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- 1. Dogs or other pets are
- 2. Bicycles are also not a
- 3. No shitting.
- 4. Please do not leave ch
- 5. Please do not play foo
- 6 Lights turn off at 20:00

HAM RADIO CULTURE SHOCK



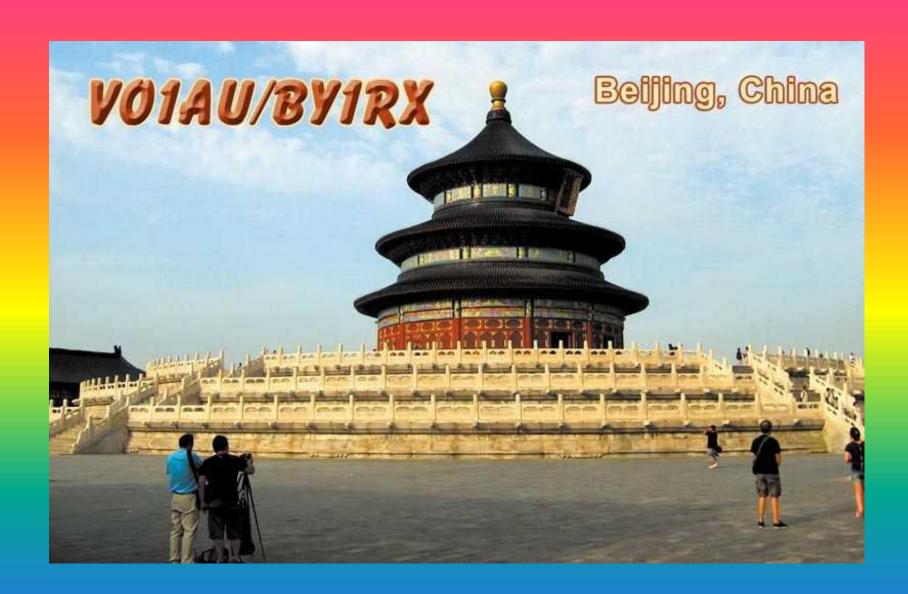
The two-year Asian adventure of a Canadian Ham

The Years of the Long Call Signs

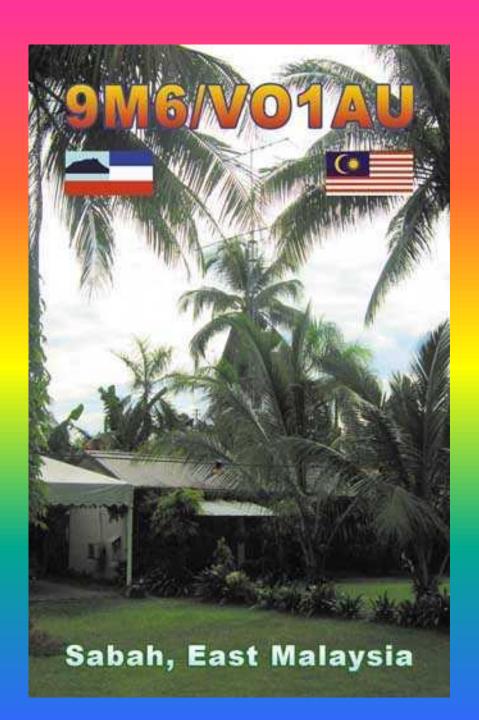
- VO1AU/BY1TTY
- VO1AU/BY1RX
- VO1AU/BY1DX
- □ JG1RSL
- VR2/VO1AU
- 9M6/V01AU
- And one really short call: B1Z

