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## TECHNOLOGY

### Enjoying a New Way to Connect With Kinect

by Fadi Jamaledin

In the study of technology, each generation always improves the systems of video games in new and different ways. And indeed, one important innovation is the “Kinect,” a machine for the Xbox 360 that we can play video games with in a super cool way, by moving without using a controller.

That sounds wonderful to me to have no controller, only your body. I was shocked by the Kinect because my first impression when I saw it was that I was so enthusiastic to try it that I almost couldn't wait.

The Microsoft Kinect, which is designed for the Xbox 360, has generated a new record. According to Conard Holton, “The Kinect Sells for about \$150 and its embedded time-of-flight camera and infrared sensors can be used as a vision system for some service robots.”

The Kinect has very good detector sensors that can read your body to calculate your temperature, atmosphere, and spacing to play.

Imagine controlling movies and music with the wave of a hand or the sound of your voice, it is so amazing how they made it. With Kinect, the technology surpasses the limits, letting the natural magic in all of us shine.

Once you wave your hand to activate the Kinect sensor, if you are registered in Xbox live, and you have your own

avatar or your character on Xbox live, you can enjoy movies, games, social networks like Facebook, Twitter, Netflix, Zune, and other magic things that are imaginable just in one console.

Whether you're a gamer or not, anyone can do and play anything with Xbox. There are many enjoyable activities, for example, doing exercise, controlling your daily routine,

Nintendo Wii, but that is not true because Microsoft Company has made a new way the game. I also with the kinect, I get my body in shape my body working out with some games, which are Active 2, Dance Central, Kinect Sports, Your Shape Fitness Evolved, and Samba Dance.

Some people might think to play video games. We all know that the Nintendo Wii



using face-chat with friends and family, listening to music, watching movies and any sport games on ESPN live, and interacting a new way to communicate with people.

Kinect is something that changed my life because it helps me have a great routine and also enjoy playing. Kinect gets you off the sofa and into that the Xbox 360 Kinect is simply a copied form of the

was made first, but Microsoft Kinect didn't try to copy the Wii's system as well as Nintendo.

With Kinect, you don't use a controller; instead, you are the controller, but with Wii, you must use the controller, so people are always going to think that are convenient to them, and with Kinect, you have a bundle of magical things that Wii doesn't have.

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Microsoft Company just modified a better system that it is now the biggest selling around the world, and businesses come and go anywhere, People think they make money even copied some of the idea does not mean that they have stolen the idea. They just made the Kinect to show people that the technology is becoming better and better like never before.

I consider the “Kinect” one of the most spectacular systems on the planet, and like many great ideas, it has international origins, as this idea came from an intelligent Brazilian guy who started the Kinect project.

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## CUISINE

### *Banh Chung: One Of The Best Traditional Vietnamese Cuisines.* Tien Le

Annually, when the spring is coming, Vietnamese are busy preparing for the Lunar New Year, the most important festival of Vietnam. To have a great New Year with much fortune, Vietnamese always make or buy some traditional foods, and one of which is Banh Chung, the most necessary food in the Lunar New Year.

Banh chung is made from fresh ingredients which are easy to buy anywhere in Vietnam, like pork, green beans, sticky rice, and some special spices. Therefore, it is really delicious and good for our health with high nutrition and less fat. Vietnamese believe that Banh Chung is not only a kind of tasty cake but also the soul of the Lunar New Year as well as a Vietnamese custom.

Like some traditional foods from many countries in the world, Banh Chung has its own legend. The story of Banh Chung not only helps us know about the origin of this cake but also becomes a part of Vietnamese history.

According to this story, Lang Lieu, the 18<sup>th</sup> prince of Vietnam, is the father of Banh

Chung. In the cuisine contest to looking for Emperor, Lang Lieu had won and become the 19<sup>th</sup> Vietnamese king by his special cake named Banh Chung.

