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Until about a decade ago, it was very hard to find traces of hip hop culture in our rapidly developing city of Dongguan. The industrial age—where people inside buildings make products—was taken to the extreme. It was an authentic concrete jungle. I was here and I was looking. It wasn’t there.

But the people who would emerge and add color to a gray city were already on their way. Fresh talent and passion broke through and found their way into this city’s consciousness, and have been spreading to reach more and more of us.

You can now see many street art pieces, small or large, all over. Colors added to our gloomy reality can be effective to increase people’s happiness, thus their productivity. No wonder the city has shown big support in commissioning more and more artworks.

True hip hop culture includes activities that are, simply put, cool. It’s much more than some color and words on a wall. Dancing is also a strong component, as it is another form of art that allows you to freely express an idea or an attitude through movement.

Music is another way to channel new culture. It connects with young people through many forms of expression and provokes pure, emotional reactions. Music that comes from the underground is always the most honest, which also makes it easier for people to connect. Sport and design can also be hip. Really, it’s all about new ideas and open-minded people.

Dongguan is already hip. You just need to open your eyes and look around. Focus on the color and ignore the grey. And remember, stay cool!

Ziv Gil-Kenan
Editor-in-Chief

Hello,
I am new here and wanted to find community groups, church or expat groups. Do you have ideas or suggestions?
I guess WeChat groups could be a good start to meet people and get newcomers information. Can you suggest any?
Thanks,
Dan A.

Hi Dan,
Thanks for writing. Back in January, we wrote an article about some interesting groups. Check our website (“To Love and Hate WeChat Groups”) to see if you find anything interesting and we’ll connect you. We’ll also send you some other useful information for newcomers. Feel free to send us a message when you have any issues and we’ll try to do what we can. Enjoy your stay!

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Can you spot the fake ad this month? Send your entry to editor@heredg.com. One lucky winner will receive three tickets to Dongguan’s biggest water park, the Palm Valley Water Park in Dongcheng, valued at 354 RMB.

Congratulations to all those who found last month's Fake Ad on page 46: Universal Electronics Charger. Hannah Cartwright was last month’s randomly selected winner. She’ll receive three tickets to the Palm Valley Water Park, valued at 354 RMB.

Please note, participants can only win one prize within a twelve-month period.
Ancient Dongguan was protected by an imposing wall, moat and four impressive gates. The east entrance was named He Yang Gate (He Yang Men 和阳门) because it was located close to a road named He Yang Road (He Yang Lu 和阳路) at the Dong Men Square. The south entry was called Chong De Gate (Chong De Men 崇德门) close to People's Park. The north access point was referred to as Zhen Hai Gate (Zhen Hai Men 镇海门), thanks to its proximity to Zhen Hai Road. The today-famous west gate is formally named Ying En Gate (Ying En Men 迎恩门). It's the only remaining passage from the four.

Ying En Gate witnessed countless historical political storms, but stood its ground. Under Qing Dynasty in 1854, He Liu (何六) gathered a group of people in Shilong to respond to the Hong Xiuquan (洪秀全), the Tai Ping Tian Guo (太平天国) reaction. They attacked the county, seriously damaging a temple and tower yard. Later, the government built a simple city over the ruins.

After the founding of the People's Republic of China, the government moved the whole of Zi Fu Temple (资福寺) to the core of the replacement city. Later, some materials of the old Zi Fu Temple went to build the modern West Gate.

1979
This year marks when “hip hop” officially became a mainstream concept with the release of Sugarhill Gang’s “Rapper's Delight.” Read more about hip hop and the underground scene in this issue’s feature story on page 14.

SOWHAT'S HUGE 2ND ANNIVERSARY PARTY
8 PM, FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 AT TANGLA DONGGUAN HOTEL (DONGCHENG).
To properly celebrate their 2nd anniversary, Dongguan-famous Chinese WeChat account SoWhat has planned a throwback Disco Party & Night Market theme.

There will be plenty going on with shows, games, all kinds of snacks and, of course, endless dancing (if you’ve got the stamina, Travolta).

Dig into the closet to find your best disco wear because you don’t want to be the only one at the party in a tattered t-shirt. Besides, for anyone wearing appropriate attire, generous perks at the party await!

Come for the food, stay for the dancing.

COOL OFF THIS SUMMER
Ice Star skating rink laid smack dab in the middle of Nancheng’s upscale One Mall might just be a clever replacement for the movies to beat the summer heat. Featuring an internationally standardized venue, which can host figure skating, short track skating and ice hockey, if you know what you’re doing, you’ll be happy. If not, it’s also perfect for clumsily skating in circles.

The imported equipment is said to create the perfect ice surface to glide across as you hold hands with your mate. Now, feel that silky smooth texture as you get back up while cursing its high-quality hardness.

Skate rentals are also available from sizes 24 to 45. If you get bored of circles and loud music, hit the in-house bar for a couple of Canadian beers to get you in the mood (note: Tsingdao drunk in an ice rink may be construed as a Canadian experience).

A fair price of 70 RMB gets you two hours of frigid fun. If you’re a perfectionist, skating courses start at 140 RMB for 30 minutes to 650 RMB for two and a half hours.

Hours are 10 am to 9 pm. Get frosty, Snowman.
Address: No. 335, 3rd floor, One Mall, Hongfu Road, Nancheng District, Dongguan City.

Things got sweaty at PartyHERE’s first-ever beach party in Huizhou last month. You won’t want to miss the next one.
(Got a pic? Send it to editor@heredg.com and we’ll print it!)
CRACKING DOWN ON TRAIN CHEATERS

Fare dodgers and people caught smoking on trains in Guangdong Province could be banned from traveling by rail if they break rules more than twice. According to draft regulations dealing with railway operations and safety, ticket scalpers and passengers who use fake identity cards to board trains will be blacklisted, with offenders facing fines of 500 to 2,000 RMB. Smokers and fare dodgers will be fined immediately if caught. In addition, the Province proposed a ban on drones, kites, balloons, lanterns and low-altitude aircraft within two kilometers of a railway track. Zeng Yong, an executive at Guangzhou Railway Group, said the draft regulations would help reduce the number of people dodging fares and smoking on trains. (chinadaily.com)

HANGING ON A LIFELINE

There is a Chinese phrase “Ming Xuan Yi Xian (命悬一线),” which literally means to hang a life on a line, that describes any dangerous situation where one might lose their life. One 50-year-old Liaoning woman’s experience could vividly represent this phrase. On July 1, the Mingshan fire team of Liaoning Benxi fire brigade reported that a woman had fallen from her apartment and was hanging by the wire in between the second and third floors only in her underwear. The fire fighters rushed to the scene at once, set up a 6 meter ladder to keep her stable. Others approached her, while four fire fighters were ready at the window of the second floor. About ten minutes later, she was saved. Identified by her family members at the scene, she apparently slipped and fell while cleaning the windows. (news.sina.com)

FIRST DRIVERLESS BUS HITS TAIWAN

On July 8 to 13, the first driverless bus called “EZ10” was debuted in Taiwan at the Shuiyuan (水源) Campus of Taiwan University. It can transport 12 passengers at a time (six seated, six standing). At the debut, staff set the speed at 10 km/hour, but the vehicle can, in fact, run up to 40 to 45 km/hour. This bus ranks at driverless level four, which means the bus can drive and perform environmental monitoring without the interference of a driver. It has already served more than 80,000 people in at least 10 countries around the world. No accidents have yet been recorded. Some people are excitedly looking forward to it being used while others remain skeptical. (cnbeta.com)

MOBIKE IN MANCHESTER FAILS

Mobike has brought 1,000 bikes to Manchester and Salford in June. However, because the bikes can be left anywhere, their sudden appearance on the streets of the city caused some problems. Mobike is dockless, which is puzzling to some people. A spokesman said a number of reports have been related to suspected bike abandonment or theft. Naturally, at least 50 of them have already been vandalized, as well. Nick Hubble of the Greater Manchester Cycling Campaign is concerned about the irresponsible minority, but cautions against being alarmist. “Vandals are in the minority, legitimate use is high,” he added. (manchestereveningnews.co.uk)
NEW DG TO PANYU HIGHWAY

A new highway from Dongguan to Panyu (Guan-Pan Highway) is expected to begin construction by the end of this August and be opened to traffic by May 2019. The Guan-Pan Highway will connect the Panyu District of Guangzhou City, just west of the Pearl River, and Dongguan, to the east of the Pearl River. The throughput should become a very important east-west passage in Guangdong. Running 6-lanes for 65.2 kilometers, the route will also cut through Shatian, Houjie, Dalingshan, Lioabu, Songshan Lake, Dalang, Dongken, Hengli, Changping and Qiaotou. This will be the first highway traveling through Qiaotou and Dongken. Demolition work and land acquisition were already running at full steam during this past June, with construction intended to begin before August 30. Dongguan has also been speeding up other highway construction projects, like the Second Humen Bridge, to further strengthen the connection between Dongguan and territory west of the Pearl River. (southcn.com)

HIGH-SPEED TRAINS NOW DELIVER

Say goodbye to the era of either instant noodles or low-cost meal boxes on trains. The China Railway Company tested food delivery services on high-speed trains from July 17 at 27 stations, including Shanghai, Guangzhou, Nanjing, Chengdu, Xiamen, Wuhan, Chongqing and more. The service covers all train routes starting with the letter “G” or “D.” Passengers can preorder from the 12306 website or use the official app from 6 am to 11 pm. Choices are various because you can not only order the self-catering food from China Railway Company, but also from many brands along the way. Notice that you must order at least two hours before your train. After paying by WeChat or AliPay, the food will be delivered directly to your seat after arrival on the train. (Qianjiang evening news)

WOMAN CAUGHT WITH 203 BLOOD SAMPLES

Huanggang customs busted a woman who was carrying 203 tubes of blood samples from pregnant women for testing in Hong Kong to detect the gender of the babies. The middle-aged woman attempted to enter Hong Kong with a bag full of blood tubes which are used for DNA tests. The suspects said they were paid between 100 to 300 yuan for smuggling the blood samples. An official at Huanggang Customs said many mainland parents want to know the gender of their expected child before deciding whether to give birth. It’s illegal to have prenatal gender tests for non-medical purposes in mainland, so some agencies take blood samples from pregnant women and transport them to Hong Kong for testing. Huanggang Customs said it will intensify checks against illegal transport of blood samples through a number of measures, vowing to end the “profit chain.” (163.com)
On July 3, a day before America's Independence Day, some top 500 companies in Shenzhen received red envelopes entitled: “Are you ready to take over America?” What’s more, inside were some US dollars that had Chinese emperors’ portraits on them.

What’s going on?

In fact, this is a marketing stunt conceived by ITTIZ and Global From Asia.

