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A CHINESE V.I.P. MOVES TO JAPAN

100 feet 2 min. 47 sec.

1. (JET) This January 29th an extremely valuable piece of cargo arrived at Narita Airport. It was a VIP - a "very important panda" - which the Government of the People's Republic of China graciously offered as a replacement for the beloved female panda, Lan-Lan, who died unexpectedly last fall.
2. (RAMP RAISING) Although yet to show her face, the new panda, named Huan-Huan, is the bride-to-be of Ueno Zoo's healthy male panda, Kang-Kang, she was greeted at the airport by hundreds of well-wishers, young and old.
3. (CHILDREN) Transported directly from the airport to Ueno Zoo in Tokyo, Huan-Huan's first view of her new country came after she was safely delivered into the hands of her new custodian, the Chief Zookeeper at Ueno. Retaining a dignified composure as reporters cameras flashed and flickered, Huan-Huan seemed interested in surveying her new surroundings.
4. (CHINESE OFFICIALS) Attending the welcoming ceremony held in front of the zoo's panda quarters were more than 70 people. Officially accepting the generous gift, Ueno's Chief Zookeeper shakes hands with his Chinese counterpart from China, Mr. Li Changete, director of the Beijing Zoo.

5. (SHUTTER RAISING) From early in the morning, people eager to get a first peek at the panda had been lining up outside the Zoo. By the time the official ceremony ended, more than 2,150 visitors waited outside the panda compound. Finally, the long awaited moment - the official unveiling of Huan-Huan in her new habitat. Although able to get little more than a glimpse of black and white fur, those who filed past the cage smiled broadly at the sight of the toy-like animal. After only ten minutes, Huan-Huan retired demurely to the rear of her room to rest after her exhausting trip. All of Japan eagerly hopes she will like her new mate, Kang Kang, and produce the country's first native-born panda.

GUM TREE GASOLINE

91 feet 2 min. 32 sec.

1. (EUCALYPTUS TREE) Who'd think that the eucalyptus leaf, the sole food of the slow-moving Australian Koala bear, could be used as a fuel to power automobiles? Not many have ever seen the sleepy koala, yet here in Japan, the hardy, fast growing gum tree is being cultivated to bear leaves for exactly this purpose.

2. (LABORATORY) Here at the head office of Suzuki Automobile Co., in Hamamatsu, researchers are distilling eucalyptus oil from the tree's pungent smelling, thick-skinned leaves. First the leaves are placed in a specially developed boiler, compacted and heated until the steam rises through the retort tube. In the glass bulb, the steam condenses into droplets, composed of both water and oil, which separate due to specific gravity differences. After the water is drained off, the pure, aromatic eucalyptus oil is then collected in a beaker. One kilogram of leaves, slightly less than the average nightly consumption of an adult koala, yields 15 to 40 cc's of oil.

3. (POURING INTO GAS TANK) After large quantities of oil are distilled, the fuel is poured into the gas tank of a special test car bearing the symbol of the eucalyptus leaf, at Suzuki Automobile's own test track. Although the mileage efficiency of gum tree oil is below that of ordinary gasoline -- a car can run five kilometers farther on gas -- the possibilities of this distillate as an energy alternative are enormous. Unlike gasoline, neither it nor its emissions are poisonous or are in any way dangerous to health. In fact, eucalyptus vapors have long been used in vaporizers for medicinal purposes and the oil has been a standard ingredient in cough drops. It is also used in the manufacture of toothpaste and detergents. Gum trees, which comprise 95 percent of Australia's forests, cannot be grown on a large scale in Japan. Their leaves, however, can be imported, and serious thought is already being given to doing this, to provide an alternative to gasoline.

HOME T.V. LIBRARY

90 feet 2 min. 30 sec.

1. (LIVINGROOM) In the not too distant future, people will have hundreds of thousands of items of information at their fingertips. In the comfort of their own homes, they will be able to hook up their TV sets to a computer center, simply by dialing the telephone. Such a system is called CAPTAIN, an acronym for "Character and Pattern Telephone Access Information Network", and has been in experimental operation in Japan since Christmas of last year. After an audible signal informs the user that a connection has been made with the information center, the user then switches the circuit from the telephone to the CAPTAIN adapter by pressing the button on the connector. Requests for information are then made on a keypad by punching special index numbers. These are both displayed on the screen and printed in the CAPTAIN directory.

On the field there is unintentional body contact, passing, kicking, dribbling, and intercepting - in short, fierce physical competition to score goals while preventing the opposing team from doing so.

2. (OFFICE INTERIOR) When not displaying their elegant and effective footwork on the soccer field, most of the players are indistinguishable from their less adventuresome co-workers. The majority are "office ladies", unmarried girls who work for large companies, but many are mothers and students.

3. (GAME) Practicing diligently twice a week, an hour at a time, the women try to keep themselves in top physical condition. Here, emerging from a huddle, the local "Yowa" team pits itself against a team of junior and senior high school students. Obviously, their training has paid off - neither team is going to score a goal without fierce opposition from the other. Whether mothers, working women or students, these players have only one thing on their mind - to win the game. The delicacies of ikebana, the subtleties of the tea ceremony, the gentility of koto playing all recede far into the background. Pushing themselves to their physical limits and experiencing the exhilaration that comes from doing so, is all that occupies these ladies now. Perhaps tomorrow, of course, they'll arrange a flower or two

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