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The Extra Credit Opportunity of a Life Time

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According to the text, transportation has been a "key factor in the successful development of the Pacific Corridor" (316). In the 1960's the railways opened in Japan. This was a major advance in Japan's transportation. However according to the website there are now many other forms of transportation in Japan that are frequently used and have helped to expand Japan. Such as, highways, waterways, airports, pipelines, ports, and harbors. These are all now vital in transportation throughout Japan. http://www.photius.com/wfb2000/countries/japan/japan_transportation.html

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On pages 307-309, the text talks about the dramatic increase of industry and enterprise in China in recent years. On pages 299-300 the text discusses China's increasingly high population and it's continuous growth over the years. Both of these factors have contributed to China's pollution problem. Sulfur dioxide from coal is causing widespread air pollution all throughout China according to <http://cbsnews.cbs.com/now/story/0,1597,178697-412,00.shtml>. The pollution in China is so bad, that it is over twice as bad as the United States and it causes many people to get sick. The pollution is also changing the climate and experts blame the pollution on causing a flood that claimed 4,00 lives. China is attempting to clean up it's act, but pollution will always be a major problem.

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In the book on the chapter on East Asia, it talks about Star TV. It says that it is a satellite system that has spread western culture all over Asia. I was interested in Star TV...i went to <http://www.startv.com>. It told about the satellites. The main center is in Clearwater Bay, Sai Kung in Hong Kong. There were pictures of the satellites, there are two of them. It was first established in 1991. I was very impressed with the channels that they have CNBC, just like we do. There were several channels and movies that are the same as they are on our satellite dishes in the United States. I can clearly see how the western culture gets spread by Star TV.

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