



# NACA News



## President's Message



Wei Hu, President

Welcome to NACA's 2006 Chinese New Year Celebration.

Chinese New Year is a season of reflection. For many years, China has been an agricultural society. In the winter, especially in northern China, the field is frozen, and no field work needs to be done (and in many cases, can be done) until swallows bring back the breeze of spring. The Chinese New Year therefore provides a wonderful opportunity for people to forget about their daily work and reflect on the deeper aspects of life. In this information age in North America, in the middle of our hectic life style, Chinese New Year is a nice reminder to us that "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."

Chinese New Year is a season of reconnection. China is experiencing urbanization, and millions of migrant workers are making China's transcendence a reality. For many Chinese, Chinese New Year may be the only time for them to visit their roots in the countryside and to reconnect with their families and friends. For many Chinese, this festival of reconnection will continue until after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the lunar New Year, which is celebrated both as the dumpling festival and as the lantern festival.

I wish you can use NACA's Chinese New Year celebration as an opportunity to reconnect with some of your old friends in the community, and make some new friends.

Most important of all, Chinese New Year is a season of celebration. The red envelopes, the fireworks, and the sumptuous food – they all point to the spirit of celebration. For an entire year, people long for the advent of the Chinese New Year. Our life style has become too easy in North America that we take everything for granted. Can we rediscover this sense of longing?

I wish the spirit of Chinese New Year – the spirit of reflection, the spirit of reconnection, and the spirit of celebration – accompany you everyday in the year of dog.

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## WHAT'S IN THE NEWS

### NACA scholarships awarded to international students and scholars displaced from New Orleans (by Helen Lei Wang)

When Hurricane Katrina hit the city of New Orleans, many of the international students were among the hundreds of thousands of residents who fled the city. As part of NACA's continual mission to promote educational opportunities, NACA donated \$2,500 to assist international students and scholars of Chinese descent who were displaced due to Katrina. The money was given to the Office of International

Education (OIE) at Georgia Tech as a means to determine who should receive the scholarship. OIE worked with Director of International Student Office of Tulane University to advertise the scholarship. Finally, eight scholarships were awarded to seven students and scholars from Tulane University and one student from the University of New Orleans.

The scholarships were used to help recipients make the transition to a new campus for the fall semester in 2005. Jiajun Chen, Zhiye Li, and Jianxia Zhang, who studied at Georgia Tech for the semester; Hongbing Liu and Xiaodong Zhang, who used to work at Tulane University; Baolei Han, Zunong Nurzyan, and Jue Chen who studied at Emory University for the fall.

NACA wishes all of them a good year in 2006 back in New Orleans!

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### Lunch & learn at UGA 11-23-2005 (by Henry Yu)

This was our first Lunch & Learn after the successful conclusion of our Mentorship Program in September of 2005. NACA president Wei Hu, immediate Past President and current Managing Director Henry Yu, and Senior Advisor Jung Mar hosted the event in the University Center of UGA. About 40 students attended the Lunch & Learn expressing their concerns and aspirations after graduation. Unlike our annual Mentorship Program, the

Lunch & Learn is aimed at mentoring smaller groups of students to allow for more interaction, discussion, and Q & A. UGA student attendees came from different majors such as economics, physics, education, statistics, science, etc. Topics covered included:

- ✓ Self Promotion- build healthy relationships with professors and be involved in community services
- ✓ Internship- start early while in school and take advantage of internship programs available in many local companies
- ✓ Softskills- importance of developing these important skills in college via networking
- ✓ Book Reading- Jung Mar recommended reading two compelling novels, "The World is Flat" by Tom Friedman, and "Winning" by Jack Welch

Based on students' comments and interactions we need to continue our Lunch & Learn with students from various local colleges.

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**NACA Welcomes  
New Consul  
General, Hua  
Jinzhou**  
(by Wei Hu)



Many of NACA's members met with consul general Hua Jinzhou of the People's Republic of China in Houston at our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. For those of our members who have not, here is a biographical sketch of Consul General Hua.

