YOUNG GUNS
BEST YOUNG UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

When it comes to choosing a university to attend, we normally think of those that have been around for centuries—think Oxford, Cambridge, etc.—but that doesn’t mean you shouldn’t look at younger universities (those under 50 years old) which are also excellent in terms of teaching, research, international outlook, and work-with-industry. Here are the top 10 of 2018’s Young University Rankings, as revealed by THE—Times Higher Education (half of them are in Asia).

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ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FÉDÉRALE DE LAUSANNE (1969), SWITZERLAND

City University of Hong Kong (1984), HONG KONG, SOUTH KOREA

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (1991), SINGAPORE

Pohang University of Science and Technology (1988), SOUTH KOREA

PARIS SCIENCES ET LETTRES-PSL UNIVERSITY (2010), FRANCE

Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna di Pisa (1987), ITALY

MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY (1976), NETHERLANDS

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM (1969), USA

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LAWs AROUND THE WORLD YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

We all know that Singapore has some pretty strange rules - you're not allowed to distribute Guam, you're not allowed to be naked in your own home, you can't bring durian on public transport, etc. - but we're not alone in this crazy world. Here are some laws around the world that may have you scratching your head.

PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO THESE COUNTRIES:

DON'T ANNOY SOMEONE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Did you know that in the Philippines, the act of annoying someone in a crane? Committing might welfare is punishable by a fine of 50,000 pesos or jail time, or both. Checks and stores may be broken, but in the Philippines, strong words can result in a civil lawsuit.

BANNED IN MALDIVES

If you're visiting the Maldives, be careful about bringing in items that are considered to be banned. This includes alcohol, beef products, and approval is required before you can bring it in. In addition, the government will hold you at the airport until you leave.

RULES FOR NAMING A CHILD

You should name your child as soon as possible - parents have only 14 days to name their child. If you don't, you will be fined.

NO INHALERS AND DANCING IN JAPAN

If you love smoking, tickle inhalers up your nose, you're better off stopping here. This is against the smoking laws in Japan, and the government will catch you in the car, hold you in your room, and if it's bad enough, put you in jail.

NO PHOTOS ALLOWED AT THESE OUTDOOR AREAS

Travelling to Paris? Then take note: If you want to take photos of the Eiffel Tower, you're allowed until 2012. It was actually illegal to take any photo of the tower until 2012, as the last-time light show was added and therefore taking photos of it at night is still protected under French copyright laws until 2020.

KISSING RULES

In the UAE, kissing in public is illegal, even if it's just a kiss on the cheek. It's also illegal for the opposite sex to hold hands, unless you're married to each other, however. It's completely normal to see couples kiss - both men and women - with kisses on the cheek.

If you find yourself in Dubai, you'll have to resist the temptation to kiss your partner if you're in a car. Kissing in 2006 is banned, it's a very public and is considered to be a threat to public security and, if caught, you'll be fined 500.

In some areas of some states, there are even rules regarding the amount of kissing. There are no rules in California because according to their law, it's allowed. For a man to kiss a sleeping woman, there's no rule in that state, however. In Indiana, you're not allowed to kiss another person is considered to be a threat to public security and, if caught, you'll be fined $1,000

In states like Arizona and Illinois it's illegal for a man to kiss another man in public. There are no rules for kissing in public, however, if you have a "licentious" habit with a single lady, you can get up to 30 days in jail and suck. When kissing in public, be sure to have a good reason, otherwise, you may be fined.

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TODAY
FEMALE LEADERS
YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

ANGELA MERKEL (63)
Chancellor of Germany, since 2005

trailed as a politician, Merkel became one of the most powerful women in the world. In 2005, she became the first woman to lead Germany, and has served as Chancellor since then. In 2018, she announced that she would not seek re-election in 2021.

ERIN HOLLberg (50)
Prime Minister of Norway, since 2012

Hollberg is the first woman to hold the position of Prime Minister in Norway, a country with a long history of male-dominated politics. She has worked for several years in the Norwegian government and has been a strong advocate for gender equality.

JACINDA ARGUIN (35)
Prime Minister of New Zealand, since 2017

She is the world's youngest female head of government, having taken office at the age of 37. She has been praised for her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

KOLINDA GABAR-RADJIT (62)
President of Croatia, since 2019

As the first female president of Croatia, Gabar-RadjIT has been a strong advocate for gender equality and women's rights. She has also been a vocal supporter of the European Union.

