

# China and Its Neighbors

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## FOCUS ON GEOGRAPHY

# How does exchanging ideas affect a region's development?

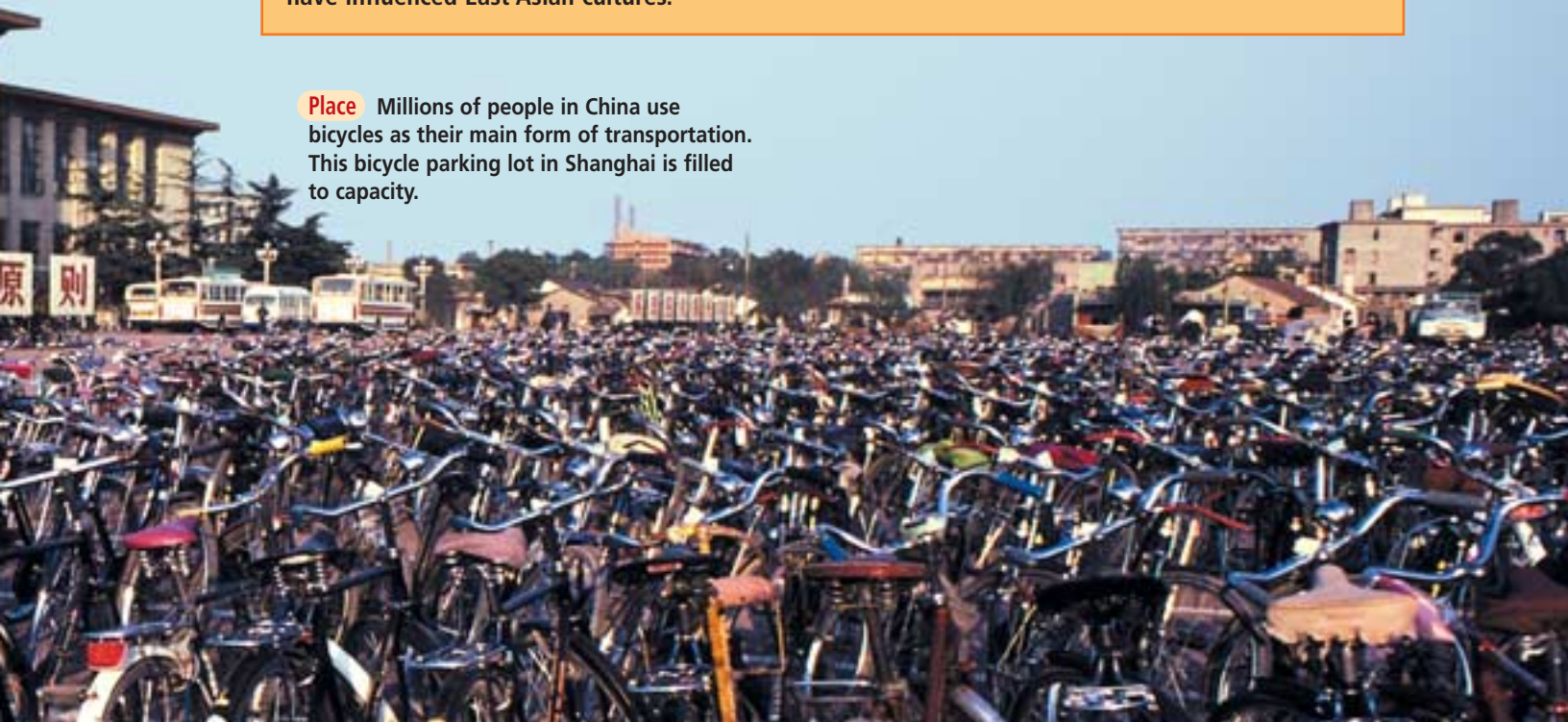
**Movement** • The cultures of East Asia have been shaped by the exchange of ideas among them. Chinese merchants and soldiers crossed mountains, rivers, and seas to reach the Koreans and Japan. They brought with them Chinese influences that soon became part of the other cultures of East Asia.

For example, Confucian ideas about family and respect for ancestors shape Japanese and Korean societies. The Japanese and Koreans also adopted Chinese ideas about art and architecture. People in all these countries practice some form of Buddhism. Also, in the past century, Western ideas about everything from government to clothes and music have influenced East Asian cultures.

## What do you think?

- ◆ How do cultures benefit from exchanging ideas?
- ◆ What problems or conflicts might result from this exchange?

**Place** Millions of people in China use bicycles as their main form of transportation. This bicycle parking lot in Shanghai is filled to capacity.





## READING SOCIAL STUDIES

### BEFORE YOU READ

#### ►► What Do You Know?

Before you read the chapter, consider what you already know about East Asia. Recall what you learned in Chapter 16 about ancient China and ancient Japan. Have you seen or tried the martial art tae kwon do? Do you know why sumo wrestlers are so honored in Japan? Reflect on what you have learned in other classes, what you have read in books or magazines, and what you have heard in the news about recent events in these countries.

#### ►► What Do You Want to Know?

Decide what else you want to know about East Asia. In your notebook, record what you hope to learn from this chapter.



**Place** • Many children in China take part in activities led by the Chinese Communist Party. ▲

### READ AND TAKE NOTES

**Reading Strategy: Making Predictions** Making predictions is a helpful strategy for involving yourself in what you read. As you begin reading, reflect on what you already know about the subject. Then try to predict what will happen. After making your prediction, read further to see if your guess was correct. Use the following guidelines to make predictions about this chapter.

- Copy the chart into your notebook.
- Before you read, make predictions about what kinds of exchanges have taken place among the countries of East Asia and between those countries and the rest of the world. Organize these by category and record them in the second column of the chart.
- In the third column, list facts from the chapter that tell you whether your predictions were correct or incorrect.

**Culture** • Chinese-American actor Bruce Lee brought kung fu to Hollywood. ▼



Category	Predictions	Correct or Incorrect
Economy		
Religion		
Government		
Culture		