“One of the reasons we ran this campaign was to showcase the creative abilities currently available in Shenzhen. A lot of the time, there is a large focus on hardware, while the creatives are left out in the cold. We wanted to show that Shenzhen is not only a place for hardware innovation, but for innovation on all fronts, such as, in our case, marketing, branding, and design,” said Sean Davis, CEO of ITTIZ.

Some companies were also invited to give feedback. Enzo Wang, CEO of Jinzhuoheng Electronics instantly thought it will probably offend some foreigners, however he mainly saw the comedic aspect of the ad. Q. Shah, CEO of ATOM said this truly made him realize how quickly the world is changing.

The Cultural Exchange tour of the Sino-Canadian Youth Orchestra was held at the Star Theater in the Dongguan Culture Center on July 25.

The North American Chinese Orchestra and Dongguan local art troupe came together to perform for local fans. The Canadian-based orchestra was led by famous lute player He Xiaomei and consisted of more than 20 Chinese musicians.

The Sino-Canadian Cultural Exchange Tour is part of the “Root-Seeking Summer Camp” for overseas Chinese adolescents. Held by the Dongguan Foreign Affairs and Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau for nearly 20 years, the camp has invited more than 1,000 overseas Chinese youth in its history.

An official from the Dongguan City Foreign Affairs and Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau said they would like to take this opportunity to deepen overseas community’s understanding of Chinese culture and strengthen the integration of foreign culture into Dongguan.
Walkers rejoice! From now on, any driver who doesn’t give right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks will be fined 200 RMB and given three traffic points.

The Dongguan Traffic Police have started the special modification in order to ensure safety when crossing roads. On July 15, they investigated and dealt with 367 traffic violations. They also distributed more than 12,000 promotional flyers to civilians. In order to expand the influence of the new regulation and push more drivers to follow the law, the publicity department of traffic police cooperated with the Liaobu team to live stream the process over about 45 minutes. It had already accumulated 880,000 clicks by July 18.

"[The fine] should be 500 RMB," said Sean, a foreigner living in Dongguan for two years. "They need to punish bad driving and teach people how to drive, even using a defensive driving course."

Traffic police will continuously check at main crossings in Dongguan on the 5, 15 and 25 dates each month. Let’s hope drivers will learn to respect walkers ASAP.

Dongguan People’s Hospital launched a new self-service machine, which provides the distribution of medical cards, registration, payment, inquiries and so on, to reduce the burden of queuing and decrease patients’ waiting time.

“Sounds convenient. I would like to have a try,” said by a 44 year-old Chinese woman, “However, if I want to check whether the doctor I’m familiar with is on duty, the machine can’t answer me. I still need to confirm from the window.”

Before, patients needed to queue at least two or three times for registration and payment. Now, without any additional assistance, patients can complete their registration in only two minutes. For the payment, WeChat and UnionPay are available. However, social security card payers will still need to wait in line at a separate cashier.

Even better, patients no longer need to prepare their medical records. Instead, they only need to insert their ID card and let the machine do the rest.

Other hospitals in Dongguan are now planning to implement similar technologies and will probably see a wider rollout over the next couple of years.

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SELF-SERVICE ENTERS HOSPITALS
MOVING THE CAR ACCIDENTS

Dongguan traffic police and WeChat have launched a self-service system for more quickly and easier handling of minor traffic accidents via the WeChat account “Dongguan Jiao Jing (东莞交警).”

Of late, minor traffic accidents have become the major cause of traffic congestion since most drivers stay at the accident scene for a long time to preserve the official evidence for insurance.

Now, police recommend drivers to directly handle the accident on their mobile phone if there is no injury and move the vehicles. Easily follow the operating procedures to collect important information and leave the scene. Later, drivers can come to any of the 15 accident handing service points in Nancheng, Dongcheng and Liaobu to deal with the accidents.

2017 AUGMENTED WORLD EXPO ASIA

The Augmented World Expo is the largest industry exhibition for augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR) and intelligent wearable equipment from all around the world. It’s hosted in America, Asia and Europe. The 2017 Augmented World Expo ASIA took place in Beijing, Xian and Dongguan. This is the first time that this exhibition lands in Dongguan.

The exhibition gathered about 30 international top speakers from America, Germany, Italy, Korea, Japan, Russia and more who gave speeches about global development and industry supplications of VR/AR/AI in South China. They also discussed technical developments and product demonstrations.

For two days, the event showcased AR/VR technology research and development, industry incubation, investment and financing, intelligent manufacturing, content development and industrial applications. The future is here.

VOLUNTEERS CLEAN SHARED BIKES

A few kind students volunteered to clean and repair shared bikes after finishing exams.

The major concerns facing shared bikes are damage, theft and private locks. Even though some bike staff need to organize and repair the vehicles daily, there are still many broken bikes laying on roads.

According to this social phenomenon, a few students from Dongguan Automotive Technology School volunteered to help solve these problems over their summer vacations. They hunted neglected bikes across the city and tried to educate others against destroying or keeping the shared bikes for themselves.

After a day without computer games and air conditioning, most said they found a deeper understanding of shared bikes and now understood how hard the staff work.

DG’S FIRST PICTURE BOOK LIBRARY

The first picture book library opened on the second floor of Wanjiang Library on July 22. Rebuilt from the teenager’s reading room, the space covers an area of about 146 square meters with a design suitable for children’s reading habits. Colorful walls and tables make the little readers feel at home.

To encourage and inspire different children’s reading interests, the picture book library focused on important themes and quality. Themes range from science, geography, math and fairy tales. More than 3,000 various kinds of books were purchased, with about 400 in English.

Even better, there are five “Egg Robots” that will be children’s partners to inspire their interests. These intelligent robots can scan QR codes, sing and read books. The library wanted to create a brand-new reading experience by using AI technology.

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SMOKING IS PROVEN TO KILL. FOR SOME, THE DECLINE IS SLOWER THAN OTHERS, BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE WHO DON’T HAVE A CHOICE? WE SHOULDN’T ONLY BE CONCERNED WITH OURSELVES. AFTER ALL, EVERYONE HAS LUNGS.

Health has become important in my older age. I come from a country that values freedom and individual choices, even if they are self-destructive. We are increasingly concerned, however, with how one’s choices impact others.

In addition to going along with freedom of choice, in my opinion, is logic.

Due to the climate of corporate power, many of the smoking-related disease statistics are anecdotal. One article states that one in three Chinese men will die from smoking-related diseases. Another claimed that one in five Americans—not just men—will die from smoking-related diseases. I still can’t find comparable stats for Europe or South America.

I was a swimmer in high school and college. My specialty was butterfly—like Michael Phelps, but much slower. Since I was a swimmer, I was lucky not to have time to hang out with the “bad kids.”

My father was part of the World War II generation and fought in the Pacific Theater, where “patriotic” American tobacco companies generously provided low-cost cigarettes—naturally, at taxpayer expense—to our brave fighting boys. He was a smoker.

This is why I have a hard time understanding why anyone smokes in any confined space, whether it’s a room, a restaurant, or incredibly, in an elevator. It’s ignorant, selfish and rude.

Today, we have an abundance of facts from hard research about the damaging physical effects of smoking. This is why some countries no longer permit people to smoke indoors. Not in offices, not in restaurants, not in any public place.

Every time I see someone smoking, I have to wonder: Why? Why start in the first place? Why do it at all? Do you really think it’s cool? Do you really think you look cool? When it comes time for your funeral, can we put a cigarette in your mouth as you’re lying in the coffin so you can continue to look cool? Just asking.

Now, for those who have made the mistake of starting and would like to quit there have been many successful methods.

One friend got a job in a factory that had very flammable materials. He quit immediately. Motivation always helps.

Others may need to find a way to replace the nicotine addiction. There are various products that are widely available, such as nicotine gum or patches, which deliver nicotine directly into the skin to prevent the need for smoking, and hopefully, enabling quitting altogether. Plus, with this being China, acupuncture is also an option. Quitting takes effort, but it can be done.

I’ll leave you with a famous quote used in various contexts about smoking and the people who smoke:

“Fire on one end and a fool on the other.”

Think about it.
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The opening of Dongguan’s metro is the first stepping stone towards linking the entire region via rail. Since opening, both ends of Line 2 have been able to conveniently bring you to neighboring cities, which is a great quick weekend escape.

At the southern tip of the line waits Humen station. There, a high-speed train (Gao Tie) connection offers you destinations of either Shenzhen North or Guangzhou South stations. Both trips take roughly twenty minutes and will cost you around 60 RMB.

Initially, this might sound good, but bear in mind, these trains will take you to stations that are actually on the outskirts and require further metro/bus travel to get to the city centers.

For an extra 15 RMB and 10 more minutes, you can also take the train from Humen to Futian. This is definitely a better option to get into the center of Shenzhen more quickly. However, be careful not to confuse this station with the Futian checkpoint if you are merely attempting to cross the border to Hong Kong. This is a separate station entirely, which is at the far southern end of Shenzhen’s red, Longhua Line.

At the other end of Line 2 is Shilong, the home of Dongguan’s official train station. The options here are slightly slower and a shade more expensive than the Gao Tie, with trains taking about forty minutes to go in either direction and several stations in between. Despite the negatives, this station can take you directly into the heart of Guangzhou or to the Luohu border crossing in Shenzhen.

How to buy

There are a few ways you can obtain a train ticket, but some can be more laborious than others.

If you opt for the old-fashioned waiting in line method, prepare for some serious high blood pressure. The queues will generally take anything from ten minutes to half an hour and people will be nonchalantly pushing in constantly. After all this, you might possibly be told there are no tickets available. This approach should be your last resort.

The more tech savvy among you may attempt booking with a smart phone. This technique may prove to be slightly more efficient, provided that you don’t end up still waiting in some line at the station to collect your ticket. The trick is to find one of the train station outlets, or travel agencies, in your area. Ask around, they shouldn’t be too hard to find.

There, you can either collect pre-booked tickets or arrange your trip then and there. For an extra 5 RMB, this is a quick and simple alternative. The satisfaction of effortlessly breezing through the pandemonium of a crowded ticket hall is priceless in itself.

Finally, we come to the automated ticket dispensing machines. This is a great option for those people who forgot or had no time to buy tickets in advance. There are two types and they both generally have shorter queues. One accepts Chinese ID cards only; the other has a passport option. Because English didn’t seem to be available on the machines we tried, we took the liberty of mapping out the steps (left) to help you through the process.

Whenever possible, try to buy tickets in advance. We tried multiple machines at different stations and some worked, while others didn’t. If you can’t get your passport scanned, move to another kiosk and try again. It’s also unclear if it’s necessary to visit an actual attendant first to put all your passport information into the system.

When in doubt, ask for help, or begrudgingly join the window queue. Just prepare that stiff arm to ward off any cutters.

