



Why do fearful Finns rush to join NATO?

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社恐的芬兰人，为何急于与“北约”抱团？

original

In a joint statement released on Thursday, Finnish Prime Minister and President said Finland must apply for NATO membership without delay.

The announcement was widely expected and has broad support in the country: A recent poll showed that about three-quarters of all Finns support joining the military alliance.

The attack of Ukraine in February prompted Finland, which shares an 830-mile border with Russia, to move away from its long history of neutrality and military nonalignment.

language points

1. joint statement 联合声明
joint /dʒɔɪnt/ adj. 联合的
joint account 联名账户
2. NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
北大西洋公约组织
3. prompt sb. to do sth. 促使某人做某事
4. move away from 停止做某事; 从某地离开
We move away from our families and form our own.
我们逐渐离开原生家庭，组建自己的家庭。



The game is changing its name. Will you continue to play it?

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这款游戏要改名了，你还会继续玩吗？

original

Video games publisher Electronic Arts says it is going to stop making FIFA branded football titles.

It is one of the most profitable brands in gaming history, but the cost of the licence was one reason why the decision was made to ditch the partnership.

David Jackson, vice president at EA Sports, explained that the studio thinks it's time to move in a different direction in order to build a "brand for the future".

language points

1. FIFA 国际足联 (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)
2. FIFA branded 以 FIFA 冠名的
2. ditch /dɪtʃ/ v. 抛弃; 摆脱; 丢弃
ditch/end/break up a partnership 放弃合作
ditch sb. 甩了某人
They were due to marry, but she ditched him.
他俩本来要结婚的，结果她把他甩了。

World's first space hotel opens 2025: The universe is so big I want to see.....

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世界首家太空旅馆 2025 年开业：宇宙那么大，我想去看看.....

original

Waking up in a chic hotel room with a view of the solar system could be the future of travel, at least if space company Orbital Assembly has anything to say about it.

The US-based company has revealed new information and concepts for its space hotel idea, designs for which have been orbiting since 2019.

Originally premiered by Californian company the Gateway Foundation — and then called the Von Braun Station — this futuristic concept consists of several modules connected by elevator shafts that make up a rotating wheel orbiting the Earth.

language points

1. chic /tʃɪk/ adj. 时髦的，精致的 (stylish)
a chic new restaurant 雅致的新餐馆
She is always so chic, so elegant. 她总是那么时髦，那么优雅。
2. with a view of sth. 看得到某处风景
a room with a view of the sea 看得到大海的房间
3. Orbital Assembly 轨道组装
orbital /ˈɔːrbɪtəl/ adj. 轨道的
4. orbit /ˈɔːrbɪt/ v. 使卫星进入轨道，沿轨道运行 n. 轨道
5. premiere /prɪˈmɪə/ n. 首映，首次亮相
6. module /ˈmɔːdjuːl/ n. 模块

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From a backpacker to a manager of a social enterprise, Andrew Xu has every reason to feel good about himself, because he is doing something to change the world.

Xu was born in a village in Jiangmen City, Guangdong province, in 1973. He traveled a lot, and was shocked at the imbalance between rural and urban education throughout China.

In April 2004, his life was dramatically changed by a simple story.

His friend Cui Yingjie visited Yunnan province that year and met two volunteer teachers in a poor village. One asked him to take a message to the volunteer teacher in another village telling him that "he was not alone," and "to persist is to win." It was not easy for these volunteers to find companions who could understand and support them. They explored the poverty-stricken areas and strove forward, equipped only with the belief that "to persist is to win."

Although higher education enrollment is generally growing, rural students account for a small and decreasing proportion. The ratio of higher education students in urban areas to those in the countryside is 323 to one. There are about 400,000 schools in poor rural areas and more than 60,000,000 students need help.

"It might help if travelers carry 1kg or more of books when they visit the countryside. They can distribute the books to children there and communicate with them. That's how the idea of 1KG MORE came into my mind," Xu recalled at a lecture.

A nongovernmental organization, 1KG

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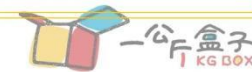
MORE advocates an innovative concept in travel in which every traveler can help the local rural community. Travelers are encouraged to carry 1kg more of books or stationery to rural students and information about rural schools or travel experiences can be shared among travelers on the website, which also calls for more attention for the community. Travelers who upload information on a school can become the "ambassador" for that school, helping

organize activities and seek support.

To help rural education, we are not limited to be rural teachers.