DALLAS GIBBSKATZ (62)
President of Lithuania, since 2009

Often referred to as the first lady of the Baltic States, GibbSKATZ is the first woman to hold the position of President in Lithuania. She has been a strong advocate for women's rights and has promoted gender equality.

SUTILI HASina WAGD (72)
Prime Minister of Bangladesh, since 2009

With a political career spanning more than four decades, WagD has been a strong advocate for women's rights and has worked to improve the lives of Bangladeshi women.

HILDA MRINE (60)
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Became the first female president of the Marshall Islands in 2011. She has been a strong advocate for the rights of women and has worked to improve the lives of women in the islands.

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Many young and skilled graduates are searching for job opportunities overseas, but what is the secret recipe that makes the top countries successful in drawing a young and skilled workforce to their shores?

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In addition to these 4 pillars, Switzerland has also managed to stand apart from the other countries by placing an emphasis on 2 vital areas:

- Vocational Training Skills
- Global Knowledge Skills

What are these nations getting right?

Education System
A country that looks ahead to the needs of employers and adapts accordingly is vital for attracting talent. Vocational education and training is neglected in most countries with the exceptions of Switzerland, Germany and Austria.

In Switzerland, almost 70% of teenagers choose the apprenticeship over university, almost half of Swiss ministers come from the vocational stream. From age 12, Swiss students are encouraged to think vocationally and parental leave and childcare policies.

Flexible Business Landscape
A working environment where employees enjoy flexible working conditions and employees have opportunities for career development and growth, both of which the USA has been good at.

Switzerland and Norway also come up high in the scores for opening flexible working conditions especially in the area of parental leave and childcare policies.

Openness to trade, investment and immigration
All top 5 nations have capable and strong governments that are open to international trade and investment. Singapore does particularly well in attracting talent offering a low start up cost for small and medium enterprises to set up businesses and attractive interest rates for foreign investors.

Amenities/Lifestyle
The quality of life a country offers is vital when a young, skilled worker seeks employment overseas. This includes access to social protection and benefits which Switzerland, Norway and Sweden excel at. This has enabled them to retain a skilled workforce.

The global city rankings will continue to favour nations that cater to the workforce of the future. Ultimately young and skilled workers will be seeking employment in economies which have attractive places to work and live. These will be cities that offer great quality of life, good education systems, business environments open to change and have flexible work environments that encourage lifelong learning.

For countries to remain globally competitive, they will need to encourage the growth of a multicultural society thus gaining an edge in cognitive diversity (inclusion of people who have different styles of problem-solving and can offer unique perspectives because they think differently).

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BEATS & BOPS
MUSIC FESTIVALS TO CHECK OUT
BY TARTAN ARES OW

If you’re a music fan, you’ve probably heard of some of the world’s biggest music festivals like Coachella, Lilith Fair or Fuji Rock. While these festivals are well established (and still standing strong), there are some other music festivals that bring you a wider range of music genres from EDM to hip hop.

COACHELLA
WHERE: Indio, California
WHEN: Spring (April)
One of the best known music festivals in the US, Coachella is a multi-day event on the site of Coachella Valley since 1999. It is known for its use of state-of-the-art technology and its focus on early-stage sounds. It is also renowned for its art installations and many performers who are also awarded for their performance. The festival is one of the most popular music events in the world.

TOMORROWLAND
WHERE: Boom, Belgium
WHEN: Summer (July)
EDM’s biggest and best known festival, Tomorrowland, is one of the most recognized festivals for the electronic genre which has swept the globe in the last decade. Hundreds of renowned EDM DJs have taken to the stage, including David Guetta, Steve Aoki, Tiësto, and Martin. Tomorrowland stretches over 2 weekends, and tickets sell out in minutes. Established in 2005 in Belgium, it has also expanded into Tomorrowland USA, Tomorrowland Brasil and Tomorrowland Winter (French Alps).

SPANDEX AND SWORDS
SUPERHEROES AROUND THE WORLD
BY DARYLL GOH

How does it feel like to fly? How about shooting laser beams from your eye? These stories have captivated our imagination for years. And for some of us, it’s not only just a pastime activity, here are some superheroes from around the world who you might not have heard of.