1. By clicking the second button on the right; change destinations.
2. This page guides you to choose trains with different departure times. Click to choose the desired one.
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5. Choose the second blue button “mainland travel permit for Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan residents or passport” to verify your identity.
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Despite the perks, there’s a lot going wrong in America. Painfully glaring is the racial segregation that stretches back hundreds of years, even predating the country itself. Depending on to whom you speak, things may be slowly improving, but for many, pure equality may never truly exist.

The disenfranchised coming from desperate neighborhoods are often disowned and ignored. Appropriate paths of survival may only be dictated from the top. Options for impoverished youth are limited. Indeed, revered Notorious B.I.G. once quipped: “…the streets is a short stop. Either you’re slinging crack rock or you got a wicked jump shot.”

Still, numerous individuals have been able to break through, successfully fighting against the rigid patterns of society to find enormous wealth and success. Thanks to the tireless souls of these artists, street culture comprising art, music, dance, fashion and sport is flourishing across America and beyond.

On the other side of the world in China, the underground is flourishing—albeit for very different reasons. Ironically, many of the fans of these styles are part of the same system that reinforces the social disconnect that faces so many in the US. I, myself, am included in this broadly projected guilt.

Despite the struggles that spur art, detached consumers perceive the emotion-filled creations merely as products of entertainment. A dance is rhythmic movement, lyrics are stories that flank heavy-hitting beats and paintings are colors on a page.

Removal of original stories and naturally lacking the empathy to truly understand them, secondary...
artists recreate the work of their heroes in their own style and understanding. A reimagined gangsta rap track may forego common themes of violence and tragedy to discuss decidedly different concepts, like censorship and excess.

This is called evolution and despite the present tone, it’s never a bad thing.

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Here in Dongguan, this perspective is transcended and varied. Gone are the mentions of “the projects,” visceral violence and pleas against racism. Still, we’re all really in some kind of struggle. Let’s be honest: “...everybody’s looking for something.”

Over the course of a little more than a week, we watched, listened and spoke to a fascinating array of artists, athletes and creators in an effort to discover—beyond the factories—what’s really being made in Dongguan.
As a vehicle for the outpourings of the soul, music perhaps has no widespread equivalent. Whether it’s a guitar strum, vocal tones or melodic tapping on a desk, organized sound is always there and ready to express any and every mood.

“I think people need to be more open to expressing their thoughts through writing. Whenever I had a problem, I’d go and grab a piece of paper and write down some words or rhymes. It became addictive. For me, that’s how I got started in music,” said local Brazilian rapper Guga Santos.

It’s practically a given that asking anyone whether or not they enjoy listening to music will elicit a reply of yes, they like everything. Huge swathes of people today are extremely spoiled when it comes to choice regarding most anything. Not too long ago, you had folk music played by workers for some brief after-work entertainment and the bourgeoisie had refined, “classical” music.

Discerning what’s good and bad in the gigantic mix of options can be so exhausting that some choose everything and nothing at all. Others grow disillusioned with what’s out there, so they create their own favorite hits.

“Today, there are too many bands in China. The music industry is messy. These days, we prefer foreign bands since their music is more avant-garde. When listening to the music from Chinese bands, we always consider whether this music is able to keep up with trends,” said Hei Guo (黑锅), guitarist and vocalist for ATM (阿童木乐队).

Development is always available if there’s something that’s worth striving. If nothing excites a society, progress is sometimes reversed and people will revert back to comfortability.

“Before you came into local clubs around Dongguan and most of the people were in the pit dancing wildly. They’d shake and follow the rhythm with the DJ. Now, you can only see people playing dice and asking the DJ to play some Lady Gaga,” said DJ Mic Junior, founder of the Basement DJ group.

There’s nothing wrong with pop stars and playing games on a night out, but when you go to a music club, shouldn’t it be to appreciate the sounds and feel the urge to move? Some blame the entire music industry for widespread carelessness.

“The radio scene, it’s hard to handle. They want you to be something you’re not. They don’t care about your music, only that it sells. So, if I could get my music on a [record] label, I would only be happy if they accepted me for me,” Guga clarified.
Perhaps ditching mainstream music altogether is the answer. "It'd be very hard for most people to focus exclusively on underground music. This would need consumers to calm down and listen carefully to the work, otherwise it wouldn't make sense. Most people in this century prefer fast-food-style music and don't have the patience to do this. Some will just feel it's all too noisy," Mic responded.

Others disagreed. "To be honest, I don't really like this "underground" word. The ideas we want to share with Dongguan is a kind of positive culture, not the one with so many four-letter words like the previous style," said Soul Man (瘦文) of the Nan San Men (南叁门) rap crew.

Like other cultural forms, free-spirited music in Dongguan has struggled to keep up with China's urban giants. "Art seems more passive in Dongguan. The people here may not want to understand and analyze the arts positively. After all, Dongguan is an industrial city, where the cultural and artistic atmosphere hasn't grown enough. Cultural development has only begun in recent years," explained Hei.

His bandmate, bassist Peng Haibin (彭海彬), goes further. "Many cities began to make original music earlier than us and they did very well. However, in the past few years, Dongguan is getting better and better, and slowly matching other cities. Especially this year and the last, Dongguan's cultural output progressed quickly," said Peng.

Like others pursuing alternative art forms, many musicians migrate from similar interests, curious about new possibilities in different environments. "I started breaking in high school and became interested in working as a DJ after almost four years. So, I bought a small DJ machine to try it by myself. I later met my current tutor at a party through Jason (of Puzzles). After the party, Jason introduced me Mr. Tommy and told me to ask him to teach me. He initially said no. Later, he finally agreed and I spent almost a year as his apprentice," said Chum Rock (鸡偆) of DG City.

He's not alone. "At first, I was also a dancer. When my parents realized that I could earn some money by dancing, they came to accept it. Later, I told them I was now a rapper. Because I already had a foundation, they also accepted this. My parents could see what I learned from all this, like how to face the difficulties and how to communicate with others. They understood the value," said Young White (小白) of Nan San Men.

Still, even with a vision, complications can easily arise from a lack of nurturing social support. "My parents don’t yet support me. Even a few days ago, my dad was still asking, ‘why don’t you look for a real job?’ Their thinking is quite traditional. I insist on continuing because I want to prove to myself and to let my parents know that I truly can do it. What they thought before was wrong," said Fly Tiger (老虎), also of Nan San Men.

Whatever music you like and however you like to enjoy it, all agree that the everlasting creative impulse should be used for good and become a force of positivity wherever it goes. "No matter what happens in the future. We will keep our principles and attitude. We are all locals and we want to do something useful for the city. Our contribution is letting more people know about this culture," declared Fly Tiger.
“Dance is different,” said Rena Farzaliyeva, founder of Around the World Dance Studio, after finishing a quick session before sitting down to talk.

“When I was in second grade, my mom brought me to the local dancing school to take the entrance exam. In front of me, they told her that I wasn't like her—a professional ballerina—and couldn't be a classical dancer. So, this harsh idea was put in my head, but I still ended up later starting in the folk section in sixth grade,” she revealed.

Just like other addictive hobbies or professions, when someone cares about dance, their life will transmit its influences. Unlike other arts, dance truly is different because even on standby, it's waiting to activate and break into show. All that's needed is a catchy beat.

“I love dance because it keeps me healthy and my mind strong. When I came here with my husband, I wasn’t sure what to do. I knew how to dance, so I made it into a career. Now, I’m married to China,” explained Rena.

For dancers coming from street forms, their efforts to gain initial acceptance were just as rocky.

“I started dancing in 2008 and there was no support like in Guangzhou or some foreign countries. The government and people thought dancers were gangsters. We were misunderstood. However, we kept attending different competitions and won plenty of prizes. By 2014, more and more people had changed their minds and started joining us to promote this culture. Today, you can see more and more people feeling the positivity of what we do,” said Roderick (黑仔), leader of DGTCREW (东叁角).

Others just needed understanding and support from their families before fully taking the plunge.

“I can still remember how happy I was when my mom promised to pay for my first lesson. Even if I needed to leave at 8 am and come home at 8 pm, I didn’t mind. I worked a lot of part-time jobs and tried my best to save money for classes. When I turned on my computer, I didn’t want computer games, I sought out dancing videos. My mom realized how it made me become a better person and saw it in a completely different way,” said Ear (莫尔城), an instructor at Bold Art Workshop.

Ultimately, though, if you’re not doing something almost exclusively for your own satisfaction, why do it at all? Bucking the haters, love always finds a way to put the pieces together.

“When I started, we were out on the streets or squares. We just got an MP3 player for music and danced like the [old women in the square]. As time went on, more and more people knew about dancing and better artists came to Dongguan. Then, people started...”
opening studios to make places where we could practice together,” said Jasonz (张锦豪), owner of Puzzles Art Workshop.

Dedication is key in the underground environment—not just for learning a new skill, but for progressing the status of a minor society. As China’s wealth grows, people are increasingly tapping into the possibilities of the outside world. Still, cities like Dongguan are fractured: stuck with one foot in the past and the other stretching towards the future.

“Because Dongguan is a second-tier city, the ability to get new information is much slower than for first-tier cities, like Beijing or Shanghai. Our cultural deposits are simply not strong enough, yet. There’s a saying: ‘Dongguan is a cultural desert.’ Actually, this is common in many second-tier cities,” said dancer Joy Rock (阿景) of DG City.

Some people say that Dongguan is a cultural desert. Some people even think that we are too young to improve it. I want to do my best to let them know they are wrong. We went to eight different high schools to do talk about our community and get others excited. We’re working from the ground up to promote this culture,” Ice (李梓豪), also a teacher at Bold Art Workshop.

The old heads of the dance community, while once unapologetically competitive and confrontational—especially in battle—are now shifting their focus to better the local society, with the backing of their art. Still, even efforts rooted in goodwill have dangerous pitfalls.

“If you want to be part of this community, please don’t think about how much money or benefit you can get from it. Keep your interests and principles. I hope everyone like us will try their best to create a good atmosphere. I’m looking forward to a big party with dancers, extreme sport players, graffiti artists and so on coming together to expose our culture to more and more people,” urged Roderick.

Though, in the end, it’s really all about feeling good.

“Hip hop should be happy. It’s all for fun. It should make us unified, not used for fighting or battling. I just want to use the culture for peace. Now, this is how I feel about hip hop,” explained Jasonz.
Back in 2008, a wolf was born. Nailing gaps with a thrashing bike flying in tow, Dongguan BMX riders were regularly treated to impressive displays of athleticism.

“When I started doing BMX in 2008, the more senior riders in the group named me LOBO (wolf in Spanish) to honor my fierce approach to BMX,” said LOBO (吴志鹏), BMX rider and owner of Fighter Bike Shop.

