

**Duanwu Festival@23 June 2012**

- The Duanwu Festival, also known as the Dragon Boat Festival and Double Fifth, falls on the fifth day of the fifth month of the Chinese calendar. The celebrations commemorate the death of Qu Yuan—a famous Chinese poet from the kingdom of Chu who lived during the Warring States period.

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**Participants compete in a dragon boat race near Hong Kong's Aberdeen Island as part of celebrations marking the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, June 23, 2012.**



**Participants row a dragon boat while celebrating the Duanwu Festival, or the Dragon Boat Festival, at Longtan park in Beijing, China, June 23, 2012.**



# Chinese in Indonesia fly a lantern during the Dragon Boat Festival in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.



**Colorful smoke clouds are set off to commemorate the  
2012 Dragon Boat Festival in the Liwan district,  
Guangzhou, China, June 23, 2012.**



**Performers celebrate with a dragon dane at the  
Dragon Boat Festival at Parangtritis beach in  
Yogyakarta, Indonesia, June 23, 2012.**



**Tourists bathe children with artemisia argyi water in celebration of the Dragon Boat Festival at the Qu Yuan Temple in Yichang, central China's Hubei Province, June 23, 2012**





**Cooked Zongzi, a pyramid-shaped dumpling made of glutinous rice wrapped in bamboo or reed leaves, is hung to cool off at home of Xu Taoxiang, an 85-year old woman who is expert in making Zongzi, in Changsha City, capital of central China's Hunan Province, June 18, 2012. For decades Xu's family has kept the tradition of making...**



**Young performers in traditional rice dumpling costumes look on during the opening ceremony of the Duanwu Festival held at the Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park on the outskirts of Beijing, China, June 22, 2012.**



**Folk artists from a Qin opera troupe prepare for their debut during the Dragon Boat Festival in Ledu County, Haidong Prefecture, northwest China's Qinghai Province, June 22, 2012.**



**Contestants take part in a dragon boat race in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, June 23, 2012.**



**Happy Duan Wu Festival**