

Introduction to East Asia

A dynamic region of _____ and bustling _____, East Asia is also home to one of the world's _____ civilizations and to centuries-old _____. Several countries in the region are major _____ partners with the _____, and by virtue of their size and economic output, some countries in East Asia are among the most _____ and _____ in the world.

Cities

- East Asia has several cities with many _____ of people, where _____ culture is combined with modern _____ and _____.
- _____-to-_____ migration is causing explosive population _____ in Chinese cities. The metropolitan area of Chongqing, for example, is expected to reach _____ residents by 2020.
- Historians believe that the site of the modern city of _____, South Korea, was occupied by humans as long as _____ years ago. Today, this city is the _____ of South Korea's _____, _____, and _____.

Farming

- The people of East Asia have relied on its _____ for thousands of years to bring water and _____ to their fields. Long cultivated here, _____ is a major staple of the _____ of many East Asians. China is also a major producer of _____.
- Although East Asians value _____ as part of their traditions and _____, few young people enter the agricultural sector _____. In Japan, the average farmer is _____ years old.

Economy

- _____ and _____ are major economic activities in East Asia, a region that includes _____ of the most _____ economies in the world.
- Despite _____ government control over much of the economy, _____ has a number of " _____ " with more liberal policies. These zones encourage _____ investment and have helped the Chinese economy _____.
- Administered as part of China, _____ is one of the world's leading manufacturing, _____, and trade centers. Although it covers just over _____ square miles (1050 sq. km), the island has a GDP of more than _____.
- Strict _____ controls, poor _____, underinvestment, and difficult climatic conditions have combined to make _____ one of the world's _____ economies. Many North Koreans suffer from a lack of _____ food and shelter.

Culture

- _____ of years old, _____ culture has influenced other countries in the region. But those countries have also _____ their own _____, like this Korean dance.
- _____, known as Kinkaku-ji in Japanese, reflects the country's _____ heritage. Nearly _____ of Japan's people practice Buddhism either alone or _____ with native _____ traditions.