This was all back in the beginnings of the peak popularity for the sport in Dongguan and China. These days, just four local, professional teams typically participate in about six to seven competitions per year. The stakes are high, as every team wants the glory for themselves—to be crowned the kings of Dongguan’s BMX community—but friendship still matters.

“Since the beginning, we were all close. Even in competitions, we may have had our teams, but we also competed as individuals. We all enjoyed the adrenaline needed for victory. After it was all over, we let the passion go and we still could be good friends. Friendship always comes first, competitions later,” LOBO explained.

Though, not all sports in Dongguan require such desperation. Wes Monkman was a longtime skateboarder, but now has largely left the sport in favor of slacklining, which features a flat rope, or slackline, tied between two trees to serve as a sort of tightrope. Being successful here means meditation and balance.

“I watched a video on how to do it, set it up and tried for about three hours. In the first day, I was only able to take about five quick steps. I continued on, but I really thought it was impossible. Then, I bought a shorter line. The next day, I was able to walk from one end to the other. I kept progressing from there,” said Wes.

A casual onlooker to slacklining might think it looks easy, but it’s not. Usually, beginners will need
ample time just to find the footing needed to start doing tricks. Wes is already there after a month of practice. As his skills continue to increase and enthusiasm grows, the priority is to keep in good condition.

“I stopped skating because when I do it, I get hurt. I just can’t take it easy. I skate to have fun and throw myself around. Because of this, I have many issues. I want to get deeper into slacklining, so I need to leave skating and stay healthy,” he reasoned.

Taking advantage of the eclectic features of the modern cityscape, parkour enthusiasts Xiao Yu (小羽) and Xiao Hua (小华) have spent years propelling their bodies through inhuman twists and spins to test the extent of their ability and bravery.

“At first, I fooled around with it by myself without any training. When I met my team’s leader—who was more experienced in parkour—I was led to work at the trampoline park in 769 Creative Park, which is not only a place for work, but also training. He taught me in a more professional way,” said Xiao Yu.

Unlike other sports, which require certain tools like a ball or a bike to participate, parkour only requires a healthy body and bold fearlessness.

“I get a lot of freedom out of it. You need a swimming pool for swimming, a basketball for playing basketball. Parkour is the only sport that can be done anywhere, anytime,” explained Xiao Yu.

“I also get a much greater feeling of achievement every time I finish some move or another challenge,” added Xiao Hua.

Now the pair, which form part of DG’s Parkour and Freerun group, are making steady progress on their craft and already looking ahead to the future.

“Before, I was so shy and quiet, but now I am becoming more outgoing because I want to know more people who might have the same interest. ‘Do you like sports?’ is the first question I ask new friends. I want to spend every minute of my day to improve my level and for others to feel that way, too,” mentioned Xiao Yu with beaming satisfaction.
For a city that once boasted production of something close to 90% of the world’s textiles, the dress of local population isn’t all that impressive. Copies of copies, misspelled brands and uninspired designs have all become the norm. Now, four companies spread across Dongguan are aiming to shake up the status quo by creating their own products from the ground up—finally, giving locals a handful of brands they can truly call their own.

“As a teenager, I wanted my own t-shirts, so I drew cartoons on clothing and sold them online. At the beginning, there were traces of big brands in my style, but I slowly created my own vintage-inspired, leisure look. By the time I was in university, I wanted it to be my career,” said TOFU (豆腐) of SUPERTOFU.

TOFU’s company makes up one-third of the UNDERGROUND collective, which also includes DAKYAM and Vermicelli (VMCL). All three companies still design and promote their own merchandise, but also work together to pool their strengths and generate more progressive stylistic efforts.

“UNDERGROUND’ has two meanings. First, we don’t want to be mainstream. Instead, we keep things unique. Second, it means we grow from seeds. We hope this movement can start because of us, extending to influence more and more people,” said Xie Tu (谢凸) of VMCL.

Others from the group echoed similar sentiments.

“If more new blood comes into this market, this culture will expand. We really don’t consider ourselves as an economic company. The reason we made [UNDERGROUND] was to better record the moments that we spend together,” said Zenmy (赞铭) of DAKYAM.

Other community members naturally drifted from similar forms of art and eventually found themselves designing clothing that more specifically fit their ideals and highlighted the ideas that influenced them.

“I’m not sure whether I was the first, but I started dancing really early on in 1999. I was DJ-ing in 2008. Now, with 17 years in this culture, I wanted to create a brand and share it with more people,” said Mr. Tommy (汤米), creator of DG City (DGC).

For those of us coming from societies that already exhibit mature urban culture, it’s easy to forget the challenges coming with opening up new concepts. Just because the idea was seen somewhere else doesn’t mean it’d be so simple to implement in a new environment.

“Previously in Shilong, people wore counterfeit brands. We all just looked the same. I started to wonder how I could make clothes for myself and quickly found out that many people in China were already doing it. I simply tried to follow them to create my own thing,” said Frankie (屎涛) of DAKYAM.

Part of what holds back the advancement of this fringe culture perhaps lies in its rugged appearance. As a result, parents may reject it for their children, based on simple, superficial concerns. As a primarily youth-led initiative, this harms development.

Tommy explained, “Some people might misunderstand what we’re doing, wondering about our tattoos. We are not only teaching them about underground culture, but also are showing them how to be good people by sharing positive values. The future of our thing must be good.”
Humans have been expressing themselves with paint for at least thousands of years with no end in sight. Nowadays, artists have migrated from cramped, darkened caves to the urban sprawl, where uninspired buildings stand as oppressive as the evils empires, themselves. Back in the day, things were different.

“This generation now uses the Internet to get all their ideas and knowledge. It’s much less interactive and positive. I grew up in a scene where writers would have a black book to sketch ideas before even thinking about touching a wall. You’d have to go around the city to find art,” said Dave L., a Canadian graffiti artist living in Dongguan.

In modern China, graffiti has largely come to be appreciated as a form of public art that often purely showcases more free and positive expression.

“People might have once called it vandalism, now most consider it art. The government is even offering more and more support,” said Betta (夏奕天), owner of RGB Studio (红砖国际).

Even with the spiritual and financial support coming from higher powers, these like-minded individuals have fostered a small, but close-knit community.

“In all of China, it’s still a niche culture with probably around 3,000 active artists. In Dongguan, there are maybe 30,” Summer further explained.

Despite the numbers, the group seems to be thriving with work going up all over—from back alleys to impressive promotional events.

“Compared to the end of 2009 and now, it’s another world. There are now plenty of kids feeling the hip hop scene. This place has tons of potential as it leaves the factories behind and becomes more cosmopolitan. It’s cool to see,” added Dave.

Thanks to increasing levels imported culture coming from the West, perspectives have changed. A society that once decimated and forewent cultural development in favor of enrichment is now catching up fast.

“When dancing in university, I met a group of friends who were also interested in hip hop. I see four elements in this culture: dancing, rapping, DJ and graffiti. I feel like only graffiti is still in a gray area because people think the paint ruins public buildings,” said Gary (赖国伟), one of the founders of Bold Art Workshop.

This developmental period of the form is normal, even exciting. It’s a sign that new things are coming. Perhaps even work that has never before been seen in Dongguan.

“I once saw a 12-color piece in Guancheng, which I thought was done by this famous writer named Revok. I was super confused what he would be doing in DG. Eventually, it turned out that it was a local writer imitating his style. Hopefully, that talented guy has found his own style of letters by now,” added Dave.

Undoubtedly, the more people are exposed and able to actually try creating themselves, the further the form will spread. There, exhilaration, emotion and a sense of pride will all wind into a colorful, inspiring piece of art.

“My first painting was so exciting. I exhausted my index finger, but I wanted to keep going, so I used other fingers to finish. I felt like I gave birth to something completely new,” told Summer enthusiastically.
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U.S.-based Ford Motor Company recently announced plans to expand automotive production in China. Ford officials had initially planned to manufacture its Ford Focus model in Mexico; representatives said the decision to move Focus production to Chongqing in 2019 would help the manufacturer avoid unnecessary retooling and investment costs.

Ford President Joe Hinrichs stated in a radio interview that the biggest advantage is that the move will allow Ford to “leverage existing capacity, and frankly, invest in one less plant to build the Focus worldwide, and that involves things like tooling for the body shop.”

**Did Ford make the right move?**

In a word, yes.

Thomas Ward, President of PIM China, an industrial market research firm, said, “Ford has excess capacity in a well-running China plant with an established supply chain; it would not make sense to build a plant in Mexico.” Ward notes, “The labor cost savings are negligible compared to Mexico, but they are not an issue as Ford, like many others, has fully automated plants.”

China’s parts manufacturers may then prove crucial. The number of individual parts manufacturers in China boomed from 4,300 in 2003 to 10,000 in 2015. This means that, unlike in the US or Mexico, where parts must be shipped in from a variety of locations, cars in China can be put together at lower costs with shorter supply chains.

In addition to production savings, John Niggl, Client Manager for InTouch Manufacturing Services, a third-party QC inspection and factory auditing firm, notes a lesser-known advantage: “producing in China allows multinational automakers to compete much easier in the local market, due to heavy Chinese tariffs that discourage imports. These benefits are likely to make Ford more profitable, while lowering costs for consumers.”

Ford is already experiencing record sales across all models in China. Since 2014, sales have grown 14 percent to 1.27 million units. Ford Focus sales have risen by more than eight percent since 2015. In contrast, Ford’s US sales declined in 2016, and demand for the Ford focus has dropped by 20 percent from 2016, and continues to fall.

Manufacturing plants in China are also better placed to access ASEAN. Vehicle sales in the Philippines and Vietnam expanded by more than 30 percent each last year, while Singapore’s were up 43 percent. This growth is complemented by various China-ASEAN trade agreements since 2005, allowing greater market entry. Vietnam, for example, is set to scrap or reduce tax across all tariff lines by 2020.

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**What is not being said?**

Aware that high visibility industries help boost local GDP and meet performance targets, regional governments in China have offered attractive incentives to manufacturers. For example, Chongqing’s Langjiang New Area, where Ford’s Chang’an plant is located, has incorporated a 15 percent cut to business income tax until 2020 for both Chinese and foreign-funded industries.

China’s central government also views the automotive industry as a “pillar industry.” This means that it provides national tax cuts, subsidies and infrastructure development that make the economy welcoming to car manufacturers.

The effectiveness of such cuts was observed in 2016 when the small vehicles tax was slashed by half from 10 to five percent to cushion the slowing economy. Cars sales subsequently rose by 14 percent, and are expected to rise a further five percent this year, as the tax will be kept below the usual 10 percent level.

Ford has in fact recently benefited from another incentive scheme. Colligan notes that Ford announced in April that they are increasing local production and sales of two new electric vehicles (EVs) in China. He says, “Chinese policy makers have made clear their focus on sustainability, and we have seen a strong response from both the state-owned and private sectors.”

