

THE CELAC STUDENT VOICE

Saudi Women's History of Education

by Huda Sahfi

The education system in my countries of the "Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" witnessed an amazing transformation.

When the kingdom was founded in 1932, education was available to very few people. The first government school for girls, and the first university, now known as King Saud University ,was established in Riyadh in 1957. In 1954 the Ministry of Education was created, followed by the Ministry of Higher Education in 1975. The first government school for girls was built in 1964.

In 2015, 52 percent of all graduates Universities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia were female. Statistics indicate that Saudi women constitute 51.8% of Saudi university students. There are 551,000 women studying for bachelor's degrees compared to 513,000 men. The ministry stated that 24,498 Saudis complete their postgraduate studies. A total of 16,221 complete masters and 1,744 complete PhD.

The ministry also reported that Saudi women studying abroad are spread in 57 countries. The United States has the largest number with 18,221 students today, and female students make up more than half of the more than 6 million students currently enrolled in Saudi schools and universities.

Now the Saudi government has made great efforts to increase girls' access to education and reduce the gender gap at various levels of education. Today, the education system in Saudi Arabia includes more than fifty public and private universities, with more planning, about 30,000 schools, and a large number of colleges and other institutions. The system is open to all citizens and provides students with free education, books and health services.

In addition, in 2020, the Kingdom continues its quest to achieve more in an unstoppable ambition within the 2030 vision that aims to increase the percentage of Saudi women's participation in the labor market by 30%.

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In addition, the government wants to increase women holding political positions, active participation in the Shura Council and the security sector, and her assumption of top positions in the education sector. Women will also be able to nominate themselves for membership in the mayor's office.

Here we find that empowering Saudi women supports her capabilities through training and providing opportunities that make her a true and effective partner in building the homeland and development.





My First Time Being an Aunt

by Ying Nian Chen (Tina)

It was February fifth, 2018, and it was a sunny day. While I was working, I got a phone call from my mom. She told me not to schedule any events in the evening because we were going to the hospital with two of my aunts. I was curious why we planned on going to the hospital, and my mom didn't tell me anything until the night. Finally, on the way to the hospital, my mom said we were going to see my newborn nephew. I was very shocked, for my young cousin was only 21 years old at that time. I thought she was still a little girl; how come she became a mother? Besides, just a few months ago, I met with her, and I didn't even notice she was pregnant. I was worried about how she was able to rear a kid at that young age; however, when I saw her in the hospital, I suddenly realized that she was not a little girl anymore. She looked just like an adult and even more mature than me. After visiting my cousin, we moved on to see my little nephew, Zhekai.

He was pretty adorable and beautiful, and I was impressed about this small life. The first time I saw him, I told to myself that I was an aunt from now on. At that moment, a variety of thoughts came to my mind. I wanted to buy many clothes and toys for him, and I would give him everything he liked. I wanted to hold a big birthday party as well when he was 1 years old. Unfortunately, I was busy with my work during that period, but I cherished and enjoyed every time I was available to look after him. I also took numerous pictures of him to memorize the time that I spent with him.

Sometimes, I felt like I was a mother because I loved him so much and wanted to support his mom to bring him up to success. Most of the time being with him was wonderful except when he was crying and not going to stop. While he was learning to walk, my eyes couldn't move from him at all. When he was able to walk on his tiny legs, I smiled and applauded as if he won the champion. While he was learning to speak, I kept saying "aunt" to him. When he first called me aunt, I thought that I won the whole world. Maybe I am a nephew fool, which means one loves his or her nephew very much, and I am extremely willing to be.

How Does the Stock Market Work?

By Xiangzhou Zhang

The old say, "Trade can make everyone better off", stock is the product of Capitalism. Of course, stocks have always been one of the main ways for businessmen to make money. On the other hand, as the human society has entered the period of large-scale social production, the contradiction between the expansion of enterprise operation scale and the insufficient capital demand has become increasingly prominent. Therefore, the enterprise organization in the form of joint-stock company, which is jointly funded and operated by shareholders has emerged.