Mr. Jinzhou Hua was born in May 1946 in Jiangsu Province and graduated from the Institute of

Foreign Language Bureau. He is married and has one son.

Mr. Hua joined the Chinese foreign services in 1987. Before that, he was an official in the Cultural Ministry.

Throughout his years within the foreign ministry, Mr. Hua has been assigned to many different places, including: the Chinese consulate in Toronto, Canada; and the Chinese embassy in Great Britain. He also held different positions in both the Cultural Ministry and the Foreign Ministry.

Immediately before taking the position in Houston, Mr. Hua was the Chinese consul general in Songkhla, Thailand.

Mr. Hua's interest includes Chinese traditional plays and operas and photography. He is a member of the Chinese Association of Professional Photographers, which, as indicated by its name, is normally only open to the pros. Mr. Hua was invited based on his award-winning works. Your truly has had a chance to accompanying Mr. Hua while visiting Georgia's stone mountain, and was benefited by Mr. Hua's explanation and hands-on illustration on how to work with the lights and shadows.

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**Wuhan Delegation Report** (By Henry Li)

From November 16<sup>th</sup> to November 18<sup>th</sup> 2005, with NACA's year-long deliberate facilitation and arrangement, Wuhan Delegation from China consisting of nine government officials and businessmen, has successfully visited City of Atlanta and State Department of Economic Development. The city of Wuhan in central China, with over 8 million population and located at the hub of central China, has been

strategically selected by NACA and the City of Atlanta as a potential sister-city candidate since the beginning of this year. The Mayors from the both great cities have exchanged their intent of establishing the sister-city relationship by exchanging their official invitations and letters to each other more than twice in the past year. The matchmaker, National Association of Chinese Americans (NACA) has taken the leadership role in the whole process, and on behalf of the Mayor of the City of Atlanta, has visited the city of Wuhan three times since the January 2005.

By the invitation of Mayor Franklin, the Wuhan Delegation, led by Madam Wu, the Deputy Chair of The Standing Committee Wuhan Municipal People's Congress of Wuhan, arrived in Atlanta the evening of November 16<sup>th</sup> 2005. NACA President Wei Hu and board member Henry Li welcomed the Delegation in the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and transported the Delegation to the Crown Plaza Hotel, Perimeter.

The Delegation representatives were: Ms. Wu Yumei, Deputy Chair of The Standing Committee of Wuhan Municipal People's Congress; Mr. Li Zhao, Vice Division Chief of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Wuhan Sub-Council; Mr. Fang Xianghua, Deputy Director of The Standing Committee of Hongshan District People's Congress; Mr. Zhang Guangjiu, Deputy Director of The Standing Committee of Huangpi District People's Congress; Mr. Wang Desheng, Deputy Director of The Standing Committee of Caidian District People's Congress; Mr. Xu Hanqiao, Deputy Director of The Rural Committee of Wuhan Municipal People's Congress; Mr. Jiang Hanqiu, Vice Director of Wuhan Commerce Bureau; Ms. Wang Pingping, Vice Director of

Administration Committee of Hanyang District Development Zone of Wuhan City; Mr. Yin Shoushan, Chairman of Wuhan Hongqiao Group Holding Co., Ltd..

On the Morning of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005, NACA hosted a welcome breakfast for the Delegation. NACA President Wei Hu enthusiastically welcomed the Delegation and emphasized that the visit is just the beginning for the long-term relationship between two great cities. Madam Wu, on behalf of Mayor of the city of Wuhan, expressed her sincere appreciation to NACA's leadership team for all the great efforts in bridging and promoting China-U.S. relations, especially in establishing potential sister-city arrangement for the two cities. NACA Chair Lani Wong introduced some major achievements in NACA's 25 years history and wished that the Delegation's visit would be fruitful and successful. Other NACA Board members – Jian Ouyang, Henry Yu, Ethel Mar, Henry Li, and Advisor Jung Mar, attended the breakfast. NACA's Ex-Secretary Fang Quanming also was invited to the meeting.