The central government’s “Go West” policy and the “One Belt, One Road” initiative have also provided the infrastructure development needed to encourage economic growth and consumerism in underdeveloped western provinces of the country. As Ward notes, “infrastructure development plans would be attractive to anyone producing in China.”

**How will Ford’s plan be received?**

“Though controversial, it’s hard to argue with Ford’s decision to move production to China,” says Niggl. He says that while job losses in manufacturing have been a “pain point for voters in the [US]” latest presidential election, the commonly held belief that manufacturing in America is shrinking, and that re-shoring will bring back lost manufacturing jobs, is unfounded.” Indeed, he notes, “Automation, rather than outsourcing, has been the overwhelming contributor to job losses in manufacturing.”

Colligan is also bullish: “China will continue to be a global force in the years to come in mid-market auto sales. It is not a question of if, but how China will continue to grow, and Ford has made clear its stance.”

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ross the hulking, orange bridge in Wanjiang and enter into a part of the city that looks like all the others: apartments, factories and compact storefronts. Turning off into one unassuming side street, look up. A tiny sign marking “The Lun” tells you that you’re in the right place.

As you climb the stairs, prepare to change dimensions after venturing through the entrance. Inside is an upscale, café-esque shop with pictures and newspaper clippings lining the entryway. Paper roses made by owner and chef Lun Hao Yu (伦浩宇) tastefully decorate the dining room.

The Lun, which opened in 2013, is run and managed by a brother-sister duet with a single goal in mind:

“I focus on dessert and try to make it perfect. I know more and more people spend a lot of money on promotion, but I want to focus on the basics since we are only doing dessert. The way I promote is to win universal praise,” said Hao Yu.

Plenty of places in Dongguan make desserts. Bite-sized bakeries dotting the city have been competing with the international hotels’ petits fours for years now. If you’re groaning at the prospect of just another shop joining the mix, pause for a moment while you try a dessert that’s been deconstructed.

See, Hao Yu is a self-trained molecular gastronomic—a modern cooking style that manipulates food’s natural physical and chemical attributes—chef. Also, he doesn’t like desserts.

“I love cooking, but don’t like desserts. I prefer fast food. Actually, I like to make desserts because I like beautiful things. I also want to make it extremely good. If even I like something I create, I’ll know it’s good.”

While we talked, he rolled out course after sweet course, which all involved real litchi as a base flavor.

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Also using dry ice, a litchi infused cocktail eerily exhaled smoke across the table. A tart combined a variety of fruits and fresh herbs grown on their balcony. Even the tea on the table was made from litchi. This was the theme for the day, but the key ingredient is always changing.

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Despite his success, it’s been a struggle to find locals who truly understand and respect the innovativeness of his work.

“These days, I’d like to go to France and have a look at how they make desserts. I don’t really like Dongguan because I don’t think people here can appreciate my desserts. Most of them will only think, ‘Wow that’s expensive, so it must be good.’”

Now, the stakes for The Lun’s future are high. It’s all or nothing.

“My whole family disagrees with me doing this, so I made a deal with them. If I can’t find success in three years, I will come back and take over the family business, even I don’t like it.”

For anyone who’s guided by their sweet tooth, let’s hope this doesn’t happen.
A MODERN STEAKHOUSE
REFORM ANGUS STEAK & WINE BAR
• By David Mark Arnold

Just a few steps beyond Dynasty Mall (i.e. uncharted Dongcheng), awaits a lively new eatery. Walking in, you might need a double take as you glance around the walls filled with modern art and enthusiasm. Colors abound, this isn’t your grandfather’s steakhouse. If you dine in on a weekend evening, you’ll be even treated to live guitarist, which we were assured is classy.

The place reminded me of the establishments back home. Attention to detail to make a place look nice, but also with a non-conformist attitude that demands to be the one and only. I felt excited to dine. The place reminded me of the establishments back home. Attention

Reform Angus Steak & Wine Music Bar takes pride in the fact that they source all their beef (including burger meat) from a single farm in Australia of which the owner makes part owner. They don’t promise free range or anything trendy like that, but it does offer a tinge of confidence knowing that the restaurant’s supply chain is self-owned, so their quality control should be fairly tight.

Perusing the menu, plenty of pictures explain the part of the animal you’re about to eat and the various styles in which they can be cooked (note: they didn’t specifically ask us how we wanted our meat cooked.

If you are particular, do clearly indicate medium-rare, rare, etc.). Nearly all the dishes tote their own photos, as well so, you can simply the selection process if you lack the language.

The staff suggested that along with the typical drink options, they also feature some nice beers inclusive of the craft variety. We were brought Hoegaarden (not craft) and Jing-A (craft).

By no means was tasted a bit like paprika. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that textures, missing that perfect hard/soft balance. Two of the steaks (intercostal and short rib) arrived cooked in a strange marinade that
BUONGIORNO [A]  £££££
HOURS: 11:00 - 14:30, 17:30 - 00:00
ADDRESS: No. 168, Dongcheng South Rd (Bar Street), Dongcheng
PHONE: 2336499
中文: 意大利餐厅, 东城区东城中路世博广场90-92号
GRAPPA’S LONG ISLAND [A]  ££££
HOURS: 21:30 - 00:00
ADDRESS: Lotus Hill, Chang’an Town
PHONE: 2820202
中文: 长岛格拉帕餐厅
GIOVANNI’S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
HOURS: 11:30 - 14:30, 17:30 - 23:00
ADDRESS: Pullman Dongguan Forum, No. 32, Dongcheng Mede Plaza, Dongcheng
PHONE: 2336888
中文: 意大利餐厅, 东城区东城中路32号厚街国际大酒店
HOSTARIA [A]  ££££
ADDRESS: Shop A, Bar Street, Dongcheng South Rd
PHONE: 2339788
中文: 东城区东城中路厚街国际大酒店
HOURS: 11:30 - 14:00, 18:00 - 22:30
ADDRESS: Sheraton Dongguan Hotel, S526 Provincial Highway, Haojie Town
PHONE: 2856888 ext. 8800
中文: 东城区东城中路鸿基国际大酒店
MACKERONI [A]  ££££
HOURS: 10:30 - 13:30, 17:30 - 23:00
ADDRESS: Houjie Branch, No. 126, Shunfa Rd, Houjie Town
PHONE: 23057688
中文: 意大利餐厅, 东城区东城中路合富园126号
MOON’S MARGARITAS
HOURS: 09:00 - 00:00
ADDRESS: No. 11-101, Ninyi Business Street, Dachen Mind Rd, Chang’an Town
PHONE: 26827115
中文: 东城区东城中路11-101号店
PHONE: 22995749
中文: 多奇士餐厅
JAPANESE
AJISEN
HOURS: 11:00 - 14:00, 17:00 - 23:00
ADDRESS: No. 88, Yuanjing Waking Street, Dongcheng Avenue, Dongcheng
PHONE: 22001888
中文: 东城区东城中路白石路88号
HE
HOURS: 11:30-14:00, 17:30-22:00
ADDRESS: Wanda Vista, 208 Dongcheng Rd, Dongcheng
PHONE: 22001888
中文: 东城区东城中路白石路208号
MUKURA
HOURS: 11:00 - 14:00, 17:00 - 23:00
ADDRESS: No. 813, Moon Bay Plaza
PHONE: 23333333
中文: 东城区东城中路海边月亮湾813号
SAKURA
HOURS: 11:30-14:00, 17:30-23:00
ADDRESS: Pullman Dongguan Forum, No. 32, Dongcheng Mede Plaza, Dongcheng
PHONE: 23368888
中文: 东城区东城中路32号厚街国际大酒店
SEKISAI
HOURS: 18:00 - 22:15
ADDRESS: Sheraton Dongguan Hotel, S526 Provincial Highway, Haojie Town
PHONE: 28568888 ext. 6667
中文: 东城区东城中路厚街国际大酒店
SUGI
HOURS: 11:30-14:00, 17:30-23:00
ADDRESS: Tangda Dongguan, B Yuan Bin Dong, Dongcheng
PHONE: 24298888
中文: 东城区东城中路沿河3号
TARAYO [A]  ££££
HOURS: 11:00 - 14:00, 17:00 - 23:00
ADDRESS: 13 Bowls Food Miles, Dongcheng Rd, Dongcheng
PHONE: 23166528
中文: 东城区东城中路三碗面馆
HOURS: 11:00-13:00, 17:30-23:00
ADDRESS: No. 223, Minhu Plaza, Changning North Rd, Changan Town
PHONE: 8189926
中文: 东城区东城中路长安明珠广场
PIZZERIA CALZONE [A]  ££££
DELIVERY HOTLINE: 400-88-48259
PHONE: 2700-2240
中文: 卡通匹萨店
SICHUAN
XIAO SI CHUAN
HOURS: 11:00-22:30
ADDRESS: No. 258, Garden Rd, Huayuan Xincheng, Dongcheng
PHONE: 22973769
中文: 斗室堂餐厅
XINJIANG
YILI XINJIANG RESTAURANT
HOURS: 11:30 - 14:30, 17:00 - 22:00
ADDRESS: No. 1023, New World Garden, Dongcheng East Rd, Dongcheng
PHONE: 23132999
中文: 伊力新疆餐厅
SI LO LUO LAN RESTAURANT
HOURS: 11:00 - 22:00
ADDRESS: No. 122-123, Chaoyang Garden , Dongcheng Rd (Next to 13 bowls Food mile)
PHONE: 23272488
中文: C1区丝绸之路餐厅
中文: 东城区东城中路丝绸之路餐厅
THAI
TAIHAIWELL [A]  ££££
HOURS: 11:30 - 14:30, 17:30 - 22:00
ADDRESS: No. 611, Area C, Guangwang Leisure Street, Central Square, Nancheng (behind Dongguan Library)
PHONE: 22045665
中文: 东城区东城中路中央广场C区
中文: 香港海泰餐厅
THAI BASIL [A]  ££££
HOURS: 11:00 - 23:00
ADDRESS: No. 11, Zhongguang Rd, Dongcheng
PHONE: 23572012
中文: 东城区东城中路中餐馆
中文: 拉基泰国餐厅
THAI FOOD RESTAURANT [A]  ££££
HOURS: 11:00 - 23:00
ADDRESS: No. 61, Yong Hua Ting, Dongcheng Rd, Dongcheng
PHONE: 22065147
中文: 东城区东城中路中央广场
中文: 香港拉基泰国餐厅
VEGETARIAN
BODHI VEGETABLES
HOURS: 11:30 - 14:30, 17:00 - 22:00
ADDRESS: 2/F, No. 218, Area A, Venice Plaza, Dongzong Ave, Dongcheng
PHONE: 22038248
中文: 东城区东城中路威尼斯广场A区
中文: 布迪素菜
SHU FANG ZHAI VEGETARIAN
HOURS: 11:30 - 22:00
ADDRESS: No. 50-62, Yu Jing New Times Square, Dongcheng Ave, Dongcheng
PHONE: 22778059
中文: 东城区东城中路新时代广场
中文: 书芳斋素食
SONG FENG
HOURS: 11:00 - 14:30, 17:00 - 21:30
ADDRESS: Shop 101, Bldg A, Qilin xin cun Dongcheng
PHONE: 22294060
中文: 东城区东城中路三碗面馆
中文: 宋风素食
UPPER CAMDEN VILLAGE DESIGN
HOURS: 09:00 - 22:00
ADDRESS: No. 70-80, Ju Xiang Yuan (opposite Central Square McDonald’s), Shizhu Rd, Nancheng
PHONE: 22000202
中文: 东城区东城中路中央广场
中文: 上下青年村
BATOU GOES GLOBAL

ENJOY BAR, XIABA FANG (BATOU)

By: Giliam Johan Winckler

Batou, or Xiaba Fang, has got to be the most fun, versatile and mysterious playground in Dongguan, for no matter where one goes here, one stands in awe of the creativity, ingenuity and setup. Immediately following arrival, it might feel like one has escaped into another realm of sorts.

