

Chinese Spoken Here

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Why teach Chinese?

A few salient facts....



If you're one in a million
in China . . .

There are 1,300 people just
like you.



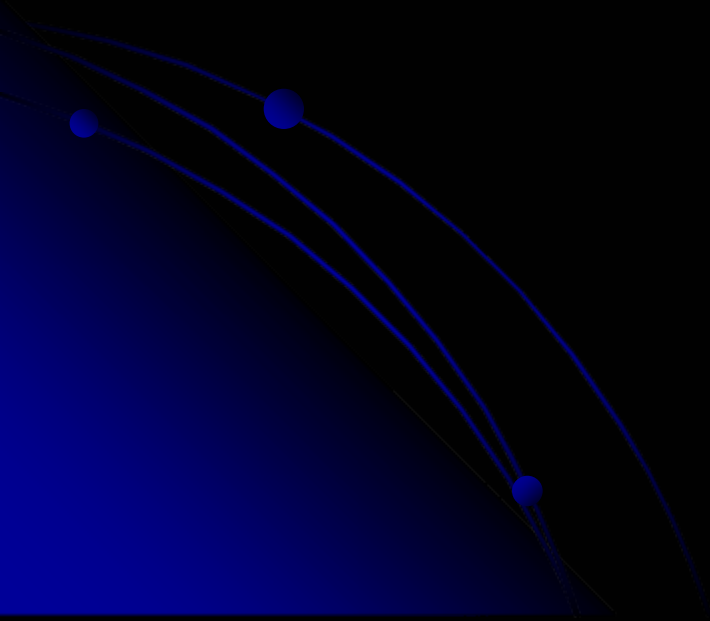
The 25% of the population in China
with the highest IQ's

Is greater than the total
population of North America.

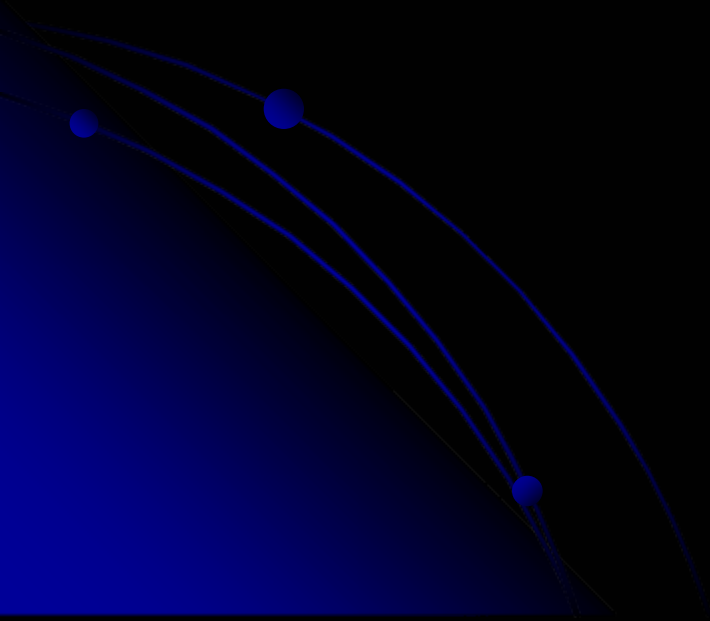


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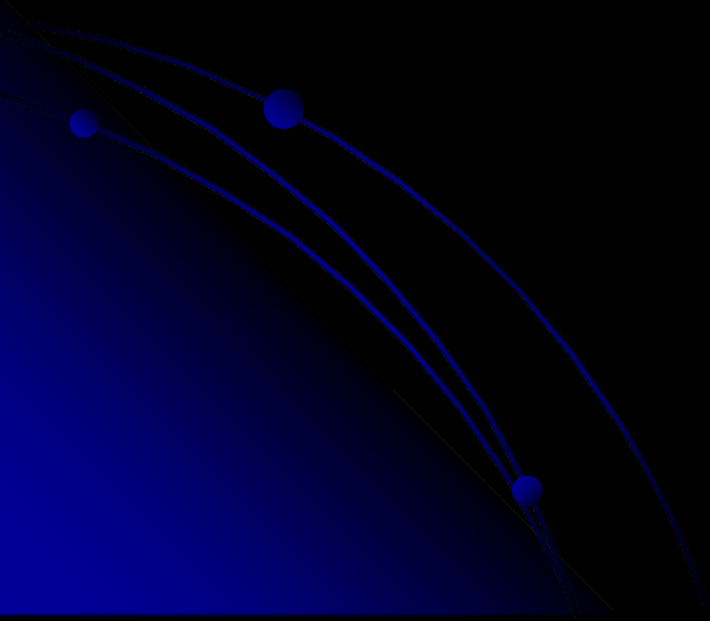
They have more honors kids
than we have kids.