If you can't do big things, do small ones, like carrying 1kg more of books or stationery to children. Philanthropy can be simple, happy, and fashionable. When every individual is involved, the world can be changed.

It is therefore reasonable to say that when



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What is the Helicopter parents 直升机式 家长

Author/ Bo Didi

After I was admitted into a university in August, my mom was asked to join in my college's WeChat group where the instructors share how their children had adopted to life in another city. But to my surprise, unlike my mother, a "selfish" woman caring more herself than everything of her kids, the parents began a series of unimaginably queer discussions: "Will my baby have delicious food to eat?", "Is the university's bed soft and suitable for my baby?"

Coming the 21th century, an increasing number of anxieties rooting in these newly parents disrupt the normal growth of an individual. The parents exaggerate anything harmful to the growth, desperate to protect infants from harm and failure, and unwilling to let kids learn from mistakes, even sometimes against their wishes. They do not care whether the child really need. They hover in the side of them like a helicopter all day long, always waiting for the youngster's call. So, they are called: helicopter parents.

Exactly, independence shapes confidence for a student, it can be looked as an essential ability to solve problems which a mature people should possess. When teenagers on campus, they are taught by the professors, not parents. For a long time, lacks of innovation and self judgement, one day, they will fail in the society.

Helicopter parents should realize: as parents, your aim is to create good surroundings as you can, but not be perfect! There is no doubt that we all love our kids deeply. Nevertheless, stifling the children's self-consciousness and independence as the subject of rights, weakening their power and ability to survive and develop in the society, which isn't what we willing to see in the future.

Now, I understand my mom's intentions. She loves me, but she prefers me to be a person with thought like "human".

注释: • exaggerate v. 夸大 • stifle v. 扼杀 • Helicopter parents 直升机式父母

The Tequila fish is a small freshwater fish that lives in the rivers and lakes of southwest Mexico. "The Tequila fish"

From Online

The Tequila fish is a small freshwater fish that lives in the rivers and lakes of southwest Mexico. But it's been missing, presumed extinct, for more than a decade. And it's just one of thousands of aquatic creatures that are facing extinction, but have slipped under the radar. Now with the help of conservationists at Chester Zoo (England), scientists in Mexico have reversed that extinction - bringing captive-bred fish back to the wild. The team has now confirmed that the fish are breeding and that the population is recovering here. They're doing well. They started with the introduction of 1,500 animals. So, now we are talking about from 1,500 individuals now to tens of thousands. And now what we're seeing is that this species is slowly [started] expanding into the river

system, which is exactly what we wanted. So that is a very good start and hopefully that will be more species looking forward. Among the estimated one million species under threat around the world, a third of wildlife that depends on freshwater habitats are sliding towards extinction. And the ongoing loss of clean, healthy rivers and lakes threatens our food and water supplies too. So here in Jalisco, Mexico, the community stepped in local people trained with the scientists to take on long-term monitoring of this vital river network to ensure it's clean and healthy for both people and wildlife. Amid a biodiversity crisis, it's a sign that with people's help, nature can make a comeback.

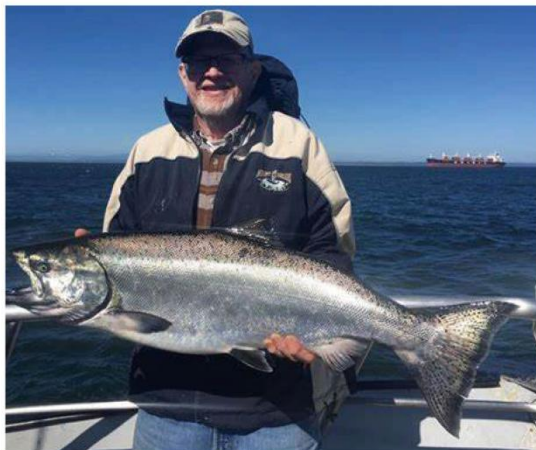
注释:
The Tequila fish 高体宗谷鳉
presumed adj. 假定的, 推测的
under threat 受到威胁
ongoing, adj. 持续存在的
make a comeback 重现生机

Turkey lays out demands as Finland Sweden seek NATO membership

Author/ Bo Didi

Turkey's foreign minister said on Sunday that Sweden and Finland must stop supporting terrorist groups in their countries provide clean security guarantees and lift export bans or Turkey as they seek membership in NATO. Speaking after a NATO foreign ministers meeting in Berlin, Mevlut Cavusoglu said he met his Swedish and Finnish counterparts and all were seeking to address Turkey's concerns.