Each bar and restaurant has something special to offer here—whether one wants to go out with a group of friends or take a significant other out on a date. Whether one wants to go out with a group of friends or take a significant other out on a date. Whether one wants to go out with a group of friends or take a significant other out on a date.

I felt my inner Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle jump for joy (and doing back flips) when I saw the litchi-burning pizza oven in what definitely is the most diverse restaurant and bar in this place. When I finally got my pizza (yes, you can get half-half of any pizza on the menu), I was definitely not disappointed. I wish I had a bigger stomach, though, because the menu sports a wide variety of foods: steak, burgers, soup, salads, as well as, all manner of Chinese food. Prices are good and fair.

The drink front is even more intriguing. Outdoors, there’s a stage with a band playing typical Batou music. However, stepping inside reveals what they call a “Japanese-style bar. Auborn lighting provides warmth and the service at the bar pushes the feeling even further. With a menu full of classic cocktails, beer, wine and spirits available, you’re sure to be satid. They didn’t just serve drinks, they made them. Attention to detail meant the drinks came in decorative cups exclusive to each given beverage.

Enjoy Bar snakes upward like an escalator across five floors, with each level introducing a new look and feel different than the previous. The boss has travelled across the world—my friends and I were told—and this is his way to show his love and appreciation for the different cultures he has come across during his journeys.

On the ground floor, next to the pizza oven, is the Japanese bar. Next to it, rooms showcase Italy and old China. On the next floor, one’s inner Dutchman comes out on the deck and adjacent room. On the next floor, America, England and Spain come to mind. On the next, one gets a mixed impression of France and Australia. At the top, I wasn’t quite sure, but to me it felt a little like an Ibiza Café Del Mar type of vibe, complete with serene views. In the distance, we could see lightning on one side, and stars on the other.

YIYA VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT

HOURS: 11:00 - 21:00
ADDRESS: Access from the East gate of Nancheng Sports park, Dongguan Fairyuan, Xiangping Area, Nancheng
PHONE: 22585959
中文: 青年餐厅，东城区南城区青年篮球场南侧

ZHANG TANG

HOURS: 09:00 - 21:00
ADDRESS: 109, Minghua Rd, B tower, Xishan District, Humen Town
PHONE: 85731313
中文: 薛岗田园小食，虎门镇南下沙社区海逸路海鲜楼

VIETNAMESE

PHO 28

1. HOURS: 11:00 - 22:00
ADDRESS: No. 35, Shop, Ginanbuen, Ginanbuen, Dongcheng East Rd, Dongcheng
PHONE: 22372728
中文: 二十八越南牛河，南城区东城区越南餐馆

2. HOURS: 11:00 - 22:00
ADDRESS: No.31, Bldg 2, Jinhonghua Garden, Houchai Rd, Nandong
PHONE: 28677278
中文: 二十八越南牛河，城区东城区越南餐馆

YUNNAN

POUSTHOUSE

HOURS: 11:00 - 23:30
ADDRESS: 13 Bowes Food Mile, Dongcheng Rd, Dongcheng
PHONE: 23852066
中文: 诗府园2楼，城区东城区云南菜

BARS

AMAZING BAR

HOURS: 12:00 - 00:00
ADDRESS: No. 6, Shop, No. 3 East International Commercial Building, Nanjiang
PHONE: 26889667
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，长安镇桃李花园A幢8号铺

BUDA

HOURS: 10:30 - 02:00
ADDRESS: No. 8, Yitan Shoe City, Houjie Rd, Houjie Town
PHONE: 85957378
中文: 虎门斋堂素食馆，东城区东城中路32号东莞旗峰山铂尔曼酒店

CARMEN'S BAR

HOURS: 17:00 - 02:00
ADDRESS: Pullman Dongguan Forum, No. 32 Dongcheng Middle Rd, Dongcheng
PHONE: 23985688
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号东城区松山湖（B）酒店

B QUARTER

HOURS: 10:00 - 00:00
ADDRESS: No. 7, Yuji Avenue, Nanjiang
PHONE: 22800968
中文: 摩登酒吧，南城区区青年篮球场对面12号酒吧

HOLLYWOOD BABY

HOURS: 14:00 - 02:00, S 12:00 - 02:00
ADDRESS: Shop B, Bldg A, Taoli Garden, Chang an Town
PHONE: 83508550
中文: 酒吧，长安旗峰松山湖酒店

NIGHTLIFE

HELEN'S DONGGUAN

HOURS: 18:00 - 02:00
ADDRESS: No. 101, Yingyi Bldg, Dongcheng Ave, Dongcheng
PHONE: 23369805
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

IRENE'S BAR

HOURS: 16:30 - 01:30
ADDRESS: No. 33, Xuanan Shan North Ave., Houjie
PHONE: 13712512933
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

JIM'S ROADHOUSE

HOURS: 18:00 - 01:30
ADDRESS: No. 255, Guang Hua Bar Street, Chang'an Town
PHONE: 28877882
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

KANSAS CITY BAR & GRILL

HOURS: 18:00 - 02:00
ADDRESS: No. 112, Haixun Ave, Humen Town
PHONE: 5107688
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

LOTUS VILLAS BAR

HOURS: 16:00 - 01:00
ADDRESS: Lotus Mountain Piedmont, Lotus Hotel
PHONE: 8707777-8618
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

MURRAY'S IRISH PUB

HOURS: 14:00 - 02:00
ADDRESS: Shop 2, New World Garden, Dongcheng East Rd, Dongcheng (intersection across the big Dynatown logo)
PHONE: 13828801501
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

NEMO

HOURS: 18:00 - 2:30
ADDRESS: No. 23, Dongcheng Avenue, Dongcheng
PHONE: 23301100
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

OLY WORLD

HOURS: 24130515
ADDRESS: No. 112, 136/151, Xin Jie No.1 Commercial Street, Chenhui Middle Rd, Chang'an Town
PHONE: 18695037430
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

OFFICE PUB

HOURS: 19:00 - 02:00
ADDRESS: Shop 2, New World Garden, Dongcheng East Rd, Dongcheng (intersection across the big Dynatown logo)
PHONE: 13928801501
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

Polaris

HOURS: 10:30 - 02:00
ADDRESS: Shop No. 2, Dynasty Shopping Mall, Dongcheng
PHONE: 23920303
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

TREEHOUSE

HOURS: 24:00
ADDRESS: No. 179, Xiaba Fang, Batou Village, Wanchang
PHONE: 26995150
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

WINNERS ENGLISH BAR

HOURS: 17:00 - 02:00
ADDRESS: No. 1, Puikang Rd, Hengtai Town
PHONE: 82307311
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

ZIGGY'S BAR & GRILL

HOURS: 14:00 - 02:00
ADDRESS: No. 4-119, Xinyi Building, No. 290 DaZhou Rd, Chang'an Town
PHONE: 15819707567, CN 13727190890
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

CLUBS

372 TOP CLUB

HOURS: 21:00 - 00:00
ADDRESS: Area F3, No. 10, South China Mall, Wanjiang (Opposite the Night Market)
PHONE: 21666798
中文: 好莱坞酒吧，城区东城区东城中路32号

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**BB CLUB**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 23:00
**ADDRESS:** No. 81, Dongcheng South Rd (Bar Street),
Dongcheng
Phone: 22568333

**BEIJING BAR**
**HOURS:** 19:00 - 02:00
**ADDRESS:** 1029B, New World Garden, Dongcheng South Rd (Bar Street),
Dongcheng
Phone: 22558999

**FIFA CLUB**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 23:00
**ADDRESS:** No. 83, Yingde Rd, Shange, Nancheng
Phone: 22806988 / 22809772

**H CLUB**
**HOURS:** Southeast of Guangfa Creative Tower, Shenzhou Rd, Nancheng
Phone: 23869190

**SOHO CLUB**
**HOURS:** 20:00 - 02:00
**ADDRESS:** 2/F, Bayuan Food & Bar Street, Lianzhong Rd, Nancheng
Phone: 8579898/85505298

**TREASURES OF HOPE**
**HOURS:** 10:00-19:00, Wednesday: 10:00-21:00,
Saturday, Sunday
**ADDRESS:** Tangla Dongguan, No. 8, Yingbin Rd, Dongcheng
Phone: 13751477770

**THE FACTORY OUTLET**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 18:30
**ADDRESS:** 1/F, Mijia Grade, No. 39, Dongcheng South Rd, Dongcheng
(Next to Dongcheng Wet Market)
Phone: 22605466

**INT'L FOOD ALLGOOD SUPERMARKET**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** B 16, Vankle City Mall, Intersection of Gefeng Rd and Dongcheng West Rd, Dongcheng
Phone: 21686025 / 400 119 9526

**CORNER'S DELI**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** 1/F, 15-16, Zeng Garden, Dyantrun, Dongcheng East Rd, Dongcheng
Phone: 22377372

**JAY'S DELI**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** 1/2, First International, Nancheng
Phone: 22309557

**MORO FOODS**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** No. 113, Canal East 3rd Road, Nancheng (near Hongfu Bridge towards to Yinfeng Road direction)
Phone: 22985233

**METRO**
**HOURS:** 06:00 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** 1/F, 104 Jingfeng Rd, Wanjing
Phone: 22718888

**NO. 1 SUPERMARKET**
**HOURS:** 06:00 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** No. 9-11, Dongcheng East Rd, Dongcheng
Phone: 22514111