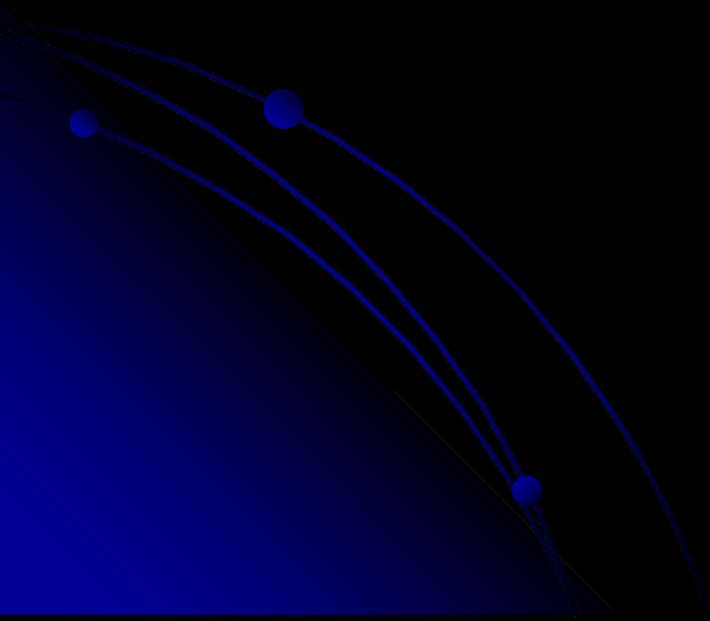
China will soon become the
number one **English speaking**
country in the world.



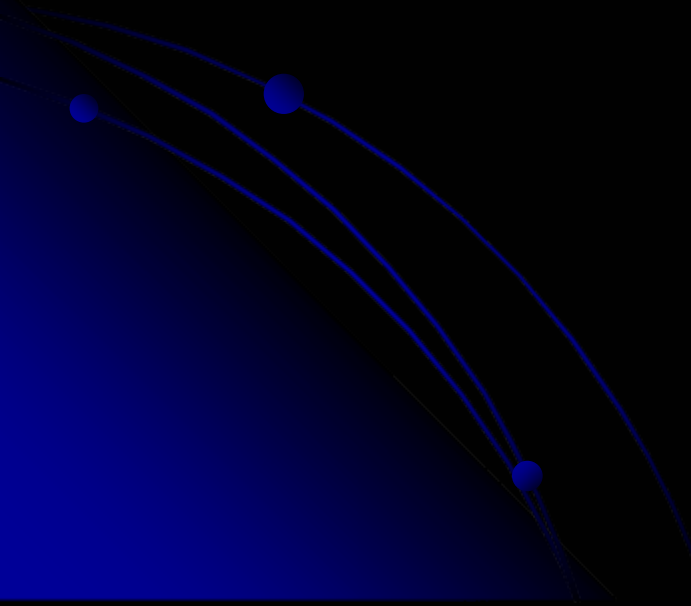
If you took every single job in
the U.S. today and shipped it
to China . . .



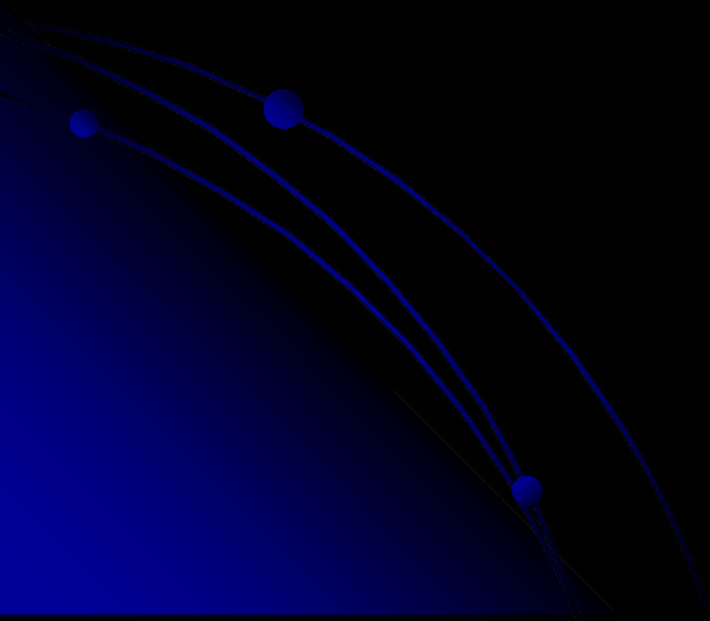
China would still have a labor surplus.



