



2007-03-30 Friday

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Excursion: Tropical Islands

Tropical Islands in Brand was created in a former Zeppelin-facility as our hotel was. With constant, nice 26°C one can experience the world of the tropes surrounded by palm trees and 600 different species of exotic plants. The jungle in the world's largest self-supporting hall

Fig. Tropical Islands outside



of about 66.000 square meters interior surface consists of approx. 20.000 plants and trees of the tropical vegetation.

Tropical Islands is a unique tropical landscape, a meeting place of the Asian-Pacific regions, Africa and South America. There is a one kilometre long path through the

luscious green in the rainforest, South Seas with a sandy beach and a Balinese lagoon with arcane grotto and a waterfall.

The tropical sea has the size of four Olympic swimming pools: 4.000 square meters and a water of constant 28°C.

Fig. Tropical Islands inside



The 1.200 square meters Balinese lagoon is smaller but its water of 32°C is also warmer than the South



Seas. A flow channel, water slides and several whirlpools in the creeks invite for a relaxing swim. Where the lagoon meets the rainforest, a grotto and a waterfall create an authentic jungle feeling.

Fig. Tropical village



Besides the show and nature experience there are leisure and sports opportunities like beach-volleyball, beach-soccer, massage and water aerobics.

Again helping Mr Conrad

Yesterday Mr Conrad still had his problems with the potatoes. In hard work you students had to help him investigating the major qualities of potato starch.

Fig. working together



Common opinion among the students was that the test was even harder than the one they had two days ago and again the physics part seemed to be the most difficult one.

Fig. Practical work



After having completed the whole competition procedure all the students were in a much more relaxed mood than the days before. Unfortunately Mr Conrad couldn't be present at the following



ceremonial planting of the “European Tree of Knowledge”.

Fig. Mr Cotter at its best



Each team helped by shovelling some soil onto the roots of the new

Fig. European Tree of Knowledge



tree and placed their national flag beside. Due to a “technical problem” the Swedish flag couldn’t be present

when the ceremony started. Thanks to Mr Cotter’s improvisational talents it finally arrived just in time...

Fig. The Swedish flag



Afterwards the growling stomachs could be silenced at the barbecue diner. At least if you managed to stay in front of the long line...

Fig. line



Now after the competition is over you students shouldn’t pass up the opportunity of making friends from all over Europe. A great start would be tomorrow at Tropical Islands...



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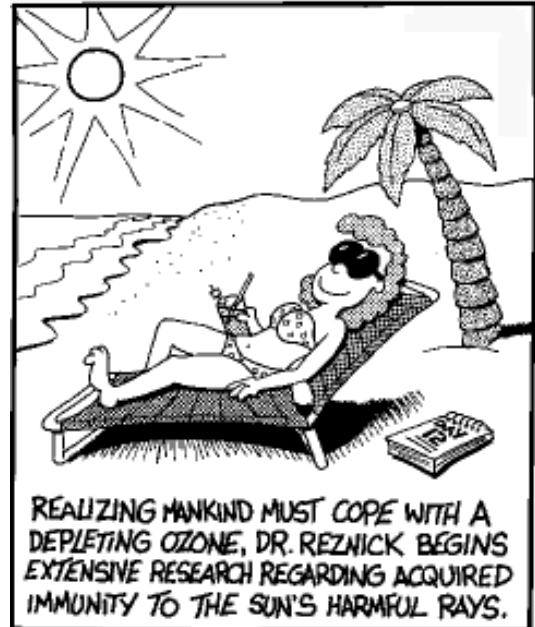
Bus Departure:







- Students: 8:45
Tropical Islands

- Mentors last 8 nations: 8:30
Telegraphenberg
- Mentors last 8 nations: 11:00
Return to hotel
- Mentors last 8 nations: 14:00
Moderation of the results
- Mentors first 8 nations: 9:30
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- Mentors first 8 nations: 13:30
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Students, please don't forget your swimming suits and towels...

off the mark



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| | cloudy | cloudy | cloudy |
| temperature | 6°C | 14°C | 12°C |