In the early 17th century, the Dutch east India company employed hundreds of merchant ships to trade gold, ceramics, spices, and silk all over the world. At the same time, shipping costs are a big expense for companies. To get enough money to fund these expensive voyages, the Dutch east India company turned to the masses. Everyone who could contribute to the trade would get part of the trade in exchange. As a result, the company had more financial burdens and a larger scale of navigation, while the investors and the company also got higher profits. The shares were sold in cafes and ports across Europe, and the first stock market was born in the marketing model of the Dutch east India company.

Since the success of the east India company, companies have followed suit, raising money from prospective investors for a variety of businesses. Nowadays, many schools, professions, and even special television channels are dedicated to teaching people how the stock market works. But after hundreds of years of evolution, today's stock market is very different from what it used to be.

Let's imagine a new company will enter the market. First, the company will market itself to investors. If they think it's a good idea or a good investment, they will invest in the project and will fund the company's initial public offering. As a result, the company officially entered the public market. At the same time, any individual investor or company that believes the company will make a profit can buy stock, making the investor as a shareholder in the company. Their funding will help the company grow. During the investment period, more people will see its potential and buy more shares. Of course, the more people buy, the more demand there is for the stock, the higher the price of the stock, and the higher the value of the stock for the holder. For the company, the new benefits will not only fund and develop its brand industry, but also increase the overall market value of the company by investing people's willingness to invest in the company. Once the company is no longer profitable, all sorts of bad things can happen. Shareholders may choose to sell their shares in the hope of getting what they previously received from the company. As more and more shareholders sell their shares, the value of the company declines. Investors won't be inclined to invest until the company is profitable again.

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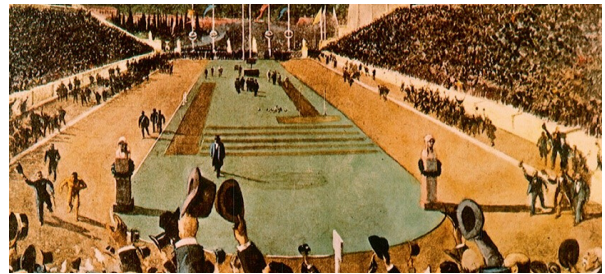
However, for the modern stock market, it is not just investors that influence the market. Market forces are inevitable for all companies, including changes in raw materials, production equipment and technology, as well as changes in labor costs. Investors may also worry about leadership changes, some negative news about this company, and so on. However, many investors are ready to sell expensive stocks to pursue personal gain. These variables can interfere with the market and affect the survival of the company in the market. In the stock market, a decline in the value of a company leads to a decline in the value of the stock and, ultimately, a loss of real value, but in the age of the Internet, stocks are not reserved for the person who are powerful and rich. Many investors buy stocks in bulk every day. Then there is the complex activity of trading stocks.

In short, what is the best way to make money? The first step is investing.



Important Historical Events in April

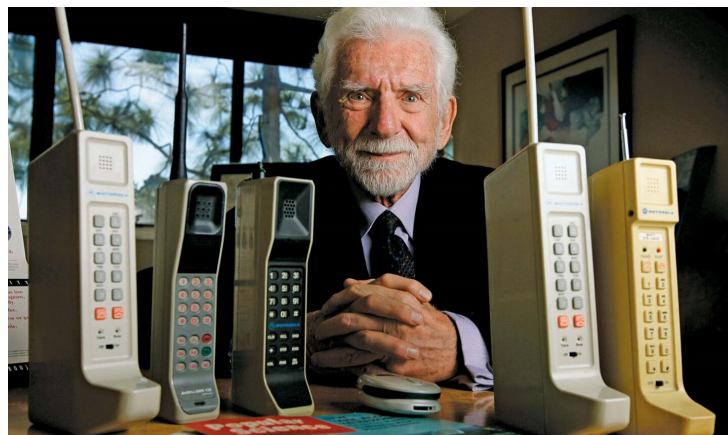
By Xinghui Pan (Pam)



The weather in April gradually becomes warmer. Do you know what major events happened in April? The warm spring breeze brings people a good mood and unlimited inspiration. People's inventions in the past may have always affected today's society. There were two important historical events affecting the world, such as the invention of the mobile phone and the holding of the first Olympic Games.

