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SOCIETY IS AN
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PROMOTES
THE ITALIAN
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WE PROVIDE
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LEVELS TO
ADULTS AND
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WE CAN OR-



My "Another Sky": Taormina

By Atsuko Nakamura

Where is your "Another Sky"? As you can guess from my name, I'm from Japan, but I believe my second home-country could be Taormina in Sicily – my "Another Sky."

I fell in love with Taormina from the first moment I arrived there. My lasting impressions are the blue skies, stunning views, delicious food, beautiful beaches, and the rolling hillside towns.

I had just finished my Italian school in Tokyo, when I stayed in Taormina for the first time in June 2009. When I couldn't figure which part of Italy to visit, my teacher in Tokyo recommended me to visit beautiful Taormina to test my Italian language skills and to truly enjoy the Italian culture.

At that moment, however, my image of Sicily was not positive as I've heard many rumors of "GOD fathers." I couldn't understand the reason why my teacher would recommend me to visit such a controversial place. However, my perspective has changed as soon as he showed me the brochure of the Italian Language and Cultural School "Babilonia."

It mentioned:

"Our centre is located in the heart of world famous Taormina, the most beautiful town in Sicily." and "Taormina is famous for its beauty, its incredible heritage, history, archaeology and architecture, as well as for its reputation in welcoming travelers. Taormina is perfectly situated to offer students easy access to the beautiful and historically important treasures of Sicily". These quotes attracted me so much that I decided Taormina was the way to go.

I had the opportunity to stay with one of the greatest host family for one week. I'd take a semi-standard course at the school "Babilonia" every morning from 9:30 to 13:00, following a trip to the beach with my classmates to do my homework. Afterwards I'd go home to my host mother who cooked amazing Sicilian cuisine for me nightly. All the dishes were too delicious to forget that I was on a diet! I was so lucky my host mother was previously a cooking teacher! Every day I was excited to go back home to try her dishes. Moreover, my host family taught me many things beyond the Italian language, but also their culture, custom, and history.

These delightful days passed so

quickly and the time to say goodbye had come. My host family gave me a beautiful calendar of Taormina and said to me "Mi raccomando, parliamo solo in Italiano quando ritornerai a Taormina alla prossima volta." (Remember, we talk only in Italian next time you come back Taormina")

Still now I am learning Italian with hope to realize my dreams and to keep my promise. ☺

Here is the big news for you! Now the school is holding a literary competition for the scholarship until end of June 2013.

For more information, please visit the website:
<http://www.babilonia.it/concorso-letterario-internazionale-taormina-citta-di-taormina.html>

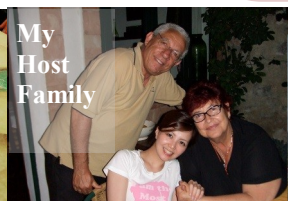
From June 2013, our Dante Alighieri society in Hong Kong ties up with the Italian Language and Cultural School "Babilonia" and we offer all our members and students 15% discount on Italian courses at "Babilonia". If you want to have a great experience in Sicily, please feel free to contact us!



The school building and the school garden



Granita Siciliana



My Host Family



Teatro Greco



Piazza IX Aprile



Arrivederci a Giovanna!



Lo staff della Dante Alighieri di Hong Kong ha voluto salutare in modo molto originale la collega Giovanna, in partenza per Singapore, organizzando una cena di saluto tutta siciliana presso la trattoria Monteverdi.



Nell'intimo e raccolto ristorante nel cuore di High street, i colleghi della Dante si sono ritrovati per gustare insieme un menu siciliano a base di arancine, caponata, pasta alla norma e polpette della nonna. Il tutto accompagnato da un ottimo vino rosso...e per finire una cassata al forno siciliana! Arrivederci Giovanna, ti facciamo tanti auguri per la tua nuova avventura e speriamo di rivederti presto a Hong Kong!



Corso di mandarino per italiani



"CORSO DIURNO"

Dal 3/7/2013 al 31/7/2013 e
dal 4/9/2013 al 6/11/2013
(Agosto 2013 - Pausa)
Data : Ogni Mercoledì
Orario: Dalle 10:00 alle 12:00
Costo: HK\$3,300



"CORSO SERALE"

Dal 3/7/2013 al 31/7/2013 e
dal 4/9/2013 al 6/11/2013
(Agosto 2013 - Pausa)
Data: Ogni Mercoledì
Orario: Dalle 19:00 alle 21:00
Costo: HK\$3,300

Per qualunque informazione scrivere ad: elisa@ladante.cc



Italian Course for Travellers

"Viaggiare in Italia"



Planning a holiday in Italy? If you want to enrich your travel experience and immerse yourself in the Italian culture, this is the class for you.

At the end of the course, you will be able to greet people and make friends; move around and understand better the Italian culture and tradition. No prior knowledge is required.