USA: SUPERMAN

Superman, born on an alien planet called Krypton and raised in the USA, is as iconic as he is beloved. Superman is the ultimate superhero, capable of performing incredible feats and saving the world from various threats. With his super strength, super speed, and super hearing, Superman is a symbol of justice and hope for humanity.

CHINA: WARRIORS OF THE THREE SOVEREIGNS

Mulan is a legendary figure in Chinese history, renowned for her bravery and loyalty. As a warrior, she proves her worth in battle and becomes a symbol of Chinese pride. Mulan’s story has been told through various mediums, including cinema, animation, and literature.

JAPAN: SUPER SENTAI AND KAMEN RIDER

For a land that is well-known for its great contribution to the entertainment industry, Japan does not disappoint with its ever-expanding roster of superheroes. Superheroes, which broadly translates to “special effects”, refers to live-action, science fiction shows.

In the superhero tokusatsu series, franchises such as Super Sentai and Kamen Rider have been producing new series every year for over 40 years. However, there are limitations to what Power Rangers can do. With Japan’s own Power Rangers (hands-on choreography), the Japanese superhero genre for the USA, Kyoryu Sentai Zyuranger, the Super Sentai franchise, among the 15 ceremonies being held at Superheroes protecting Earth from alien invasions.

Like Super Sentai, Kamen Rider has enough series to cover a lifetime. It has its own series starring a variety of characters, from the original series with Kamen Rider and Haruto Tsuchi, to the current Kamen Rider series, Kamen Rider Zi-O, that is set in the year 2035, in a world where Kamen Rider is in a world where Kamen Rider is.
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Cheat Sheet
#56 Marry Your Rapist laws around the world

WHAT IS THE 'MARRY YOUR RAPIST' LAW?

The law basically lets men or boys avoid punishment or prosecution for rape, sexual violence, or similar acts if they marry their victims, since it makes the perpetrators responsible for their actions.

The law argues that it solves two problems: the marriage legalises the rape (in countries where marital rape is legal), and the girl avoids a life of shame since her family will be released of the stigma of trying to marry off a 'ruined' daughter. The law was supposedly created to shield the survivor because they would not have to report their assault from fear of shame and possible murder by family members.

Such laws deny justice to the victim, send a signal that rape is not a serious offence, and shift the stigma of shame to the survivor rather than the perpetrator.

WHEN DID IT COME ABOUT?
The practice dates back to medieval times (or even earlier), when women could be pressured or married off by their attackers because they were considered 'damaged commodity'. Traditionally, a woman was considered to be the property of her father (or husband) until a woman was raped, the rapist might either pay 'compensation' or accept the 'damaged goods'.

Thanks to patriarchal attitudes, these rules made it legislation, beginning with a 1810 French penal code, followed by similar Ottoman Code in 1911. Many countries around the world adopted variations of these rules after Western colonialization.

WHAT COUNTRIES REPEALED THIS?

Much of the world has repealed them within the last 30 years: these are the most recent:

- Palestine (May 2018)
- Jordan (2017)
- Lebanon (2017)
- Tunisia (2017)
- El Salvador (2017)
- Denmark (2013)
- France (1994)
- Italy (1981)

Marrying rape rarely provides a loophole for the 'Marry Your Rapist' law to exist. The earliest countries to criminalise marital rape include the Soviet Union (1923), Poland (1932), and Czechoslovakia (1950).

THE ISSUE OF MARITAL RAPE

Marital rape is considered a loophole for the 'Marry Your Rapist' law to exist. The earliest countries to criminalise marital rape include the Soviet Union (1923), Poland (1932), and Czechoslovakia (1950).

RECENTLY REPEALED


Marital rape is still legal in 10 out of 82 jurisdictions in 73 UN member states, including:

- Brunei, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, China, India, etc.
- Singapore - Rape is illegal, but both countries are
- Malaysia - Finding difficulty in defining 'marital rape'

ISSUES TO CONSIDER...

Some lawmakers argue that the 'Marry Your Rapist' law serves to protect the victims from social shame and stigma. Opponents argue that it promotes impunity for rape, and further victimizes rape survivors, allowing rapists the right to rape victims for life.

In addition to abolishing these 'Marry Your Rapist' laws, countries also need to look into criminalizing child marriage and marital rape. All of these laws exist to protect men, so as long as patriarchal attitudes are enforced, redefining these laws may do much for gender imbalance.