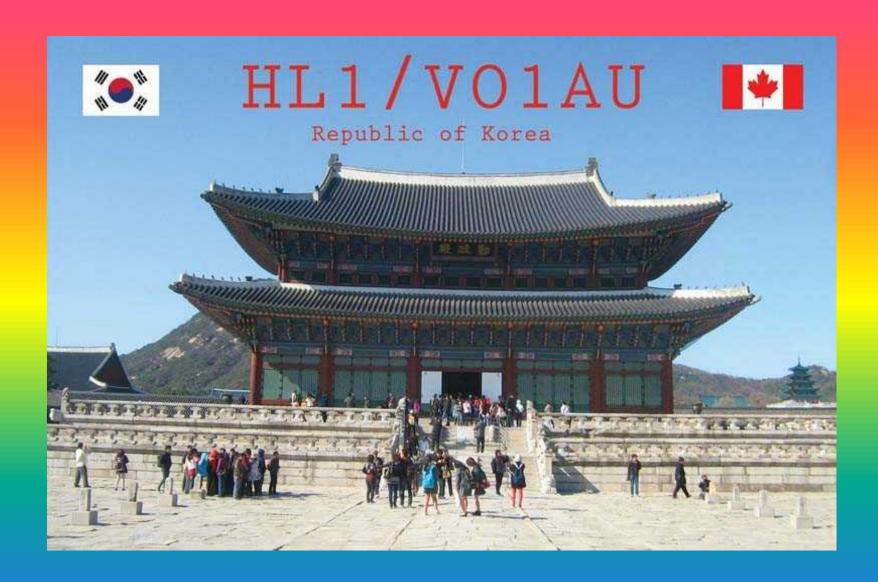
- EI/VO1AU
- HL1/VO1AU
- T32AU
- ZL7/VO1AU
- ZL/VO1AU



