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本日のゲストスピーカーはカナダのトロントから半年前に来日、現在就活中の Daniel さん。奥さんは二年間カナダに英語留学していた日本女性です。全てが広大なカナダから日本に来た当初は日本の家、車、道、特に歩道など狭い生活に慣れず 何度鴨居に頭をぶつけた事か！！でも、今は慣れたそうです。本日のタイトルは“Ten things you don't know about Toronto”です。本論に入る前にトロントの位置を確認しておきましょう。



1) Toronto is the most diverse city in the world

Toronto's population is cosmopolitan and international reflecting its role as an important destination for immigrants to Canada. Toronto, with a population of 2.48 million people (5.5 million in the Greater Toronto Area), is one of the world's most diverse cities by percentage of non-native-born residents, as about 49% of the population were born outside of Canada, because of the city's low crime rates, clean environment, high standard of living, and friendly attitude to diversity.

In 2006, people of European ethnicities formed the largest cluster of ethnic groups in Toronto, 52.6%, mostly of British, Irish, Italian, and French origins. The five largest visible minority groups in Toronto are South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino and Latin American. As of 2006, 46.9% of the residents of the city proper belong to a visible minority group, Toronto has the second-highest percentage of constant foreign-born population among world cities, after Miami, Florida. While Miami's foreign-born population consists mostly of Cubans and other Latin Americans, no single nationality or culture dominates Toronto's immigrant population, placing it among the most diverse cities in the world. Thirty-one percent of City residents had a home language other than English or French. By 2031, Toronto's current visible minority population will have increased to 63%, changing the definition of visible minority in the city.

2) There is a castle in Toronto

Casa Loma (Spanish for Hill House) is now a museum and landmark in uptown Toronto, constructed in the Gothic Revival style. It was originally a residence for financier Sir Henry Mill Pellatt. Casa Loma was constructed over a three-year period from 1911-1914. At 98 rooms, it was the largest private residence in Canada. Notable amenities included an elevator, an oven large enough to cook an ox, two vertical passages for pipe organs, central vacuum, two secret passages in Sir Henry's ground-floor office and three bowling alleys (never completed). Casa Loma has five acres of gardens. Due to its unique architectural character in Toronto, Casa Loma has been a popular

location for movies and TV.



2) The longest street in the world

Yonge Street (pronounced "young") is a major arterial street running between Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe in the Canadian province of Ontario. It was formerly listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the longest street in the world at 1,896 km and is a national historic site.

It is actually no longer the longest street in the world since it is no longer linked to Highway 11.

4) The ROM (Royal Ontario Museum)

museum went through a major renovation and expansion project, dubbed Renaissance ROM. The centerpiece is the recently-opened Michael Lee-Chin Crystal, who donated \$30 million towards its construction, designed by architect Daniel Libeskind and Bregman + Hamann Architects. This last set of galleries was torn down in 2004 in favour of a new expansion designed. The phase of gallery re-openings includes exhibits featuring the art and history of Japan, China, Korea, and of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada.

Maybe this building gives you some kind of emotion.



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5) Toronto was attacked by America

The Burning of Washington was a battle that took place on August 24, 1814, during the War of 1812 between the British Empire and the United States of America. The British Army occupied Washington, D.C. (the capital city of the USA) and set fire to many public buildings following the American defeat at the Battle of Bladensburg. The facilities of the U.S. government, including the White House, were largely destroyed, though strict discipline and the British commander's orders to burn only public buildings are credited with preserving the city's private buildings. This is the only time since 1783 in United States history that a foreign power has captured and occupied the United States capital. Historians assert that the attack was in retaliation for the American burning and looting of York (now Toronto) during the Battle of York in 1813, and the burning down of the buildings of the Legislative Assembly there. The British Army commanders said they chose to attack Washington "on account of the greater political effect likely to result". The White House was burned, and the Union Flag raised over Washington.

6) Toronto is the center of the hockey

The National Hockey League, often abbreviated to the NHL, is an unincorporated not-for-profit association which operates a major professional ice hockey league of 30 franchised member clubs, of which six are located in Canada and twenty-four in the United States. Toronto has the largest hockey team in the NHL and the most loyal fans in the NHL.

The Stanley Cup, the oldest professional sports trophy in North America, is awarded annually to the league playoff champion at the end of each season. But Toronto Maple Leafs has not won the cup.





7) Three queens live in Toronto

Honey bees

In July 2008, the Royal York installed three beehives on its 13th-floor rooftop terrace to serve its in-house garden, which already provides its nine restaurants with fresh herbs, vegetables and flowers.

8) There are Salmon in Toronto

There are 2 rivers surrounding Toronto, the

Don River in the East and the Humber River in the West. If you visit the Humber in the fall you can see Salmon very easily, just 2 minutes away from the subway station.

9) There were a hurricane in Toronto 1954年にHazelがオンタリオ南部を襲いました。風速はなんと110km/hに達し、48時間の雨量は285mm、4千家族が家を失い、復興費用は more than one dillion doller.

10) Toronto is a University City

Toronto residents (Torontonians) hold more University degree than any other country in the world.(1997)

*カナダの鉄道 大自然の中を走る長距離鉄道の旅はすばらしい。なにしろ東から西までの連絡網は鉄道でしたから。

*トロントの地下街は大阪の地下街をモデルにしたって本当？Yes, true.

医療制度 歯医者是有料、救急医療などは無料。

*カナダとアメリカの文化の違いは？アメリカはアメリカの文化、カナダはイギリス(一部フランス)プラスアメリカ文化、でも移住してきた本国の独自文化を強くキープしている。メルティングポット対モザイクか。



*香港の中国返還時、リッチな友人がカナダに移住した。一人っ子政策？いや、既にコミュニティもあり安心して生活でき文化も維持できるからでしょうね

*アメリカ口語では Huh?と言うところをカナダ英語では Eh?と言うそうです。」

*なぜ Ten things なんですか？ うーん、全半は一般的だがその後は勢いかな？

*サーモン釣りは？ フライが一般的です。The Humber Riverの方が良く釣れる。

*大学は入るのは簡単、卒業するのが大変、入学金も安い。日本とは正反対。