WHY SHOULD YOU LOOK TOWARDS ASIA?

The region has an experience of a wide range along with an enforcement of local, internal, and international laws.

According to the McKinsey & Company study, the top-performing emerging markets are more consistent with their advanced economy peers, among whom they receive from new products and services, compared with any other firms in advanced economies.

Just take a look at the Philippines, South Korea, and Vietnam. Of these, Vietnam is the only one with a full set of laws on domestic violence.

In terms of human capital, the economic value of a worker's skills set, and the region is also seen among the brightest improvements, with Indonesia (12), Singapore (11), Vietnam (10), and Malaysia (9), ahead of China (9), and India (8).

On the side of development, there are obvious differences. These are cities in hospital - wear rubber hipster pants and boutique hats, it’s the idea of expanding the world, looking the world before exploring the world, and making the next new cultural thing.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Let’s not forget that Singapore in the 90s was an emerging market - look how far we’ve come. China has also had a dramatic economic rise since the 90s, though this is not as clear.

If you have experience setting up in a new market, or speak a local language, it will give you a huge leg up against your peers because it means you can achieve if you were there from the beginning - the lesson here is to realize that developing countries will eventually get better.

BY HINA GAN

THE RISE OF THE TIGER CUBS

If you want to choose a country to do your internship, or even your first job, where would it be? Somewhere like London, Sydney, or New York? Or somewhere closer to home like Jakarta, Hanoi, or Bangkok?

A recent report by McKinsey & Company found that eight out of ten of the world’s best-performing emerging economies – including Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, and Vietnam – were in Southeast Asia. Of course, China, South Korea, and Singapore were also on that list, but you do see a pattern - they’re all in Asia.

Despite the promising outlook for the region, not many young Singaporeans are looking at opportunities here – whether for internship or exchange programs – simply because it’s not seen as glamorous. It may be that those who prefer working in the West see that as a ‘step-down’, but that means they’d be ignoring the potential of what’s there behind.
OUT AND ABOUT

4 Nov 2018 | 6pm
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iKON Continue Tour

Korean boy group iKON will be returning to Singapore for the third time, with their "iKON iCon Tour." Their latest single "BEBE" topped the K-pop charts in Japan, and their latest album "New Kids: The K-Pop" sold over 1 million copies worldwide, making them one of the biggest boy groups in Korea today. They will be in Singapore for the first time of 2018.

MOVIES

Bohemian Rhapsody
(November 1)
Cast: Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton, Mike Myers
Bohemian Rhapsody tells the story of Queen -- their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury (Mena). The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. In an unexpected turn Freddie, surrounded by darker influences, estranges Queen in pursuit of his solo career. Having suffered greatly without the collaboration of Queen, Freddie manages to reunite with his bandmates just in time for Live Aid. While bravely facing a recent AIDS diagnosis, Freddie leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music.

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald
(November 13)
Cast: Eddie Redmayne, Jude Law, Eddie Redmayne

The powerful dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald (Depp) escapes custody and makes good on his threat, gathering unspeakable followers to raise pure-blood wizards up to rule over all non-magical beings. In an effort to thwart Grindelwald's plans, Albus Dumbledore (Law) enlists his former student Newt Scamander (Redmayne), who agrees to help, unaware of the dangers that he faces. Love and loss are tested, even among the trusted friends and families, in an increasingly divided Wizarding world.

FESTIVALS

Culture Cartel
Where: 14-16 Dec 2018
When: 11am to 8pm
Where: F1 Pit Building
Where: 14-16 Dec 2018 (VIP)

Culture Cartel, comes as time when Andy Warhol and TAO have become household names, when a magazine cover includes Bespoke Toys and Part Matins, and when a music collection includes everything from Air Jordan to TAO. Culture Cartel is set to unite the diverse and exciting together -- from art and toys to tattoos and fashion -- to a congregation that will showcase the best that Asian culture in Southeast Asia and the world has to offer. Highlights include Mighty Machines, Red, coexist, and more.