After the breakfast meeting, the Delegation spent an exciting hour at Troutman Sanders' high-rise building. During the time, the Delegation watched NACA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary video, discussed the business opportunities in China and U.S., and exchanged gifts. Then the Delegation visited Metro Chamber of Commerce, and had a fruitful meeting with the Vice President of the Chamber, Mr. Bob Pertierra – a logistics specialist. Mr. Pertierra was very happy to have accepted the invitation as the Logistic Advisor to the City Government of Wuhan.

At 2:00pm, an official meeting between Mayor Franklin and the

Delegation was held at City Hall. NACA Chair Lani Wong, President Wei Hu, and other board members Jian Ouyang, Henry Yu, Henry Li, and Advisor Jung Mar joined the Wuhan Delegation meeting with Mayor Shirley Franklin and Director of International Affairs Claire McLeveighn. The Delegation leader Madam Wu exchanged greetings and wishes with Mayor Franklin. Leaders of both cities recognized the many similarities and attractions of Atlanta and Wuhan, which include logistics and transportation hubs, diversified industries and forward-looking city officials. On behalf of Wuhan Mayor Li, Madam Wu extended a warm invitation to Mayor Franklin to visit Wuhan in 2006.

In conjunction with the Sister/City partnership, Mayor Franklin acknowledged the need to visit Wuhan. Due to the enthusiasm and mutual cooperative spirits, the meeting lasted over an hour (exceeding the thirty minutes originally planned) including gift exchanges and picture taking with Mayor Franklin. The two leaders have expressed their gratitude to NACA and in particular to Lani in serving as goodwill ambassador to bridging our two cultures.

After meeting with Mayor, the Delegation visited Atlanta's famous landmark site – World of Coca-Cola. After a full-day agenda of business meetings, official visits, and sightseeing, NACA hosted a grand dinner for the Wuhan Delegation. The Hubei Fellowship Association as well as local dignitaries and business leaders also joined NACA welcoming the Delegation.

The Wuhan Delegation was very impressed during the reception and dinner due to excellent opportunities to meet with local government officials and officers

of local companies. Official attendees included Attorney General Thurbert Baker, Atlanta Mayor Chief of Staff Greg Pridgeon (and wife Jeannen), Senator Curt Thompson, and our own Judge Al Wong (and wife Jeannie).

Through this is an official visit, NACA also assembled a selective list of companies with linkage to China from a business perspective. In addition to meeting with Coca-Cola, Troutman Sanders, Georgia Pacific, and GE Energy, the Delegation had the opportunity of getting to know small-to-medium sized companies interested in China. In particular, PRAD Inc. (an Atlanta architecture and engineering firm), DAS Fortus Technologies (a Tennessee auto and metal components manufacturer), and Scientific Atlanta (an Atlanta broadband multinational company) have shown great interests in exploring market potentials in Wuhan. The business networking was indeed one of the highlights of their visit to Atlanta. The fifty plus attendees enjoyed welcoming remarks from NACA President Wei Hu and Madam Wu's introduction of Wuhan to Atlanta.

NACA Chair Lani Wong and Managing Director Henry Yu witnessed the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the Wuhan sub-council of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, on the morning of November 19, 2005. After brief information exchanges of the respective organizations, Division Director Gilda Watters of GDED and Vice Division Director Chief of CCPIT Wuhan sub-council urged the need and cooperation between Georgia and Wuhan to help small-to-medium sized enterprises benefit from growing

Georgia and China trade and investment. The MOU provides the mutual understanding and willingness of the two parties to strengthen the commercial and economic ties between Wuhan and Georgia, based on cooperation, advice, collective endeavors, and commitment from officials of GDED and CCPIT. The one hour long visit with GDED (concluded with gift exchanges and picture taking) was the last item on our agenda.

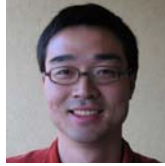
Lani Wong, Henry Yu, and Jian Ouyang escorted the delegation to the airport and saw them off. However, the end of this visit is just the beginning for further cooperation and communication for two great cities. More works are waiting for NACA and cities of Atlanta and Wuhan to bring two cities together for the best benefit of the citizens of two great cities.