Course A:

Every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 12:00, from 3 July 2013 to 7 August 2013

Course B:

Every Thursday evening from 19:00 to 21:00, from 4 July 2013 to 8 August 2013

Fee: HK\$1500 per course (HK\$1320 for DA members), incl. learning materials

For registration: http://www.ladante.cc/event_registration.html

2013	Italian Language Course	7&8
Viaggiare in Italia - How to get around in Italy		
Morning Course A: Every Wednesday from 10:00 - 12:00 From 3 July 2013 to 7 August 2013		
Evening Course B: Every Thursday from 19:00 - 21:00 From 4 July 2013 to 8 August 2013		
Fee: \$1500 per course (\$1320 for DA members) Learning materials are included		
For course outline and registration, please go to http://www.ladante.cc/cultural_events.html or call us at 2832 9799.		
2013	www.ladante.cc	



Una serata italiana con... Arnaldo Acconci



"Storia della Famiglia Acconci ad Hong Kong e Macao"

The Acconci Family arrived from a very small village in Tuscany called Cucigliana to Shanghai at the beginning of the XX Century. Arnaldo's father, Oseo, was an artist. Before the Second World War he moved first to Hong Kong and then to Macao. Arnaldo will share with us the history of his family, recalling the most fascinating stories experienced by a very unique Italian family.

Event: An Italian Night with Arnaldo Acconci

Date: Friday, 28 June 2013

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Venue: Dante Alighieri Society

Unit A&B, 4/F Kiu Yin Commercial Building,
361-363 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

For registration, please click:

http://www.ladante.cc/event_registration.html



Serata italiana di maggio Arte O Design?




I 24 maggio 2013 si è tenuta presso lo showroom di Essess Fabbrica la sesta serata italiana dal titolo "Arte O Design"? a cura di Savio Pesavento e Cristiano Maestrini.

Gli studenti, i soci e gli amici della Dante Alighieri di Hong Kong sono stati ospitati nello splendido showroom di Essess fabbrica per

un'interessantissima discussione sul Design italiano. Savio e Cristiano hanno dapprima riscaldato l'atmosfera coinvolgendo attivamente il pubblico nella conversazione, facendo domande e stimolando la curiosità degli intervenuti. Hanno poi fatto un'estesa introduzione sui più grandi artisti italiani a partire da Giotto e poi passo dopo passo hanno guidato i partecipanti verso le tappe principali all'origine del Design italiano, la sua moderna affermazione nel mercato mondiale e in special modo a Hong Kong. Hanno infine voluto

trasmettere un pensiero molto speciale con il pubblico presente: l'Italia ha prodotto nei

secoli innumerevoli esempi di arte e il design è oggi una conseguenza di tutto il bello prodotto e vissuto da un popolo unico come quello italiano. Un popolo con grande ingegno, inventiva e profondo amore per il bello! 



Upcoming Italian Language Courses, Cultural Events and Workshops

Una Serata Italiana con...

Mr. Arnaldo Acconci

Date: **Friday, 28 June 2013**

Time: **19:00 - 20:30**

Venue: **Dante Alighieri Society in Hong Kong**

Free Admission

Fashion Workshop

History of the Blue Jeans by Angelo Paratico

Date: **Wednesday, 17 July 2013**

Time: **19:00 - 20:30**

Venue: **SICIS Showroom**

Queen's Cube Building, 235-237 Queen's Road East,
Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Free Admission

Registration: http://www.ladante.cc/event_registration.html

New Teenagers' and Children's Course

1. Italian Language Course for Teenagers

Beginner I

Every Thursday, **16:00 - 17:30**

From 4 Jul to 5 Sep 2013

Fee: **HK\$3,000**

2. Playgroup for children

Twice a week

10 lessons

10:30 - 12:00

From 2 Jul to 31 Jul 2013

Fee: **HK\$2,000**

For more information, please visit our website:

<http://www.ladante.cc/id117.html>

New Italian Language Course

Beginner I

Saturday, 10:00 - 13:00, from 13 Jul to 14 Sep 2013

Summer Intensive Course Beginner I

Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 - 12:00,
from 5 Jul to 28 Aug 2013

Beginner II

Friday, 19:00 - 21:00, from 21 Jun to 27 Sep 2013

Beginner III

Saturday, 14:00 - 17:00, from 29 Jun to 31 Aug 2013

Intensive A2

Monday and Thursday 10:00 - 12:00, from 4 Jul to 3 Oct 2013

Beginner IV

Wednesday, 19:00 - 21:00, from 5 Jun to 18 Sep 2013

Intermediate I

Saturday, 10:00 - 13:00, from 6 Jul to 5 Oct 2013

Intermediate III

Saturday, 14:00 - 17:00 (3 hours), from 29 Jun to 31 Aug 2013

Advanced III

Thursday, 19:00 - 21:00, from 4 Jul to 10 Oct 2013

Advanced IV

Monday, 19:00 - 21:00, from 24 Jun to 7 Oct 2013
(No lesson on 1 Jul 2013)

Parliamo in Italiano (Advanced Level)

Saturday, 11:00 - 13:00, from 3 Aug to 9 Nov 2013

Prendiamo un caffè - The Italian Conversation Class -

Level and Date:

A1: Monday, 17 June 2013 10:00 - 12:00
Monday, 24 June 2013 10:00 - 12:00

A2: Thursday, 20 June 2013 10:00 - 12:00
Thursday, 27 June 2013 10:00 - 12:00

Fee: \$180 (current DA students : \$150) per class

Place: Unit A&B, 4/F Kiu Yin Commercial Building, 361-363 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

For registration, please visit our website:

<http://www.ladante.cc/id118.html>

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