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Production

8-9 Nov 2018 | 1/2/4/6/9pm
Sanda Theatre at 883
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Mamma Mia

The story and music of ABBA. "The original theatrical musical comedy" from Laos, "a musical that has been adapted for the stage, directed and produced by the director of "Mamma Mia! The Musical." The story follows Sophie's quest to find her father's identity. When her mother, Meryl Streep, brings her mother face to face with three men from her distant romantic past on the eve of a wedding that will never forget.

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6-9 Dec 2018 | 5/7/9pm
Esplanade Theatre
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Sleeping Beauty

A favorite timeless classic for all ages, Sleeping Beauty will warm your heart with its charmingLewis and grand elegance. A spin-off of the original, Sleeping Beauty is a charming princess, and a true love's kiss will wake the sleeping beauty from her spell. A true spectacle for all ages, Sleeping Beauty is a must-see event for all ages, circus, jugglers, Barston - all renowned worldwide for their theatrical flair and breathtaking talents.
“Diamonds are forever’s best friend”

You may have heard the phrase, which was sung by Marilyn Monroe in “Diamonds Are Forever” (1962) on an ode to the world’s most luxurious stone. While diamonds today are a luxury item worldwide, the humble rock has traveled across the world over millennia, its course to become the world’s most popular rock for engagement rings.

A “diamond” — derived from the Greek word “adamas” meaning “unconquerable” (referring to its hardness) — is typically formed deep in the earth under extreme heat and pressure and ejected violently upward to the earth’s surface. Many of our planet’s diamonds also originated from space — these are deposited on the earth’s surface, creating diamonds called carbonados.

No matter what the source, the history of diamonds as a gem begins in Asia 2,400 years ago.

INDIA: 4TH CENTURY BC

Diamonds were once gathered from the country’s rivers and streams, making the world’s first producer of diamonds. The limited quantities meant that diamonds were only for the very wealthy, but gradually the diamonds made their way to Western Europe via trade routes that travelled to Venice’s medieval markets.

EUROPE: 1400s TO 1700s

From here, diamonds moved onto Flanders, and then to Antwerp, which became the center of the diamond trade in Europe. By the 1600s, diamonds became fashionable accessories for Europe’s elite.

By the end of the 17th century, Amsterdam had a near monopoly on the diamond industry; while the Dutch kept the best stones for their own diamond cutters, they sent Antwerp inferior-quality rough diamonds. However, they managed to transform these rocks into fine gems, giving them a reputation as a diamond center.

BRAZIL: 1700s

In the early 1700s, as India’s diamond supplies began to decline, Brazil emerged as an important producer. The country dominated the diamond market for more than 150 years, bringing increasing influence to Western Europe and the US.

SOUTH AFRICA AND BOTSWANA: 1800s TO 1900s

The 1866 discovery of diamonds in Kimberley, South Africa, really took things international. Over the next few years, South Africa gained more diamonds than India had in over 2,000 years.

USA: 1900s

De Beers’ second goal, stabilise the diamond market. To succeed, they had to control both supply and demand. They did this through a marketing campaign that targeted young, upper-class women. By the 1920s, the company had such a strong hold on the market that the word “diamond” became synonymous with romance and love.

DEATH OF DIAMONDS: 2005

Many consumers still dream of owning a diamond, but the industry has taken a hit. In 2005, the De Beers company was forced to sell its diamond mines, leading to a decline in the diamond industry worldwide.

AFRICA: 1990s

Blood diamonds, or conflict diamonds, were sourced during the 1990s, when brutal civil wars were being fought in parts of western and central Africa by rebel groups. Diamonds mined in rebel-controlled areas were sold in the open market, with proceeds used to fund armed conflict. In 1997, the Kimberley Process was developed specifically to verify whether diamonds were “conflict-free.”

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Fun Facts

ENGGAGEMENT RINGS

Betrothal rings are symbolic of a commitment to a relationship. They are typically worn on the ring finger (first finger) and have a direct relationship to the heart. Engagement rings are often made of silver, gold, or platinum and adorned with diamonds or other gemstones.

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Hot Condiments Around the World

How Spicy Are They?

Chillies may be placed into five heat-ranked categories: sweet (bell peppers), mild (paprika), medium (capsicum), hot (chilli powder) and very hot (habanero, Scotch bonnet and bird’s eye chilli). There is a way to rate spiciness via the Scoville Heat Unit (SHU), which notes the concentration of capsaicin (the compound in chillies that burn your mouth).