注释:
NATO 北大西洋公约组织
terrorist n. 恐怖主义者, 恐怖分子
counterparts n. 对应的人 (或事物)



2023 AFC Asian Cup to be relocated from China

Author/ Bo Didi

The 2023 Asian Cup football tournament will be relocated from China to a new host the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the tournament's Local Organizing Committee announced on Saturday. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chinese Organizing Committee cannot pledge at this moment to hold next year's Asian Cup competition under a fully open model. Details about the next steps related to the hosting of the Asian Cup will be announced in due course, the AFC said.



注释:
confederation n. 联盟
tournament n. 锦标赛, 联赛
pledge v. 许诺, 提供承诺

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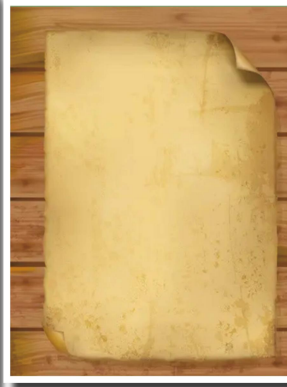


We heard the blue country musician singing something associated to light rain, or the pastoral scenery providing relief to heal our emotion and spirit. The atmosphere was dreamily similar when writing poems, especially on a piece of parchment and in the dim beams of candles, and we felt the clouds floating around to find birds. Maybe that is poetry, and it belongs to paper and handwriting. We, many years later, picked up the classic hardbacks from an ashly bookshelf, lingering over the words in same size. At the moment, many of us were sharing the duplicate of our books, and the same feeling existing eternally. Many novels are born on the old-fashioned typewriter, where novelists have struggled to make ideas into finite words. Today, we own internet, so literature can be found in every pocket of that. Traveling through the street, we enjoy the literature eulogizing our great modern culture, in the neon lights, and essays flashing on our mobile phone screens.

What if all these change?

Well, our best poets can not tolerate the mechanic sound to disturb their sensitive nerve, for their temporary paradise in mind is delicate to destroy, and what a pity to lose the inspiration. Our best lines can't yield to the type size, since machine never understands the emotion behind one single syllable or the feeling the poet bear in mind when one letter is written down. Poetry needs freedom, so does the word size, the shades of colors, even the causal scrawl. Typewriter is not the ideal, neither does computer. In the vast information sea, how can we find the one drop, poetry, to make immersive appreciation? It sounds meaningless, and actually poetry is too tiny in the mass of information to attract surfers. Poetry is the loving spouse of paper, the permanent shelter where she can find belonging.

That applies to fiction but a bit different. The past novels can't be apart from typewriters or printers. Not like poetry, the property of novel that it can be understood mostly determines that novel is supposed to walk far away into the life world of people. So the writer must give up something remained in poetry. We could imagine a writer, along with his fellows, bosom friends, or even somebody he hires, that sit all day long to copy one million-word-long novel, and if that



The loving couples

of literature and the carriers

Author/ Chen Pengze



was true, we even can't find one paperback that sell not as an antique, not to mention that when we were children Harry Potter is unavailable. So sometimes, novelist think the concept of creating poems is unrealistic when it's time for fiction, and typewriter deserts handwriting helplessly. And why not internet for past novels? E-books visualize them to be more convenient but the feeling of pages is nowhere, the scent from ink and wood pulp is hard to smell, and the electronic product with tea and cookies is not that elegant than book with that.

As for modern culture, the internet has accumulated information into information stream, which maybe messy code when done by handwriting or typewriters. Our literature online, diverse and rich, can have weight only when we use a laser printer.

Now looking back to the history of the carrier of literature, we may find the loving couples of literature and the carrier. The earliest poem had been curved on walls of caves to show love, and then language and words were miracle to be found verbal or manuscript. That time the thinking characteristic of human was slow and sensitive, yearning for something holy, and always dominated by feelings. That is poetry.

And then industrialization and urbanization is the master piece of human power. Mechanic techniques saved the trouble of holding pens, so it was time to express more easily. Yes, human is great, and their daily life, adventures, fancy experiences and voyages can be documented. Reason and confidence occupied the field of literature when pages flew from typewriters, not leaves falling down quietly but cloth noising from weaving machine. That is novel.

We seize the time and experience it now to create new literature in our era. No one can decide whether our literature will be great or disappointing except our generations. We own internet, and our intellect is awesome. Hope a refreshment for literature!

The change of carriers reflects that our understanding towards literature is changing, too. To feel one genre again, choosing the matched carrier may be a good choice.



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