young people create modern life. Minimalist living is a youth indicator. Young people don’t live a

traditional or complex life. They feel that life is full of trouble.

Youth cultures create fresh culture to better develop their community. Or they use something new to create a new culture.

Youth culture likes things simple; it is not so complicated and no longer linked with the old thinking. Youth culture uses words that are simplified.

Also, young people wear a variety of clothing. They are unlike old people, who can only wear a simple style.

Over time, youth cultures forget traditional cultures. History, and traditional

culture is not remembered by young people.

Gradually, the young forget traditional culture. For example, young people do not remember customs. They forget how to speak the ancient language, and they do not know the origin of traditional culture and knowledge.

In fact, some people consider this a very serious problem today. Therefore, some young people have started to use a young culture with a combination of traditional culture. For example, they are using music with youth culture and traditional culture. The young like traditional musical instruments to make modern music. This modern music has new characteristics. And they use dance instruments from traditional forms.

An example is the Taiwanese traditional dance “the eight police officers.” This dance is very special. Young

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CULTURE

Taiwan’s Youth Culture

by Yijen Lu

What is Taiwan’s youth culture? What represents Taiwan’s youth culture?

Taiwan’s youth culture and Taiwan’s old culture are two different cultures.

Taiwan’s old culture is Taiwan’s traditional culture. It’s in the majority, because old people want to develop and keep Taiwan’s traditions.

But young people don’t think about it. They feel that traditional culture is very boring.

Some old people say, “The youth think they can take the liberty of doing anything.”



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 people use “the eight police officers” dance to form create a new dance. In this way, youth culture increases traditional culture, making it modern Taiwanese.

In this way, Taiwan youth culture suffuses traditional culture. An example is Chinese calligraphy. I think it looks like youth culture’s “graffiti”. Both have similar characteristics and style.

Another example is “tattoo”; with this form of expression, old culture extends to youth culture, where tattoos are a symbolization of old culture. Now people show them off as special. Different times express different means.

Every culture has its own style. We can study every culture to understand what each culture means. Let old people understand young people’s thinking. Maybe young people can know traditional culture is very important.

However, we have to respect every culture, even parts of our own culture which are controversial.

But always remember that every culture has its own style. This can help you understand or accept but never should you

exclude or criticize a culture, because every culture is evolving and beautiful in its own way.



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