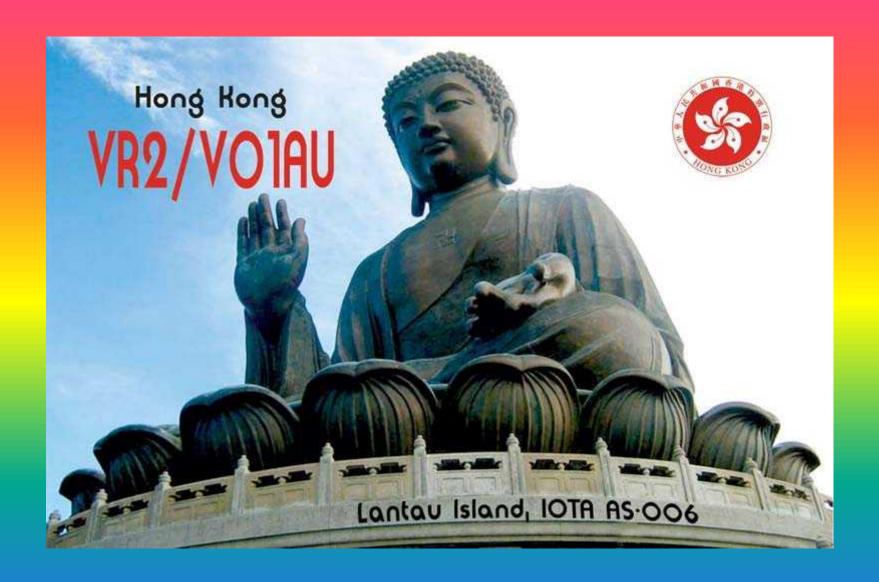








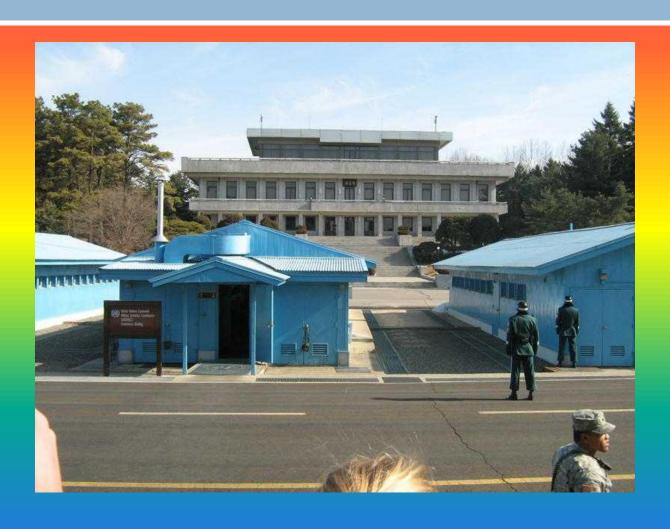








P5/VO1AU Panmunjom, North Korea



Culture Shock - Licensing

- Forbidden: North Korea
- Restricted: China
- Difficult: Macau
- Easy, but with odd rules: Japan, South Korea
- Easy: Hong Kong, Kiribati
- Semi-Automatic: Ireland
- Automatic: New Zealand, Chatham Island
- Easy, but incompetent: Malaysia
 - 9M6/JØ1AU?
 - JA8CCL was issued 9M9/CCL

Culture Shock – Space!