USA

Everybody knows about tabasco, but this nation is actually home to more spice-loving locals than you think.

Louisiana Hot Sauce

Created in the same state as Tabasco, Louisiana Hot is a red pepper sauce with just vinegar, salt, and long cayenne pepper, which is aged for one year. The long maturation actually takes the kick out of the peppers, and the high salt content gives it a lot of heat.

Frank’s Red Hot

New York

Brother Ray’s in Brooklyn is the birthplace of the world-famous Buffalo Wings, where spiciness can go up to suicidal levels, and Frank’s red sauce is the primary seasoning. Made from good cayenne peppers, garlic, powder, vinegar, and salt, it’s a Maa MaaLoo-long sauce with a kick.

South America

Many South Americans really love their spice – from habanero to chile de árbol, there’s no shortage of chillies to choose from.

El Yucateco Chile Habanero

Mexico

El Yucateco makes 7 types of hot sauces from different peppers including habanero and jalapeño pepper, although their most popular is made with habanero peppers. Other ingredients include salt, acetic acid, spices, citric acid, and onion powder, creating a thick, very spicy sauce that is flavorful and tangy.

Arde Charapa

Peru

This hot sauce is made with just vinegar, salt, and all dried peppers – which are pre-sliced but can be cut up too! It costs $52,000 per kilogram! Native to Peru’s jungles, this tiny pepper has a strong, fruity flavour that gives the yellow-coloured chili a tropical taste. The condiment is made with just chili pepper, vinegar, and oil.

Sriracha Sauce

California

This most popular version of this sauce – nicknamed ‘rooster sauce’ because of its logo – is made in California out of red jalapeño peppers, distilled vinegar, garlic, sugar, and salt which is famous for its bold recipes for Sriracha. The taste is tangy-sweet with a kick of garlic.

Légal Molho de Pimenta

Brazil

This Brazilian hot sauce is made from pimenta pepper, which is the spiciness of the South American peppers. The pimenta is used in Brazilian or Portuguese cooking, especially in stew dishes and piquillo sausages. The ingredients include pimenta pepper, vegetables, vinegar, and salt, resulting in a medium, long-lasting kick.

Africa

African cuisine is similar to Asia when it comes to its curries and spice – thanks to the influence of European explorers who helped spread the popularity of spices and herbs around the world.

Askamba

Rwanda

The orange-coloured Askamba chilli oil is so spicy that it’s usually sold in small, plastic eyepiece bottles. Made from local Scotch bonnet pepper and vegetable oil, it is recommended starting with a few drops, then slowly increase to two or three drops, then while no more than a dash of hot sauce and its heat doesn’t linger too long.

Harissa

Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Algeria

Resembling a sambal, harissa is a thick, flavorful paste made from dried chillies like the Tunisian Bokhara or cayenne peppers, and spices like caraway, caraway, and coriander, and olive oil. This condiment is used as a dip or as a sauce, and while no two bottles taste the same, they can pack a punch.

Shito

Ghana

With a base of fish or vegetable oil, this paste is thick and creamy with an aromatic, slightly sweet, and sour taste. It is made with dried fish and chili pepper to give it umami. Normally dark in colour, it is made of sambal belachan with a kick. Much like harissa, no two shito are alike when it comes to consistency and spiciness.

Europe

Countries like Italy and Hungary have a penchant for spicy foods, most of which are used in spicy condiments that have been brought here centuries ago by spice traders.

Peri Peri

Portugal

Everyone knows about Nando’s peri-peri sauce – which is of Portuguese-South African origin. Made with African Bird’s Eye Chili (bird’s eye) powder which is native to southern Africa, the recipe for the sauce is made with garlic, pepper, paprika, onion, salt, lemon, and parsley. The result is a warm flavour with the heat level depending on the amount of pepper.

Calabrian Chili Sauce

Italy

Italy’s Calabria region is known for its spicy Calabrian peppers, which has a spicy, smoky, and spicy flavor that complements many dishes, made with ingredients like the vinegar, garlic, olive oil, and salt.

Asia

We Adams love a bit of kick in our food, so it’s no surprise that there is a huge variety of spicy sauces and pastes – from mild to wild – wherever you go.

