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Tanabata and Fourth of July

The Star Festival, or the *Tanabata*, is coming soon! The holiday is on July 7th **annually** (every year). The Star Festival **came from** the **ancient** Chinese tale **called** *Kikkoden*. The **legend** is over 2000 years old now! The festival was first held in Japan in year 755 by Empress Kōken. China celebrates The Star Festival **like** Valentine's Day in Western countries. It is also celebrated in Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam.



Another holiday that is coming is called Fourth of July, or Independence Day in America. This day celebrates the day that America **gained independence** from Great Britain in 1776. On this day in America, there are many fireworks (花火) shows and many celebrations. A popular way to celebrate is by having a barbeque!



BABY BORN ON FLIGHT AND GETS FREE PLANE TICKETS FOR LIFE

On June 19th, a baby boy was born on a Jet Airways airplane between Saudi Arabia and India 35,000 feet (10,668 meters) **above ground**. Members of the flight crew helped the woman deliver the baby. **In the future**, he can travel **for free**!



International Corner!

Q: Where do you want to go, Mr. Inoue?

A: **I want to go** to Australia!

I want to see *Ayer's Rock*.



I also want to see *The Great Barrier Reef*!



I want to see koalas!



Country Highlight

Name: India

Capital: New Delhi

Largest City: Mumbai

Official Languages: Hindi and English

Population: 1,326,572,000

Coldest Temperature: 20.0 °C

Warmest Temperature: 27.5 °C

Famous for: Bollywood, Taj Mahal, curry, jewelry



