



Our second newsletter

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 [General Forum](#), some highlights:

- Terrible tragedy of the Chinese earthquake in Sichuan and the cyclone in Burma/Myanmar. Great to see [fellow IBC forum folks contributing to Red Cross](#).
- Folks in IBC forum are liberal, to say the least. I'm glad we just touched on the [Tibet issue](#), 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 [Café Mao](#).
- [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 [Character Builder](#) from the Hong Kong Standard online, [tips](#) on how to type in Chinese (thanks to all the replies), and [reading Chinese articles](#) (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 [Sports section](#) of the forum, [Karate/Martial Arts](#), [Tennis](#) and the [Shamrock Rovers](#). 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 [blog](#) 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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