With its square shape, green color and natural ingredients, Banh Chung was believed to be the symbol of the development of Vietnamese agriculture which was the most important part of the economy in Vietnam in the past. Since that time, Banh Chung has been the most necessary food of any Vietnamese festival like the way Vietnamese remember their forefathers.

#### Ingredients:

- ✧ 200g sticky rice, soaked overnight
- ✧ 100-150g green beans, soaked overnight
- ✧ 100g pork, cut into chunks, seasoned with
- ✧ salt and pepper
- ✧ 1/2 teaspoon salt
- ✧ Strings and 6 banana leaves

#### Directions

- ✧ Steam or boil bean bean with half a tea spoon of salt until soft, may take up to 45 minutes depending on how large your steamer is.
- ✧ Smash bean thoroughly.
- ✧ Place 2 leaves in one direction, slightly overlapping, then 2 perpendicular, also overlapping, and the last layer like the first.

- ✧ Place half of the rice on the leaves, topped with half of the green beans.
- ✧ Lay the pork on top of the beans, and then add the last of the beans followed by last of the rice.
- ✧ Fold the leaves over the cake very tightly into a square, use string to secure the cake.
- ✧ Place in a large pot, cover with water and boil for about 6 hours.
- ✧ Add water every hour if necessary.
- ✧ After 6 hours or so, remove the cake, submerge it into cold water for a few minutes.
- ✧ The cake lasts up to 10 days on a cool dry place.
- ✧ The easiest way to cut up the cake is to open it and use the string to cut it up into 8 portions.

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## ECONOMY

### *The World Economy: Many Parts, One Body.*

by Jason Yu

One of the reasons why we come to the United States is that we will be required to understand situations that happen in other influential countries. Because the world economy is integrated as one, it is important for us to know about economic relationships among many countries, especially the ones with a global influence.

The whole world suffered from the United States subprime mortgage crisis in 2007, and it negatively affected other countries. Even though most other countries were not responsible for the catastrophe, they still suffered badly for it.

The world today has developed its own global



culture, and because of this, we can see that it is like a single body. When one part of this body is injured, other parts of the same body feel the pain.

Through this case, we can learn that the world must cooperate with others in the economic sector. Nowadays, climate change agreement has emerged as a hot issue in the world. However, many countries are not willing to sacrifice their national interests for better world environment, even though we see that, when big changes occur, all of us prosper or suffer together.

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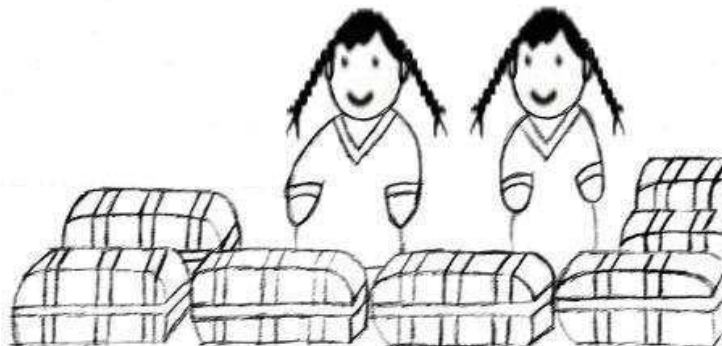
## ARTS

### *Cinema Kings of Asia.* by Trang Nguyen

The Korean “wave,” which refers to the popularity of Korean music and movies, has already started to spread to many countries in the past decade. Korean movies are causing the attention globally.

This is not only success commercially, but Korean movies also receive the acclaim of critics in their country as well as abroad. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, if you asked young Koreans about Korean

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## CULTURE

### *So Much to Learn about Cultures!*

Jong Chul Jun

Culture is the customs, beliefs, arts, the ways of life and social organizations of a particular country or group. To understand the culture of a society, it is possible for someone to live in the society. Asians greet each other with a bow when they meet first, but Americans usually greet with a handshake.