In April 1973, the famous American Motorola engineering technician Martin Cooper, invented the world's first mobile phone for civilian use. Compared with today's mobile phones, this phone looks bulky and erroneous. It had 30 internal circuit boards. Its talk time was only 35 minutes, but the charging time was 10 hours. It only had two functions Making and receiving calls. But at the time, the birth of this mobile phone meant the beginning of a new era, the birth of wireless communication. After people's unremitting efforts, mobile phones have so far developed into the 5G era, people enjoy the convenience which is brought by mobile phones.

The first Olympic Games were held in Athens, Greece on April 6, 1896. It was the first Summer Olympic Games. There were 80,000 people who attended the opening ceremony. Greece had sent invitations to countries around the world, but most countries had not sent teams to attend because they did not understand the Olympics or other reasons. In the end, there were 311 athletes from 13 countries who were invited to participate. Among them, Greece had the largest lineup, accounting for two thirds of the total. Now, the spirit of the Olympic Games is a sporting event not for profit. It increases exchanges between countries. The invention of mobile phones and the holding of the Olympic Games have a profound impact. We need to continuously improve them while passing on them. If we work hard, we will leave a strong stroke in history in the future.



The Causes of The French Revolution

By Yanxu Chen (Apple)

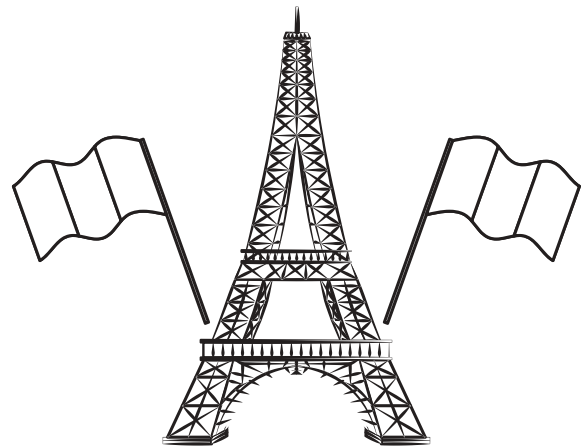
The French Revolution is one of my favorite histories in Western Civilization. The reason I like the French Revolution is it's the outcome of the French Renaissance. In my opinion, the productive culture, ideology and art appeared during the French Renaissance; therefore, I focus on the outcome and analyze the causes the French Revolution. The French Revolution has three main causes: progressive ideas, French Estates, and the economy.

The first cause is progressive ideas, which is my favorite. In the French Renaissance, many philosophers brought their ideologies, and political power and rights are included in those ideologies. Residents learned about philosophy; they knew which are their power and they had rights to choose their leader. What's more, residents started to pay close attention to their rights, for example, human rights, civil rights, political rights and women's rights; therefore, residents thought Louis XVI did not do what he promised: levy less tax. Residents asked the death of Louis XVI because they wanted to a new leader.

The second reason was the French Estates. Residents were divided into 3 different estates in 17th century France: the first was clergy, the second was aristocracy, and the third estate was commoners. The first and second estates, had 300 people, but there were 648 people in the third estate. The French estates created two problems: the commoners' quantity was not sufficient, but they needed to pay high taxes to the other estates. The second problem was that businessmen belonged to commoners (Business developed a lot, and high tax became a hinder for business.). The third estate asked for the development of business.

The last reason was the economy. As we know in the second and third paragraphs, French businesses were progressing, so the residents asked for money; they did not want to starve. However, the economic development affected the benefit of the first and the second estates. They did not want the commoners to get more money and power. The contradiction had exacerbated estate conflict. The commoners fought for their power and rights they should have.

The Storming of the Bastille started the French Revolution because of the progressive ideas, French Estates, and the economy; the French fought for their free. The French Revolution is one of my favorite history events. I learned many quotes from this period of time. For example, Montaigne said, "Ambition is not a vice of little people.". This quote always encourages me to have ambition, and work hard for it. I sincerely invite to you read about the French Revolution and know more about that period and learn more quotes from this period of time.





Apple

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