**SHAREFOODS**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** No. 186, Jinheng Rd, Humen town
Phone: 85161801

**WINE**
**AUSSINO CELLAR**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** AB-9, Moon Bay Plaza, Dongcheng Ave, Dongcheng
Phone: 22849898

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**BOOKSTORE**
**EVERGREEN BOOK**
**HOURS:** 09:30 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** 2/F, Tahe Commercial Street, Dongcheng
Phone: 22330098

**Cycling**
**0769BIKE.NET**
**HOURS:** 09:30 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** 2/F, First International, Nancheng
Phone: 22524866

**Dongcheng Trek**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** Shop No. 63-67, Qifeng Garden, Dongcheng
Phone: 22565322

**Golden donah**
**HOURS:** 09:00 - 23:00
**ADDRESS:** No. 49, Dongcheng Rd, Guanzhuang
Phone: 22116779

**Golden Giant**
**HOURS:** 08:00 - 23:00
**ADDRESS:** No. 84, Dongcheng Rd, Guanzhuang
Phone: 22518146

**Merida Bike Shop**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 22:00
**ADDRESS:** No. 10, Wanchang Shangyang Rd, Chang’an Town
Phone: 85300003

**Specialized Bike Store**
**HOURS:** 10:00 - 21:00
**ADDRESS:** Shop No. 106, Shengyuqin Bridge, Yuying Garden, Shitianzhi Rd, Dongcheng
Phone: 23057140

**Computers**
**Tian Yuan Market**
**HOURS:** 08:00 - 18:00
**ADDRESS:** Global Plaza, Dongcheng Ave, Dongcheng

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**Dining**

**BBQ**
**HOURS:** 19:00 - 02:00
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Selected Beer

**Sassy Lassy IPA**

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Selected Wine

**Louis Monfaisson AOC Bordeaux 2015 (Red)**

Gluggers and quaffers in Dongguan may have noticed a quiet renewal of the red wine vogue, which fell on China a decade ago. The iconic image of first-wave wine-fever was the Chinese enthusiast despoiling an underage Bordeaux with Sprite or Coke because, well, they didn’t really enjoy the austere tannins and sour brutality of an immature old-world wine. New labels coming into China are engineered by merchants, cooperating with winemakers to straddle the growing gap between authenticity (what the market says it wants) and easy-drinking, off-dry sluggers.

Case in point is Louis Monfaisson’s Bordeaux 2015. The color is a little fresh, even for a Bordeaux that’s not yet three years old. The nose is almost too perfectly poised—particularly after a half-hour in the glass. A decent weight of berry fruit strikes an all-to-easy balance with the alcohol (12.5% is at the low end for red Bordeaux), topped off by a suspicion of peppery spice. A trace of wood? Barely. Stalk? Natch.

And we’ll be seeing a lot more of this kind of wine in China, as suppliers try to meet the converging requirements of a local market, which still, secretly, wants to mix it with Coca-Cola.

**St. George**

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**Phone:** 85117789

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Upon examination of recent trends in human evolution, scientists have widely concluded that we are currently approaching a dead end. The two trends of walking upright on two legs and extensive brain development are creating a quite literal pinch point; the narrowing of hips required by upright walking and the brain capacity that makes us so unique have made our status as viviparous organisms less and less favorable.

Although our increasing intelligence has allowed us to cope with the rising infant and maternal mortality up to this point, it has been decided that we are ready for a leap away from this barbaric and dangerous situation. We will take a simultaneous step forward and back in evolution and, like our distant ancestors, become oviparous again.

Part 1
The cost of leasing the egg and supplying it with the yolk cartridges to continue its operation had put Rubin near bankruptcy. The Ova donor decided to be just that and backed out of the deal early on. Rubin was at it alone and, for better or worse, was not going to give up.

The battery capacity of the artificial egg is sufficient to last up to two hours, more if it is provided with an outside heat source as its complex oxygen cycling and waste removal functions have little power drain compared to the simple heating element that activates to simulate body temperature.

Rubin used the battery power for his commute to and from work, a task growing more and more difficult as the fetus size and burden were approaching the great reward of fatherhood. Now this scum was ready to take it all away in order to keep themselves in drink for a couple more weeks. The growing terror and fury were painted all over his face and posture. The older man observed and said, “He told us four grand.” The other shorter man piped up, “I reckon for one like this, ready to hatch, we could get five.” The first older man scoffed and said, “Sounds like peasant prices to me, he’s probably just a middle man. If we could find his boss, could get a whole lot more.”

Rubin was frozen in place, his heart racing. The stress of his daily grind and growing financial burden were approaching the great reward of fatherhood. Now this scum was ready to take it all away in order to keep themselves in drink for a couple more weeks. The growing terror and fury were painted all over his face and posture. The older man observed and said, “Don’t go thinkin’ you got a fightin’ chance little hen, if you were a real man you’d be makin’ babies the Vivo way”. At this Rubin lost it, cranked the throttle of his e-bike to full and slammed into the older man. The despicable coot gracelessly fell back onto the pavement and his head hit with a satisfying “THUNK” but in no time the younger men were on him from behind; Rubin’s jacket was torn open, the straps of the harness unhooked and his precious egg, his everything, was being scuttled off into the woods.

Part 2
As an egg-born child herself, Tam tended to go along with “Ovo” philosophy: “Technology requires only the donation of a single cell to have a child.” “The Vivo way is of the past, we’re Ovos now.” “Vivo traits are a wasteful inconvenience, why throw away all of that protein and iron AND put up with mood swings?” etc. etc. The logical conclusion is to modify one’s hormones and stop the monthly Vivo cycle.

Feeling a life as a part of your own body is one thing but watching a complicated machine carry out a biological process is something else altogether. With the former out of the question and the latter of little interest to Tam, she remained childless. There was a time, when she felt attached enough to a man to have an ovum extracted and start a life growing but the permanence of the whole thing was so intimidating and the rituals required to keep that machine working, while fully understood by her partner, were completely perplexing to her. She backed out in the first trimester. She was a classic dead-beat in an era where “motherhood”, without the related hormone influence, is yet to be redefined properly.

It was 9:17 am and Tam was still dead asleep when the call came. It was the police.

“We are investigating the theft of a mature egg. Since you are the mother, we require that you come in for questioning.” The urgency in the officer’s voice and especially that word “mother” struck Tam like an icy knife to the spine. Her memory of Rubin’s tedious obsession with that thing was transformed in that instant to a vision of him as a golden defender of good and in the next instant, as the ramifications of the call hit her, the vision transformed to her golden knight trampled into mud by the vilest forces of evil. The lazy comfort of Tam’s life was stripped away and replaced with a burning need for action; she was out of the door in a haste surprising even to her.
We’ve all been there. Whether at a school or learning center, we’re teaching away to students that have been with us for a while when someone from administration knocks on the door and drops a new kid into the group.

Quickly, you see that this kid’s English level is far below the level of your other students, and you tell your TA (teaching assistant) or administrator. Though they nod their head in agreement with you, the next class has the same child sitting down with the other students.

Over the course of the coming weeks, three more students—also with low levels—join the class.

What can you do?

Differentiation is a way for teachers to alter their teaching strategies to help all students with mixed abilities and learning styles reach their academic potential. Note that this does not mean that the teacher should teach a different lesson for every student.

First, a teacher needs to pre-assess the students’ current understanding of a topic or unit. For older students, this can also apply for their current level of reading and writing.

Assessing their level allows teachers to create lessons and strategies that closely match students’ skills so that they will feel challenged, but not so overwhelmed that they become discouraged. Some examples of pre-assessing are interviews, tests, student response activities, etc.

Teachers can focus on teaching the essential content and to help meet the students’ needs, they should provide more instruction and practice for some students and less for others.

Differentiating the process might also be beneficial. The instruction that teachers provide, the materials they use and the activities they employ should all be differentiated.

Varying assessment is also important. Teachers can shake up the complexity of how they assess a student by changing the level of thinking needed to finish a task. A teacher could even set the same assignment for students, but with different expectations.

Remember, don’t try out too many tools at once. It is important to see if each strategy works. If a teacher tries too many strategies at once, they’ll never exactly know what is and isn’t working in their classroom.

A teacher needs to know their students and what kind of learners they are (auditory, visual, kinesthetic, etc.), what kind of support (if any) students receive at home and much more. Observe how students react to a lesson or topic. This will also help teachers when it comes time to group students together.

Once a teacher has all this information about their students, they can start implementing critical differentiation strategies.

Remember, don’t try out too many tools at once. It is important to see if each strategy works. If a teacher tries too many strategies at once, they’ll never exactly know what is and isn’t working in their classroom.

Here are some ideas a teacher can easily implement:

**Grouping**
A teacher can have students work in groups according to their language abilities during independent work time or can even give small group instruction by breaking everyone up and providing one mini-lesson at a time. Another idea is to pair students, so the student with the better grasp of English can support their partner during independent work.

**Visual aids during instruction**
Teachers can models themselves specifically to students on what they would like them to do, as well as, give them directions. A teacher can show drawings, concrete items or photographs to help them process new information.

**Tiered activities**
Giving students modified practice such as worksheets with simpler vocabulary or different reading materials might also be useful. A teacher needs to make sure they keep the academic content the same for all students. When they see some students completing modified material faster, they can later give them work with more complex tasks.

At the other end of the spectrum are extension tasks. These are further activities that center around the aims of a class, but come after it. They occur as often as homework and are given to early finishers/advanced learners as extra, more demanding work.

Extension tasks can provide more complex or difficult forms of practice. They can also make classroom learning more meaningful, as they give learners a chance to personalize language and content.
My writing has been everywhere. Some good, some bad. Now, I’m going to use this space to promote an idea that would be absolutely brilliant for Dongguan!

How many of you are driven crazy by the constant noise here? Everywhere you go, there are people shouting into their phones in public, bellowing at each other in the restaurant, blaring their car horns for no apparent reason and in general, apparently signaling their sense of futility in life by making sure that everyone notices them.

I recently was vacationing in New York, where I participated in a phenomenon called Quiet Parties. There, I went to two very different events, both linked by the same principle: to glorify the sanctity of silence.

The first was a Silent Singles’ Night. Hosted at a bar, there was a sign on the door informing people that once they entered, “no more speaking.” At all. Phones had to be either turned off or put in silent mode. Every table had pads of paper, pens and playdough. You might have been like “what the hell…o, cutie.” That’s how it went for me.

We “talked” by writing notes back and forth or by sculpting things with the playdough. By the end of the night, there were a disturbing number of phallic creations on display.

Before I went, I thought it sounded totally weird, but it was actually a really sexy experience. It made it much easier to communicate with people you didn’t know. We had more time to think about what we wanted to say and it was far easier to write a note and send it to someone at another table than to actually go to that table and say hello. Not to mention that someone ignoring your note is far easier on the ego than having them reject you to your face. Not that I’d care, either way.