If you would like to know about the culture of other countries more, you should attend an International Festival at UNM. They not only sell their traditional food, but also explain their tradition, custom, life, etc. Then, whatever you wonder, you can ask them and get some information.

Especially, during the International Festival, we can visit the Taiwanese section, Native American section, and (Asian) Indian section. They not only sell traditional food and accessories, but they also show some pictures about their countries. The buildings for each country were amazing to me because those were very different style. Then, we tried to drink a traditional beverage of India.

Actually, I had always known that they drink “Chai”, but I’d never had anything like the “Chai” that we drank at the International Festival. If you try to drink it, you can enjoy the different taste of authentic “Chai”.

A lot of people travel the USA, and many of them want to know what American culture is. For example, some immigrants from Korea stay inside of the Korean immigrant community, which is possible in cities like Los Angeles, California, which has a Korea Town. However, eventually almost all immigrants decide to go outside of their own community, to look for restaurants with authentic American food. Not only the food is different; after eating, it is necessary to pay a tip, which in Korea is not a responsibility but an only expression of gratitude. Moreover, a lot of people live by the tip. A tip is typically 10-20% of meal to be paid.

For comparison, to live in the USA, you have to buy the necessities of life and groceries. When you buy them, you have to pay taxes as well as the price of them. If you see the only price tag and you think you have got enough money, sometimes you can be in a trouble. Understanding this side of a culture is just as important as understanding

how people say hi and what kind of food they eat.

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## EDUCATION

### *So Much to Learn about Cultures!*

Ting-Wei Huang

When people think about their career, what comes to their mind? Is it thoughts of the plans for the rest of their life? Really, there are a few types of life plans: dreams, jobs, relationships, and so much more. So when everyone makes plans for a career, a lot of their decision depends on how they fulfill their other life needs and how successfully they balance those needs with their career goals.

Nowadays, many of our goals for career and social life revolved around language, especially English. My personal experience of learning English is not too different from the experience of other foreign students here in the US. For When I first started to learn English in elementary school, I felt it was too hard for me to study because my first language doesn’t seem to have any connection with English.

I started doing better during my junior high school time. I think that might be because I went to cram school to enhance my English almost every day. However, I started to think that learning English was not very tough, so before I went to high school, I decided to study in the Applied Foreign Language Department (English Division) as my first major.

As I learned English more deeply, I found out that it was too complicated for me to understand. I had to memorize the different meanings of each vocabulary item, learn how to read faster,

and practice how to translate from English to my first language or from my first language to English.

I learned more about English than before. Moreover, I also had to study literature, even literature which isn’t originally in English, but just older European literature, like Greek mythology, which I didn’t like to read when I was a third-grade student.

Soon, I noticed that all of my classes were in English, except for Chinese, Math and PE. It seemed like too much emphasis was on English, until I came here to the US. I now understand why it was important to concentrate on English. So many areas of our lives are becoming international, and English is more important as an international language every year. But now my question is how successful can someone be, in their career and personal life, if they don’t choose to study English.

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movies, you would catch them embarrassed of and confused about it. It was not a point of pride.

However, the changing of society and economy led to develop better film making technology. South Korea really opened up after the 1988 Olympics. Much diversity was introduced to South Korea in the 1990s.

Since 2005, Korean movies have controlled more than half the domestic market, up to 62% of the audiences watched Korea domestic movies, while only 33% of the audiences watched America movies, 2.3% of the audiences watched Japanese movies, 1.5% of the audiences watched Chinese movies and

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0.1% of the audiences watching movies from other countries. Every year, the producer makes about 90 films. Most of these were released in the country.

By absorbing the essence of the world style for movie and creating filmmaking, Korean movies capture the psychology of young people in the country and gradually expand outside the country.

Korean movies attract the audiences because they are close to life, the plots and characters are clearly and selective, and the scenes and cinematography technique are as lively as Hollywood movies.

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