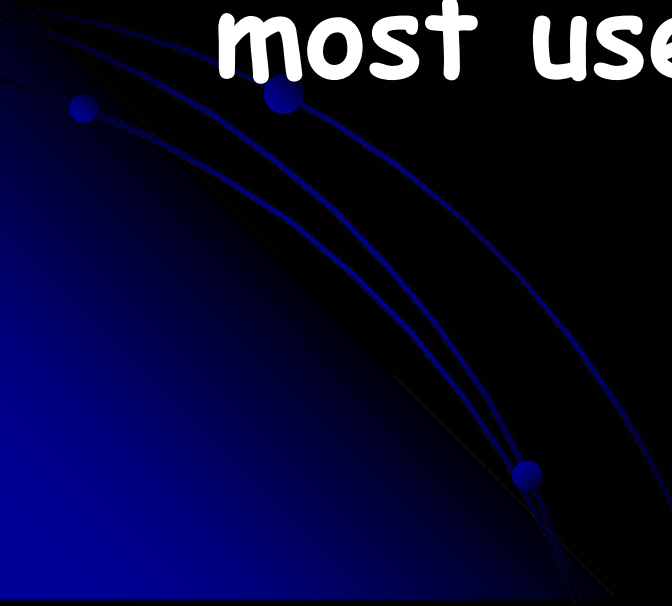
U.S. trade with China exceeded \$245 billion in 2004 (second only to trade with Canada and Mexico).



Between 2001 and 2004, China accounted for one-third of the global economic growth.

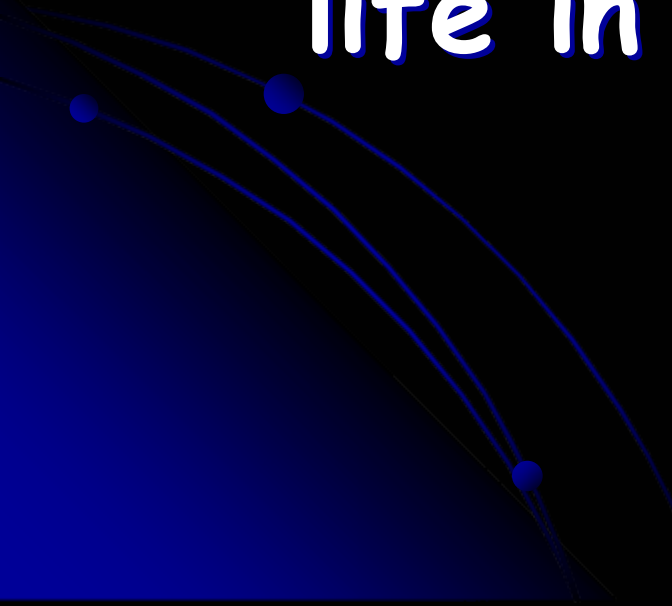


According to the World Intellectual Property Organization, Chinese is the most used language on the Internet.



Why Teach Chinese?

To Prepare our students for
life in the 21st Century.



Problems and Resolutions

Problem:

Limited number of qualified and licensed teachers of Chinese language.

Low enrollment in Chinese do not justify full time teachers, even if they were available.

Resolution:

Using IDL technology, we can deliver high quality classes to small numbers of students in a cost effective way.

Teaching Chinese in Kansas

Interactive Distance Learning:

2006-07—2 sections, 5 schools

2007-08—6 sections, 12 schools, including Beebe, Arkansas.

- Pittsburg, Maize, Wichita, and Galena have district Chinese programs.





Chinese Spoken Here:

- Lawrence Free State
- Lawrence High School
- Madison
- Marysville
- Washburn Rural
- White City
- Winfield
- Valley Heights
- Beebe, Arkansas
- Chanute
- Galena
- Maize
- Pittsburg
- Wichita

Elementary Students--learning about Chinese culture...

- Introduction to Chinese Language and Culture—grades 3 to 5
- Celebrate the Chinese New Year!—grades 3 to 5
- The Fastest Pig in the West—grades 3 to 5
- Journey to China—grades 3 to 5



For More Information...

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