### NACA Mentors Young Leaders (by Al LaCour, NACA campus advisor)

When you attend a NACA event, you may be greeted by an enthusiastic young scholar from a university campus in the Atlanta metropolitan area. A key priority of NACA is to mentor future leaders. To fulfill that goal, NACA hosts an annual Mentorship seminar. NACA also offers occasional "lunch and learn" opportunities on local campuses. Four campus organizations are part of the Association of Chinese Scholars and Students in Atlanta (ACSSA). Presidents from these organizations are pictured here:



Baoseng Qiao (Georgia State);



Hao Lu (Emory);



Huaming Li, Georgia Tech); and



Bing Xu (UGA).

NACA contributes funds to support educational and cultural events that are sponsored by these groups.

But more importantly, we invest *relationally* in young leaders. Recently, NACA's Board of Directors named NACA members to strengthen our connections to local campuses. Emory: Victor Lai, Georgia State (GSU): James Hu and Michael Wang, Georgia Tech (GT): Jian Ouyang and Jackie Chen, Univ. of Georgia (UGA): Henry Li and Simon Zhang, Kennesaw State (KSU): Wei Hu and Henry Yu.

International scholars come to our universities to pursue their educations and to build careers. When NACA contributes time, funds, and experience to these young leaders, we offer them even more: practical wisdom and leadership training that lasts a lifetime!

Make sure you get to know some of these young leaders. You will touch the future!

### VEGA STRING QUARTET: The Brightest Star of the Lyra Constellation (by Barbara Lee Yeung)

For those who missed the beautiful performance by the Vega Quartet at the NACA 25th Anniversary Celebration, RUN don't walk to order tickets for the Vega Quartet's special 2006 Chinese New Year concert,

presented by the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta Family Series, highlighting the connection between East and West. Vega, with pianist William Ransom, will perform Chinese folk songs and selections from Dvorak's American String Quartet. The concert takes place on Chinese New Year's Day, January 29 at 4 pm in Emory's Michael C. Carlos Museum.

The award-winning Vega, originally from Shanghai, recently moved to Atlanta from New York, becoming the city's first-ever resident string quartet. Explaining their move here, violist Yinzi Kong said, "We did a lot of concerts in Atlanta during the two seasons and fell in love with the city and the people. We also saw the opportunities this city could offer a professional string quartet." Atlanta is fortunate to have this highly respected



quartet. On the cutting edge of the new generation of chamber music ensembles, the Vega String Quartet has attracted international attention for over a decade, winning numerous awards and its members have collaborated with some of the world's finest musicians including Yehudi Menuhin, William Preucil, Richard Stoltzman, Robert McDuffie and Eliot Fisk. After the Vega made its Lincoln Center debut in 2001, the New York Times raved "playing that had a kind of clean intoxication to it, pulling the listener along...the Musicians took real risks in their music making."

It has been a pleasure getting to know the musician's on a personal note... their interests, favorites things and dreams.

Meet:

Jessica Shuang Wu, Violin- An avid Harry Potter enthusiast, she has all the books and movies and has a weakness for coconut cake. Jessica studied with Lina Yu, the renown violin professor and player, who premiered the violin concerts, "Butterfly". Since the age of eight, Jessica and Yinzi

Kong have been playing and studying together at the Shanghai Conservatory.

Yinzi Kong, Viola—loves animals, the Atlanta landscape, green space and climate similar to Shanghai. Favorite restaurants include Canton House, Hong Kong Harbour and Wolfgang Puck. Enjoys frequent visits to the Georgia Aquarium and Starbucks.

Guang Wang, Cello - is from Northern China and misses the cold New York weather. You may run into him jogging along the Chattahoochee. He is very fit and exercises regularly. He is an excellent cook and has a good sense of humor (he needs to being outnumbered by his 3 fellow women musicians). Guang studied at Harrid College in Boca Raton, Florida and Manhattan School of Music.

WeiWei Le, Violin - fun-loving, newest member of Vega, joined the Quartet April 2005. She loves jazz and would like to explore Atlanta more.

