

China and the rest of the world

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Chinese people think it is appropriate to their homeland as the center of the universe, or at least the center of the civilized world. In fact, there was a time that it was the civilized world was surrounded on all sides by barbarian tribes.

The Chinese believed that their country has no equal. In the old days, little was known about the world and not earlier in what kind of people live there. China over the centuries have chosen to think of ourselves as a country of fully self-contained and does not need any contact with the rest of the world. However, Chinese language betrays the influence of the environment:

Sweet potatoes are fanshu - barbaric potatoes;
Watermelon is xigua - Western pumpkin;
Matches are yanghuo - oversea fire;
Opium is yangyan - Overseas smoke.

Even today, Chinese language suggests lack of interest in the outside world. All foreigners without distinction of nationality shall be determined on a daily word waiguoren - the man outside the country. China to maintain friendly contacts with the world community must act and think in such a way as to prove that sincerely wants integration. Already free, this barrier is overcome.