

SIMunich News

Addressing the needs of expats in Munich

Welcome to the June edition of the SIMunich Newsletter. This is the start of our new Newsletter and we hope to provide our customers and partner's information regarding the services of some of our partners as well as what may be interesting news.

Germany approves Euro rescue plan

Recently, the German parliament approved the country's contribution to a 750bn euro rescue deal for the Eurozone. In some quarters, this was seen as vital to the plan; stabilising the Euro.

Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel had faced opposition for her support for helping Greece in its struggle. She warned that strong action was needed otherwise the Euro would be in danger.

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble gave his opinion on the current crisis, saying "without the euro, we would

have a much weaker economy, a much weaker Germany and a much weaker social security system".

Some economic correspondents have suggested that Angela Merkel has had differing reactions to her handling of the financial crisis.

Now, the EU Council is discussing ways to ensure the Greece crisis is not repeated in other countries.

The coming months will be an important period in the EU, and we can only hope that stability is brought back to the Euro.



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Languages Are Like Sports

Spring beckons and the urge to be active hits us. Finally, out and about, tackling the winter fat - getting rusty limbs moving again can prove difficult.

Parts of the brain not used consistently are put in "stand-by". It's a shame when things which took such an effort to learn deteriorate, especially when it's our language skills. To improve these takes both time and money.

What should we do? In addition to being fun, it makes most sense to combine pleasure with practicality, which is why we encourage our clients to use both foreign language media (audio books, foreign language magazines) and cultural activities to combine their own interests with "staying in-shape" in the language. We'll gladly give you tips on

combining the two. My name is Carmen Beck, give me a call on 0172 97 22 191

When it comes to getting "in-shape", why not kill two birds with one stone? Using one of the many Internet platforms, you'll be able to find a Spanish squash partner, with whom you would, no doubt, have an interesting conversation...

Since February, our corporate and individual clients in Munich have had the chance to brush up on and maintain their language skills in our newly-designed conversation courses. Again: what is interesting and fun for you is what counts!

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SIMunich is very proud to announce its association with Mary's Meals, which is a movement to set up school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger block children from gaining an education.

SIMunich is embarking on the "Sponsor a School" project in Malawi with the hope that our business partners and clients will also make a contribution towards this project.

For further information, please visit the SIMunich web site: www.simunich.com

We are pleased to have this opportunity to introduce ourselves in the first SIMunich newsletter.

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THE BORNEO PROJECT

A little step towards a more sustainable world

It all began two years ago while volunteering for the world's largest primate rescue project, BOS (Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation), in the heart of Borneo's rapidly disappearing rainforests. After seeing the immense and endless ecological destruction and its disastrous impact on the locals, the highly endangered orangutans, the ecosystem, and on global warming, I realized that this was something I would not be able to walk away from and forget. Also, the more I learnt about the multitude of environmental projects run by BOS together with the locals, the more I realized that we indeed can make a positive difference although time is running out.

Back in Europe and with a great desire to share my experiences with my surroundings, I decided to bring together my two professions

as a teacher and a painter and create an art exhibit on Borneo together with the students of Munich International School. A special visit by Dr. Willie Smits (founder of BOS) and his colleague Helmut Huber (Fans for Nature) offered the students an inside view into rescuing and rehabilitating orangutans as well as to the challenges of creating secondary rainforests in the midst of ongoing deforestation and expanding palm-oil plantations.

The students' environmental reflections, fears and hopes were then processed in their drawings, woodcuts and poems, and transformed into colorful, expressive paintings. In addition, students collected packaging materials of foods and cosmetics containing palm-oil. Together these packages created an impressive, thought-provoking collage-painting named "Behind Sunny Consumerism".

In July 2009, these 118 canvases then made the long journey from Munich to Singapore, where

Back to the Roots, was presented to the public at the country's contemporary arts center, The Substation. The feedback was overwhelming and the public interest immense, resulting in TV broadcasts and art sales worth 13 000 euros; a sum that was donated to supporting the rehabilitation of three orangutans and the enlargement of a sunbear enclosure.

It has been a long, but rewarding journey and seeing the students' endless enthusiasm and desire to contribute to a better world, I believe this project is the first step in making this planet a more sustainable place.

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