Last year, through the generosity of Coca Cola, they were artists in residence at Emory. They would like to receive corporate sponsorship to fund their permanent residency at a local university. This would enable them to concertize fine chamber music in the area and continue master classes (their students ages range from 4 to 47). Exposing the community to music will develop a potential audience for future classical chamber music. They plan to repeat the workshop at Chinatown and the Youth Concert this year which was highly successful last year. Another wish is to have access to higher quality instruments which would allow them to push their music to a higher level.

They have appeared at numerous music festivals including, Aspen, Mostly Mozart, Rockport, Highlands-Cashiers, Musicorda, Kingston and SummerFest LaJolla. They were the quartet-in-residence at the Van Cliburn Institute and on the artist roster of Carnegie Hall's New York City Neighborhood Concert Series, and in 2003 -04 they joined the Community Concerts Association touring ensembles as the only string quartet on their roster. In 2006, they

will be performing in Paris, Germany, Japan, Canada, and Mexico.

Yinzi says that it makes perfect sense to celebrate the Chinese New Year with a concert. "There is a lot of music involved in the celebration in China," she says. "This is what we are used to, the Chinese New Year is an occasion for family gathering. Atlanta is our new home now, so we are having a gathering with our new big family here!"

For ticket information :  
www.arts.emory.edu or call 404-727-5050.

### **2005 Holiday Party (by Christina Liao)**

On Saturday, December 3, 2005, NACA successfully hosted its annual holiday party at John and Lani Wong's house. NACA members, their families and friends, and student representatives from different universities mingled and enjoyed a variety of delicious appetizers and Chinese food. The good food and great company with one another put everyone in the holiday spirits.

## **Dates to Remember**

### **1) Chinese New Year Gala**



*Join Us!*

*Saturday, February 4,*

*6:00 pm*

*China Delight Restaurant*

*\$55 non-member, \$35 member*

*Prepaid reservations only!*

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## **About NACA**

National Association of Chinese-Americans

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The national headquarters for NACA is located in Washington, D.C.

There are ten local chapters in the

United States. The Atlanta Regional Chapter was inaugurated in 1980 in conjunction with Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping's successful state visit.

The Atlanta Chapter of NACA has continued to organize and sponsor activities that bring together Chinese dignitaries, local Georgia government officials as well as community and business leaders. NACA's mission has been as a facilitator to promote cultural, educational, scientific, and business relationships between these parties. NACA also strongly encourages Chinese-American to participate in the American political process while preserving Chinese heritage in the American culture.

## **Membership Information**

NACA memberships are available in these categories: Permanent - \$1000, Honorary - \$100, Corporate - \$100, Family - \$25, Single - \$25 and Student - \$15. For membership application, please visit our website at

[www.naca-atlanta.org](http://www.naca-atlanta.org)

**REMINDER: Membership fees for 2006 are due, and 2005's are past due.**

## **MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

We extend a warm welcome to all our new members! Our newest members include:

Danny Pian, Flagstar Bank  
 Vincent Yang  
 Franklin Wang  
 Anna Tavares  
 Charlene Fang  
 Jackie Chen  
 Jack Wen, GE  
 Grace Lee Zimmerman

### **CONGRATULATIONS! ...**

#### **Lani Wong Named to Georgia Perimeter College Presidential Search Committee**

ATLANTA -- (January 11) -- University System of Georgia Interim Chancellor Corlis P. Cummings announced today the appointment of the two committees that will be charged with assisting in the selection of a new president for Georgia Perimeter College.

A national search is being conducted to replace Dr. Jacquelyn M. Belcher, who retired in July 2005, after having served as president of GPC for a decade.

"This search will identify a new leader who will build on the strong ties Georgia Perimeter College has established with the communities it serves and guide the institution's phenomenal growth in both enrollment and facilities," Cummings said. "We are looking forward to a highly competitive and very productive search."

The search process will commence with the Presidential Search and Advisory Committee screening applicants and conducting on-campus interviews. The campus-based committee will forward the credentials of five unranked candidates to the Special Regents' Committee (SRC). Regent Wanda Yancey Rodwell of Stone Mountain will

chair the SRC, and Regent William H. Cleveland of Atlanta and Regent M. Allan Vigil of Fayetteville will serve as members. The Special Regents' Committee will recommend their finalists to the full Board of Regents.

