

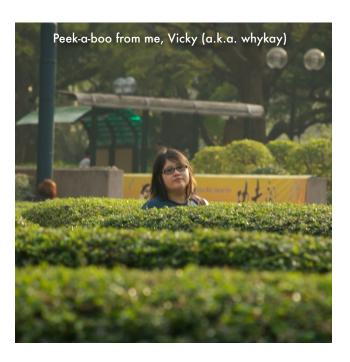


So what has been happening in IBC world? Well, I have to say welcome to all the newcomers to the IBC forum, you all know who you are. I know I mentioned that this newsletter would be a quarterly news letter, I'm a month out, so I'm going to recap what has been happening since March.

There's been quite a bit of chatter in the <u>General</u> <u>Forum</u>, some highlights:

- Terrible tragedy of the Chinese earthquake in Sichuan and the cyclone in Burma/Myanmar. Great to see <u>fellow IBC forum folks contributing to Red Cross</u>.
- Folks in IBC forum are liberal, to say the least. I'm glad we just touched on the <u>Tibet issue</u>, it just goes to show that we can stand back and take facts from both sides, and try not to be too biased.
- Getting meet ups going (courtesy of Paul Chiu, a big thanks for all your efforts so far).
 Read more here and here.
- How to teach one's child Chinese (thanks, Infinita!).
- The curiosity of how we react to the name of a café called <u>Café Mao</u>.
- The Monkey King, what else can I say. It's a classic! (Posted end of Feb, but still worth a mention.).





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- Reminder of tips for anyone who's thinking of moving to work or study in Ireland.
 Read more here.
- Important information for people in catering, general information for pre-packaged food in Traditional and Simplified Chinese.
 Read more here.
- Few things in the Chinese section, such as the <u>Character Builder</u> from the Hong Kong Standard online, <u>tips</u> on how to type in Chinese (thanks to all the replies), and <u>reading Chinese articles</u> (thanks, Andy) with a handy online convertor of Chinese characters to pinyin characters. Handy for those who can speak Chinese, but cannot read it
- There's even some movement in the <u>Sports</u> section of the forum, <u>Karate/Martial Arts</u>, <u>Tennis</u> and the <u>Shamrock Rovers</u>. Need more people to chat in there (with Wimbledon happening and all).

I think that is it. Again, I would love people to volunteer to write articles in the <u>blog</u> and keep posting in the forums and pass the word around. Thanks to all those who have made the forum fun and cheery.

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