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Three Main Factors to Be Considered Before Buying a House in Bangkok, Thailand By: Moo

Are you looking for a house in Bangkok, Thailand? Now, this is a good time to buy some property in Thailand because the selling prices of houses are falling according to the sluggish economy.



Moo's Dream House

However, there are three main factors that you should consider before buying a house in Bangkok. First, you have to consider the location of your expected house. Its location should be near the subway or the skytrain because there are a lot of traffic jams in Bangkok. It is convenient to take the subway or skytrain in Bangkok instead of driving a car. In addition, such a house should be surrounded by the hospital, school, department store, and supermarket. Second, the selling price of houses will vary by their location. If you buy a house situated in such a prime area as Silom road, Yaowaraj road, and Sukhumvit road, it will be more expensive than one located in a Bangkok suburb.

The last factor to be considered is a developer or an owner of a housing project. You should buy a house which is constructed by an experienced developer because you did not see when it was being constructed. You can search for the developers' information from the internet. The more housing projects they developed, the more trustworthy and reliable they are. In conclusion, you have to consider three main factors before buying a house in Bangkok, which are the location, price, and developer of a housing project. Then, you will get a quality house with a reasonable price.



Basketball By: Jackie

Basketball is the most popular sport in the world, especially in the USA, because of the NBA. After I came to the US, I felt a strong basketball atmosphere, I can see people playing basketball everywhere and how much the love basketball. I had a dream which is to watch a live NBA game, I used to watch it on TV, and finally I did it in Memphis. I went to the Grizzlies game, they played the Phoenix Suns and Steve Nash, one of my favorite players, plays for the game. It was wonderful and I felt very excited that I could see my idol in my first NBA game. I play basketball in my leisure time even while I am in America. Why do I like playing basketball? It is because I always make friends during basketball games. Furthermore, playing basketball can improve your teamwork skill and how to communicate with your teammates. And also it is a good way to talk to different people and we have a topic to discuss, basketball. Playing basketball is good exercise to let you have good health; nevertheless, you have to do enough warm up before you play. If you do not, you could twist your ankle easily and it could be very dangerous. However, it seems a dangerous sport; I like it and want to play it forever.



CAUTION

By: Hidetaka

This story is when I came to the U.S, it made me feel surprised. One day, I was on my way to go to my class from my dorm. On campus, there were many people. That day, I forgot to bring my ipod which happens rarely. Suddenly, I heard that someone said “What’s up?”. So I answered “I’m fine” to him but he ignored me. However, I wasn’t careless about him. Suddenly, a woman began to laugh at the moment we passed by. I was so surprised. Also, a guy said “Hello” at the moment we passed by. I said “Hello” to him but he ignored me. There is a similarity in certain respects. All of them were using cell phones. In America, many people use a hands-free cell phone. When I noticed that, I was so embarrassed. I’ll advise you that when you walk, be careful.

Simple Inspirations

“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.” Eleanor Roosevelt

“Take some initiative to make friends and enhance your life.” Jackie

“Feel normal and comfortable. Try to speak English with your classmates and try to make American friends. This will help improve your English skills. Even in your free time, try to read or speak English.” Mansour

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank

“Do with your best effort, even failure is better than doing nothing.” Moo

“Don’t expect success without pain and failure. Don’t be afraid of challenges, just try to speak English.” Sukhwan

“If you want to say I enjoyed my life in the USA, you have to travel to as many cities as you can before you leave.” John

When the cat's away....

The cheese will be gone. Jackie

The fish is lost. Emily

The dogs come. Hide

You can play and do what you want. Mansour

*The mice will have a party.
Sukhwan*

The mice appear. Wei

*Maybe there will be a snake.
Ayman*

I'm sad. Takahisa

I just scream. Younghee

The cat is very hungry. Miji

Go to your home. Melissa

I feel so sad. Antonia



An American Wedding

By: Johng Hyun

Today, I want to talk about my great experience at an American wedding. One day, my conversation partner invited me to his wedding. At that time, I was so excited because it was my first time to attend an American wedding. I went there with other friends. I wore a suit to look nice and like a normal person in America. The wedding was in a church and there were a lot of Americans with nice clothes. The wedding looked similar to a Korean wedding, but I found something were different.

The American wedding usually happens in the church. However, a Korean wedding usually happen in a wedding place that is just for wedding event. And the American wedding is more free than the Korean one. Also guests give married couple money to celebrate in the Korean wedding. On the other hand, Americans usually give them a gift to celebrate. These differences were so interesting to me. And I will never forget this precious experience.

Thank you.

My New Life :)

By: Mansour

I was in high school and it was approximately exam time. I was a neglectful person I wasn't thinking about my studies or future I was just thinking about hanging out with my friends. Then, on the exam days I tried to study hard, but it was difficult for me. After the first day I felt comfortable because the hardest part was over which was the math test and all people in my country who are in the last year of high school are scared or afraid of this exam. However, when I finished me exams I felt a kind of freedom, but still I had to wait for the second difficult part which was getting the certificate. On that day, I took my certificate and I wasn't happy because the grades were low. Then, I waited for the universities to start their admission and send my application for them. At admission time I was scared, confused, and thinking how can I speak when they interview me. After that, I went to give my application to the university far away from my city and on my way I called my sister to check for me if I was accepted or not. When I was in the last step to finish my admission I called mu sister and I asked her again if they accepted me or not, but she said "They didn't post their results" and I was sure I did very well on the test for the university. Then, I decided to give him my application and asked him if I can come another day, but he said "No you can't". Then, I decided to take my application and go back to my city. On my way back to my city I called my sister again and I asked her if they accepted me she said " no they didn't accept you". Then, I felt upset and I was thinking I won't study this semester. After that, I heard about a college from my friends and it accepts those who have lower grades. Then, I went there and I gave them my application. After that, I felt happy because I won't stay without studying and here is how my new life was started. To be continued :)

Camping in Mississippi

By: Sukhwan

One of I my interesting experiences in America was camping with my friend family. Sometimes my friend, Zack, whose family likes hunting and shooting had invited me to shoot and go to somewhere together. When I went to his house at first, I saw so many guns, rifles and hand-guns. There were 4 rifles on the wall in his room. I was scared of him at that time. Anyway, we went to his grandfather's farm somewhere in Mississippi, and we enjoyed shooting and a BBQ party outside. It was really fun. At first, we shot the plates, skeet shooting, but I couldn't get targets as many as I expected. It's so hard for me to get targets. Also, we rode bikes and went to swimming in the Wolf River. It looked like dirty water but they said no. I hesitated to go into the water before his father pushed me. I'm not sure about the water until now, but I've not been sick after that. Maybe that was not bad.

At night, It was the BBQ party time, which I wanted I've never experienced this kind of party before. The party was above my expectations. When I got a full stomach, I realized there were too many bugs near us. Then I felt an itch on my legs. On my legs, two mosquitoes were enjoying my blood. That's why I gave them a strong insecticide, and I started to spray here and there. Finally, we went to sleep in a tent. I've had several times like this day. They were great times. I think if I go back to Korea, I'll not be able to have chances which something can only happen here. So, I'll try to get more experiences before going back.