Members appointed to serve on the Presidential Search and Advisory Committee are as follows:

- Tina Philpot, chair of GPC's Department of Business Administration and Computer Science, who will serve as chair of the committee;

- Dr. Stella Smith, professor of business information systems, who will serve as a faculty representative;

- Martin Okafor, associate professor of science, who will serve as a faculty representative;

- Dr. Gary McGaha, dean and professor of social sciences, who will serve as a faculty representative;

- Julius Whitaker, library director, who will serve as a faculty representative;

- Louise Archie, administrative assistant to the provost of Georgia Perimeter's Lawrenceville campus, who will serve as a staff representative;

- Dr. Bruce Briggs, associate vice president for information technology, who will serve as a staff representative;

- Charles Sea, president of the Student Government Association for GPC's Clarkston campus, who will serve as the student body representative;

- Craig Thornton, president of CNETICS Technologies, who will serve as the Georgia Perimeter College Foundation representative;

- Stefanie Palma, past president of the Georgia Perimeter College Alumni Association and current member of its Board of Directors, who will serve as the alumni representative;

- Liane Levetan, former state senator and former chief executive officer of DeKalb County, who will serve as a community representative; and

- **Lani Wong**, a member of the GPC Foundation's Board of Directors, who will serve as a community representative.

Cummings also announced that the Atlanta-based executive search firm Baker-Parker has been retained to assist in identifying qualified candidates. The Board of Regents expects to name the new president of the institution this spring.

#### **Ouyang's Visit Egypt** (by Jian Ouyang)

This winter break, my family and I took a vacation in Egypt. We flew to Cairo, the capital of Egypt, in late December, 2005.

In Cairo, we visited the famous Giza pyramid complex as well as the Sphinx. Like all the other tourists, we expended some extra money to ride on camels (which add quite a few feet to your height!). There is a road into the fenced complex from which all the pyramids are within short walking distance. Looking back from the pyramids, we could see how the city or Cairo had grown right to the doorstep of the Giza pyramids are no longer located in the middle of the desert, as they were in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



The pyramid complex consists of three main pyramids, the Pyramids of Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure, as well as several small pyramids. The Pyramid of Khufu (the Great Pyramid) is the biggest in height as well as volume, but the elevated location and steeper angle of Khafre's pyramid makes it appear bigger. Khufre's pyramid is the only one that has a portion of its outer limestone casing intact, which is the reason for its odd, smooth appearance at the top. To give an indication of just how awe-inspiring the pyramids are,

Khufu's pyramid is about 455 feet high (having had ~25 feet eroded off), and was the world's tallest building for 4,000 years. The outer limestone casing (much of which fell off during a massive earthquake in the 14<sup>th</sup> century) consisted of blocks weighing up to 15 tons (1 ton being ~2004 lbs!), while the inner blocks (all that is visible today) weigh around 2-4 tons. There's even some granite from nearly 500 miles away, in blocks weighing up to 80 ton, used for some doors and chambers in the pyramid. There's an estimated 2.4 million blocks in the pyramid. And all this was done 4 millenia ago!

Later on we went to see the renowned Sphinx. It has the body of a lion and the face of a man—a man without a nose. Although the local guides told us Napoleon's soldiers had blown it off with a cannonball in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, recent research has disproved this. A historian had written in the fifteenth century that a Muslim fanatic had had the nose destroyed for the lifelike depiction of the human form, and this claim is supported by recent evidence. It is now 65 feet tall, 260 feet long, and 20 feet wide.

The time was short but we had fun. We love travel. If you know a good place to visit, please let us know.

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**Let NACA know if you have someone or something to include here!**

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We extend an invitation to you to send articles, announcements and information that might be of interest to the Chinese-American community, throughout the year. Forward any submissions to Andy

Wong at [wong.andy@comcast.net](mailto:wong.andy@comcast.net).

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