Hong Kong



Beijing





Ma Zhenxin BA1KW and home of BY1TTY

Six storey apartment building with tribander, vertical, 80m end-fed wire

Club Stations in Beijing

BY1RX and B1Z











BY1DX

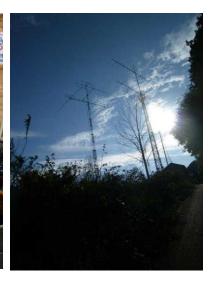




JG1RSL at JA1AHS













VR2/VO1AU and VR2XMC











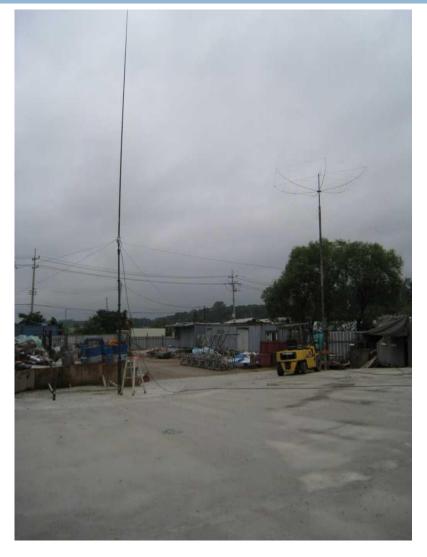


HL1/VO1AU and 6M0DX









T32AU – Christmas Island













ZL7/VO1AU – Chatham Island









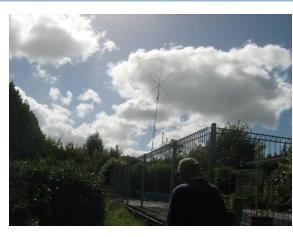


ZL/VO1AU at ZL1AIH, ZL1ANH













Ham Stores in Asia

Beijing: Chinese HTs

Japan: Akihabara – Rocket Radio









Hong Kong – CQ Shop

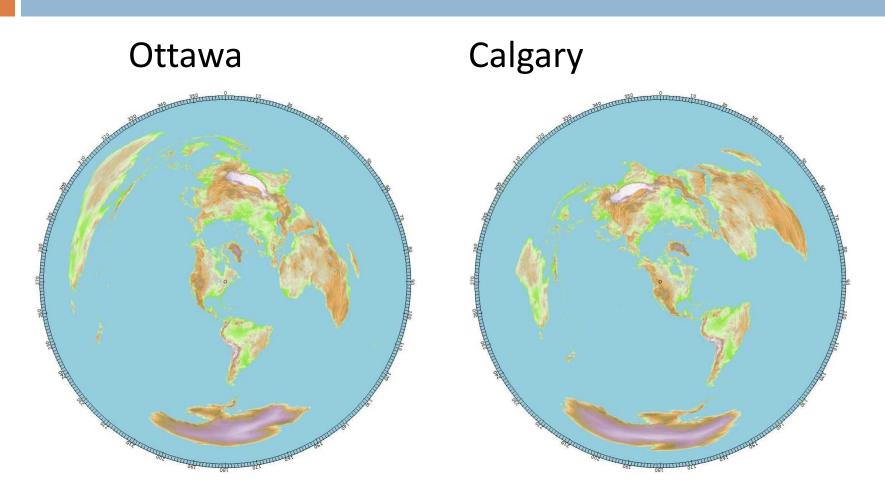




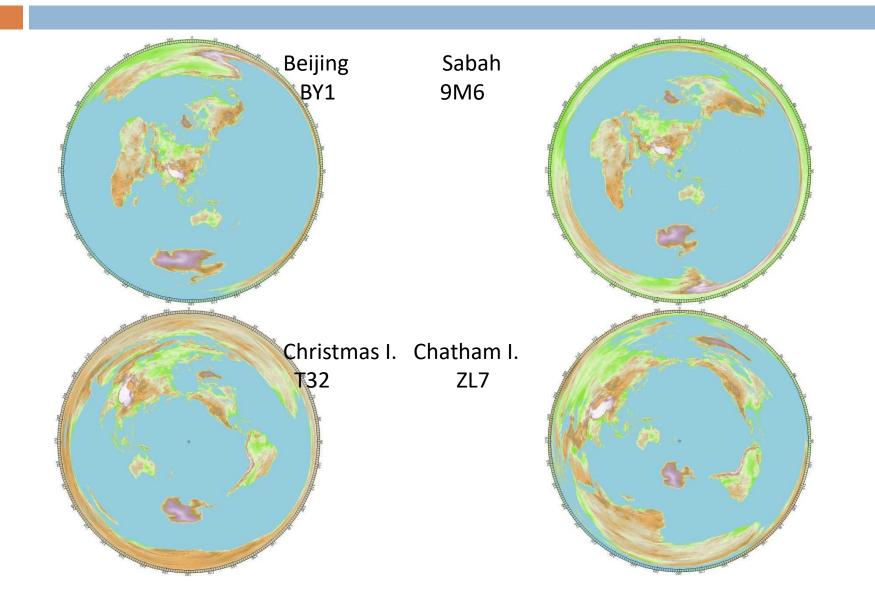




Culture Shock: Propagation to the Antipodes



Antipodes from BY, 9M6, T32, ZL7



Culture Shock: Propagation patterns

- Importance of mutual daylight or darkness
- Distance matters!
- Toughest DX?
 - From Ottawa: South-east Asia (Zones 26, 27)
 - From East Asia, 9M6: Caribbean (Zones 7 and 8)
 - From New Zealand: Africa (Zones 37, 38, 39)
 - From Kiribati: southern Europe and North Africa (Zones 15, 33, 34)
 - ="Black holes" 12,000-14,000km via Auroral Zone
 - 9M6: Trans-equatorial propagation on 6m

Amateur Radio Highlights

- Active from nine DXCC, visited four others
- Almost 30,000 QSOs, most from China
- Worked many Canadian hams from DX side
- Met many great hams: BA1KW, BA1RB, BD1BYV, JA1AHS, JR7HAN, 9M6DXX, VR2XMC, ZL3JT, ZL4PW, ZL4NR, ZL1ANH, ZL1AIH --- even Ying VA3YH!
- Several contest operations:
 - BY: 2010 CQ WW, 2011 WPX both SSB and CW, 2010 &2011 RAC Winter, 2010 ARRL 10m.
 - VR2: 2011 CQ WW SSB, 2011 AA CW, 2012 JIDXC
 - HL: 2011 WAE CW
 - ZL: 2012 CQ WPX SSB
 - 9M6: 2011 BERU and ARRL DX SSB
 - JA: 2011 ARRL 10m
 - T32: 2012 CQ 160m CW from T32
 - ZL7: 2012 BERU
- Bought new rigs at great prices
 - FTdx-5000, TS-590 and FT-817ND: 30% less than Canada, 40% less than Japan!

Sounds from home

T32AU as heard by VE9DX

- ZL/VO1AU as heard by VO1MX

ZL7/VO1AU as heard by VE9DX

HL1/VO1AU as heard by VE6LB

Do I miss life in Beijing?

On a clear day





On a bad day





Questions?

有问题吗?