I ended up having an amazing evening and met some terrific people.

Impressed by that, I went to a Silent Disco a few nights later. This was truly one of the most surreal experiences of my life. It was a real dance club with a DJ, dance floor, flashing lights, glow sticks, etc., but with one massive difference: when I came in the door, they handed me a pair of wireless headphones.

All of the music was broadcasted through them. When you have them on, you’ve got the loud, pounding pulse of electric hits flowing through you. I just shook my booty to the beat.

Once I took off the headphones, I only heard quiet murmuring. Just imagine to be standing in a club, bodies are dancing about wildly, rubbing against each other, lights strobing, but no music.

On the other hand, it meant that when I found a hottie, all we did was take off our headphones to talk normally, share stories, learn about each other. If I didn’t like him, I put the music back on and walked away. No, no, I’m not that mean. I made sure to tell him to get lost first, of course.

Honestly, Dongguan’s nightlife often feels so repetitive. Sure, there are now seven places to drink instead of six, but most of the time it ends up being the same-old, same-old. Happy Hours, Ladies’ Nights and cheap Japanese import specials aren’t exciting me anymore. It’s becoming more thrilling to buy a random pirated DVD and down a bottle of rosé at home alone, while guessing the ending to the movie.

I challenge our partiers and organizers in Dongguan to bring us something new and different! Please, give us something that we haven’t seen a dozen times before! A new way to meet people, a new way to interact with them, a new way to get drunk (best part) and a new way to blow off steam will make all of us happy.

If someone actually has the balls to organize a quiet party of some kind—getting us away from the annoying noise pollution that is part of living in Dongguan—I’ll be one of the first to sign up. Do a good job and I’ll feature it right here! Now, that’s some incentive.
Holding a territory as large as the United States, China spans more than 60 degrees of longitude, covering what would be five time zones, with up to three hours’ difference. Yet, the whole country observes a sole local time, Beijing Standard Time. It may seem strange to many coming from multiple time zone countries, but the reasons behind the madness may be more legitimate than you think.

Many people may quickly connect the standard to the country’s centralized regime, and it’s not all wrong. The single time zone policy was only enforced after the establishment of the PRC. When the Republic of China toppled the last dynasty in 1912, it established five different time zones, ranging from five and a half to eight and a half hours past Greenwich Mean Time.

In 1949, the Communist Party took over and was eager to signify the national unification and centrality after decades of fragmentation and conflicts. A unified time zone centralizing with the Beijing Time served this purpose well. People joke: “Only when the sun is shining straight above the leader’s head is claimed a noon.”

Looking at the map, the major victim of the Party’s great course remains the far western Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, where the time is two hours behind Beijing. However, with using either one or multiple time zones, people continue to schedule their daily activities according to the sun.

Thus, Xinjiang people usually go to work at 10:30 am and get off at 7:30 pm. The sun doesn’t reach its highest point in the sky until 2 pm. What have they missed?

Imagine, while the rest of the country is watching Xin Wen Lian Bo (CCTV’s longest-running daily news program) at 7 pm sharp during dinner, the unfortunate Xinjiang people are still trapped at work.

In addition, since 99 percent of the Chinese population lives in the two continuous GMT+8 and GMT+7 zones, the sole Beijing Time somehow brings a lot of convenience without too much adjustment for the majority.

If China needs more than one time zone, it’s GMT+6 for Xinjiang and Tibet. But in many cases, they are left neglected due to their small percentage of habitants. After all, what’s the logic in asking 1.4 billion people make changes for 24 million?

In fact, Beijing Time and Urumqi Time (GMT+6) are both officially applied in Xinjiang. According to different ethnic groups, the Uighur people like to use their local time and the Han nation prefers Beijing Time.

In addition, considering the short daylight in winter, using Beijing Time actually creates a daylight-saving effect for them. And although daylight saving time is not officially implemented across the country, many public organizations, parks and museums utilize a different winter time schedule.

On the other hand, the northeast region, which is one hour ahead of Beijing, experiences shorter daylight during the winter, getting dark before 4 pm.

Take the US, for example. Both the east and west coasts contain the country’s most important economic and cultural centers and population, plus due to its federal system, it’s unrealistic to dictate a common time zone. Other single time zone countries in the world, such as Japan, India and Argentina cover two or three time zones, as well, but they choose to use one local time based on convenience.

Some people prefer to have the same time zone, so they don’t need to change their clock or do math when traveling or having meetings. Some favor to do things at the exact time when it should be done.

There’s no better or worse solution for this issue, just like length, capacity and weight standards. Time zones are a human invention and each country adopts to the one they think suits them the best.
The Republic of China Military Academy, better known as the Whampoa Military Academy, only spent six terms on Changzhou Island, but those six terms between 1924 and 1927 were a crucible from which some of China’s most influential 20th-century political and military leaders emerged.

The school emerged from the accidental confederacy of Sun Yat-sen, the revolutionary hero and founder and titular leader of the Kuomintang (Nationalist) Party in China, and agents from the Comintern, which was founded in 1915 to spread Communism and national revolution throughout the world.

Following the failure of the Republic of China at the hands of erstwhile Kuomintang ally and would be Emperor Yuan Shikai in 1916, China fragmented. China became what we would call in the 21st century, a failed state.

Young intellectuals searched for a way forward for the country by pursuing ideas and ideologies from around the world. The betrayal of China at the Paris Peace Conferences following World War I angered an entire generation, who took to the streets in the May 4, 1919 demonstrations.

A few young men from this generation formed China’s first Communist Party in 1921. Others followed Sun Yat-sen and his dream of unifying China by force. But to do that, Sun would need an army and that army would require training, arms and financial support.

The major powers—including Britain, Japan and the United States—had little interest in supporting Sun’s dreams of a unified and strong China. So long as the government allowed the foreigners their special rights and concessions granted by a century of unequal treaties, the powers were happy.

The faculty at the Whampoa Military Academy reflected this wobbly coalition. The first commandant of the academy was Sun’s young protégé, Chiang Kai-shek. A dour and disciplined young man with a shady past, Chiang used the academy to build a cadre of cadets loyal to Chiang.

The deputy director of the Academy’s Political Department was future PRC statesman, Zhou Enlai. Wang Jingwei—later an arch-rival of Chiang for control of the KMT and the head of the collaborationist Reorganized National Government of China during World War II—was an instructor. Soviet advisors taught courses on military strategy, revolutionary tactics and political agitation.

The young cadets at Whampoa soon found themselves needing to transform their new knowledge into action. Sun Yat-sen’s position in Guangzhou was based on an alliance with the warlord Chen Jiongming. Chen and Sun’s relationship was complicated, and their off-again, on-again bromance finally fell apart in the early 1920s in part over Sun’s decision to allow the Communists to join the KMT.

Over the next few years, Chen fought a series of campaigns against Sun who grew to rely on the Whampoa as a pipeline of young military talent. Ultimately, it would be these same cadets who would be at the core of the Northern Expedition, Sun’s long-held dream to unify China under KMT rule. Sun would not live to see his vision become a reality.

Sun Yat-sen died in 1925 setting off a brief struggle among his protégés over who would succeed the great revolutionary as the head of the KMT. Chiang—with his Whampoa clique of young military officers backing him—emerged as Sun’s successor. It would be Chiang who would organize the Northern Expedition of 1926 to 1927, which would bring a large swath of Central China under his rule. From 1927 to 1937, the “Nanjing Decade,” Chiang would be the acknowledged leader of the Republic of China, again often relying on the support of his former Whampoa students.

The unlikely alliance between the KMT and the Chinese Communist Party, which played a major role in the success of the Northern Expedition, blew apart in the spring of 1927 when KMT troops began a full-scale purge of Communists and their sympathizers.

Chiang would remain nominal commandant of the military academy until 1947, even as the academy itself reorganized first in Nanjing and then in the wartime capital in Chongqing. It was re-established in 1950 in Fengshan, Kaohsiung in Taiwan where it remains today.

The original location of the Whampoa Academy on Changzhou Island is now a museum and memorial to the cadets who served there.
CHINESE INTERNET BLUES

WITH NEWS THAT VPNS AND SIMILAR SERVICES ARE SET TO BE BANNED, THERE’S MORE REASON THAN EVER TO MAXIMIZE FACEBOOK. WILL IT EVER HAPPEN? MAYBE IT ALREADY IS.

Last month, Bloomberg sent expat circles throughout the nation into a state of collective cardiac arrest when it reported that as of Feb. 1, 2018, China was going to ban virtual private networks (VPNs). A few weeks later, the unease increased as rumors swirled that WhatsApp, a messaging platform used by many to stay in contact with friends back home, was also set to be blocked. Soon China Watchers, and pretty much anyone with an Internet connection, began reading the tea leaves to ascertain if such reports were true or whether it was just a case of the powers that be trolling the general public for shits and giggles.

The latter looked to win out when within a week of the Bloomberg story, China’s IT ministry reportedly denied there would be such a ban, pointing out that Internet providers and telecom companies merely needed “prior government approval” to set up special services, such as VPNs. That may have served to calm people’s nerves, though not by much.

It wasn’t long until various expat porn lovers, online gamblers, Facebookers and Twitterers were threatening to leave (or never return to) China. They all said versions of the same thing. “This is terrible. If they take away my freedom, I’m flying back to Nigeria.” Or, “This is a step too far. I need Instagram. I’m outta here.”

One could go on and on as to why an outright ban likely won’t happen. Anyone involved in business, research, education and any number of other areas needs to have some semblance of global Internet access. China cutting itself off completely would be like shooting itself in the face with a rusty shotgun. Few people survive such things, and when they do it’s not pretty.

What is more likely is that the many domestic VPNs will quit the market, as they simply cannot be bothered with the hassle from the authorities (a few have disappeared already). You might see the emergence of a small cluster of “authorized” VPNs that work very well, albeit with a few tweaks. Using Gmail will be fine, but accessing hostile foreign news services might not be. Still, the cat videos will not stop and most people will accept them and carry on largely the same as before, albeit after a few idle threats.

At the start of the year, President Xi Jinping made a speech where he told the world that turning away from globalization was tantamount to “locking oneself in a darkened room.” He had a good point. And totally blocking off the outside Internet would have a very similar effect. For that reason, one suspects such channels will remain open.

Nevertheless, more than a few of you, no doubt, remain unconvinced. You probably already own three VPNs that you switch between manically for any number of nefarious activities. If they all suddenly stopped, what would you do? Well, the sweetest tip doing the rounds appears to be quite simple: buy a Hong Kong sim card with unlimited Internet access. No VPN needed and completely legal. Dongguan’s proximity to Hong Kong make it an ideal city for such a hack. Even better, you can buy them on Taobao. Now, don’t say I never give you good advice.
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