Sambal Pusing

Malaysia

Made from spicy siling labuyo, a bird’s eye chilli native to the Philippines, the condiment is basically a sauce of vinegar in which the chilli is immersed, and depending on the region, along with an assortment of spices. You can also get a bottle of Mafia Salsa Pure Siling Labuyo sauce, which is a commercial blended sauce.

Korean Chili

Okinawa, Japan

Korean Chili is a hot chilli condiment unique to Okinawa in Japan, which is made by mixing Korean red chilli pepper with garlic, ginger, and scallions. It is also used as a condiment for rice. The spicy sauce is made with Putting Chilli, a small variety of chilli, which gives it a very strong kick, so most people only use a few drops.

Lao Gan Ma

China

Created in 1997, it’s China’s biggest chilli brand and famous for its rich colours. Lao Gan Ma is a chilli paste made with ingredients like shallots, peppers, fermented soybeans, salt, and some MSG for the umami. The texture is rough thanks to the abundance of crushed dried chillies, and the taste is robust but with a spicy kick.

Next time you head to these places, why not bring home a bottle of hot sauce? They make great food souvenirs that keep giving you the kick long after you leave.
Think you know the world? Then why not take part in our ‘pin the country on the map’ game? It’s a fun yet educational game where you can test yourself (and your friends) on your knowledge of the world around you. If you’re a geography or politics student, you should get most of this one right – it could be a question on your next exam...

Instructions:
Cut out the markers.
Place them where you think they should be.
Check with Google Map to see if you’ve got the locations correct!

Pin the country on the map
Asia Hotel, Bangkok
Established back in 1967, Asia Hotel is still famous for its refreshingly hopping - particularly when it comes to occupants being scared (some wake up with heavy and scratch marks) while they’re on the bed, as well as hearing random laughter and crying noises. Many guests reported dirty electrical outlets and missing, as well as mysterious signs of animation and shadows. One guest’s luggage was missing - a piece of the middle of the night, while other guests felt that their belongings were moist. They closed their eyes.

Sandyke Sky Hotel, Bangkok
At 88 floors, Baiyoke (opened in 1994) is the sky’s tallest hotel. The former stories here have been attributed to the unsecured windows when it was a fall glacier. In addition to daily life crowds and bathrooms, stories include wind with sources coming from the bathroom and strange'apparitions - person on the bed. In one case, a guest’s hair was moving and found later at a strange place; in another, a strange shadow was observed on the bathroom sink overnight.

Grand Hyatt, Taipei
This hotel is said to be built on a WWII prison camp, and the one happened to be in the hotel's spirit. Although recently renovated, many guests reported feeling extra warmth in the room - one guest reported hearing voices from a phantom, and another reported an eerie presence next to them on the bed. Others state that they bring a child in a coma, a evidenced shadow track, and make up for it in a mystery.

Hotel Maradudah International, Narita, Japan
Some guest complained about being kept at night from a looking up and loud footsteps from upstairs even though there was no one above. The hotel's legend may be linked to a grudge incident in 1998 when members of a cult smuggled a woman into the hotel in order to hold her there. His moving coups was found at Room 2727 when the police were called in after the cell was repeatedly refused area.

Aerobik Apartment in Ueno, Tokyo, Japan
Batters of an apartment in Ueno had to call the owner to open the front door because it was broken - from the inside, with the Security lock on. Apparently the apartment's former tenant was a 60-year-old woman who lived alone, and when she died three, her body was only discovered after 5 months. In Japan, properties where these tenants have died of manner causes (suicide, murder, suicide) are called a kigeki, and a law mandates that new tenants here to be notified, but this law doesn’t apply to short-term rentals (sot).

Hotel Presidente, Macau
Opened in 1984, a fierce story involves a guest who reported sneezing problems whenever she stepped inside the bathroom, even though she didn’t bring any. The next morning, her make-up was moved up despite it being exactly arranged the night before. The hotel has a previous history – a man dropped up two pictures at this hotel after having sex with them, and flanked the remains of the body the apparently took their heads with him upon check-out.

Destiny Highlands, Malaysia
The entire hotel has no shortage of strange stories, no thanks to the fact that many failed guests and up taking their own lives. One of the most famous of these haunted hotels is the 7,000 square feet “World Hotel”, which is said to have an entire floor (the second) that the left behind. Ghosts of various stories have been reported to be present on the bed by curious visitors, and praised by curious guests. According to a rumor, she's

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