

Islam in China

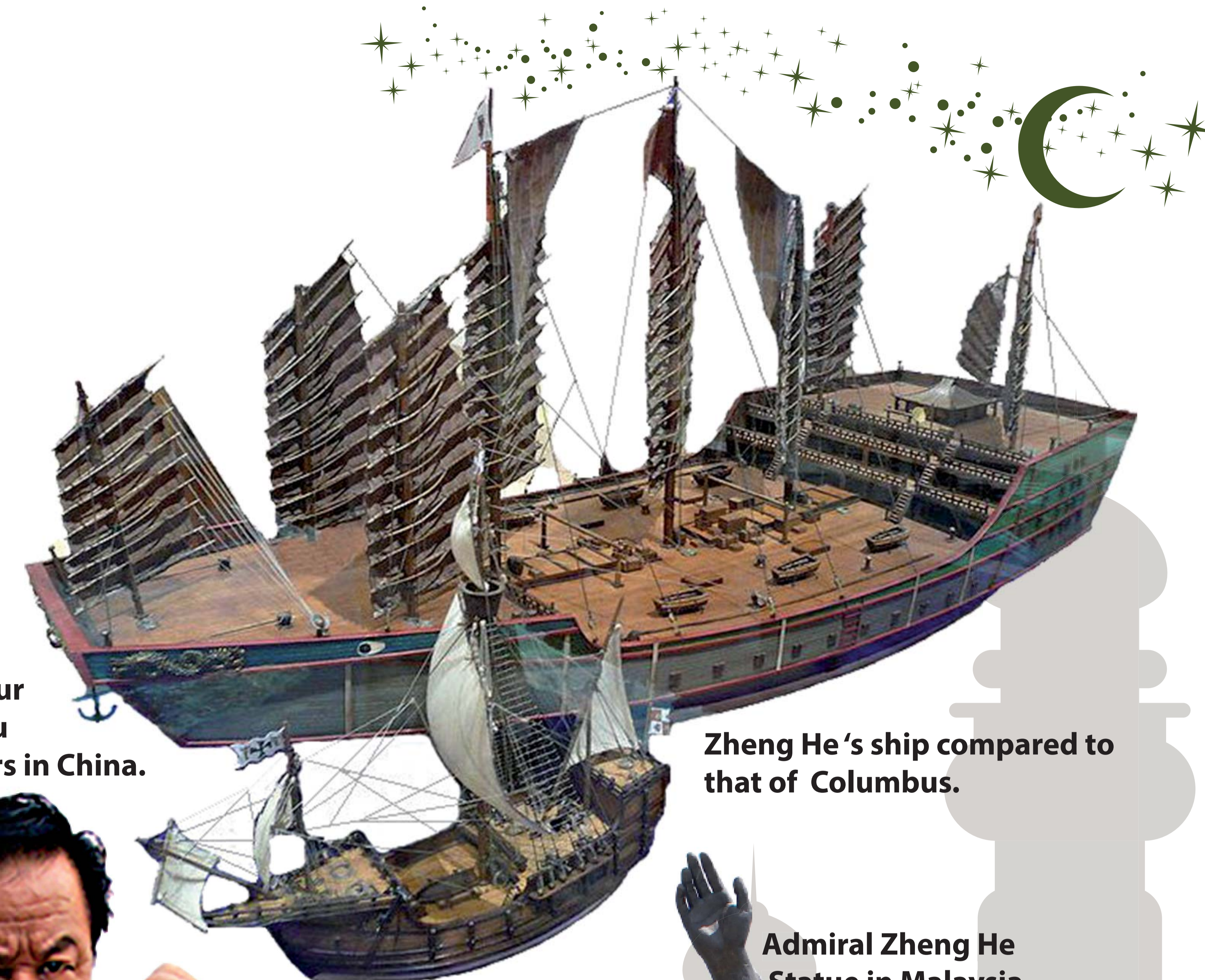
In Chinese language halal is translated as the "purified" food and since the arrival of Islam in China halal food is available in every region, with each region having its own traditional recipes and flavour. The Chinese calligraphy has its own unique style and is called "Sini Calligraphy" resembling Chinese characters written in Arabic, this style of calligraphy is commonly found in many mosques across China.

In Chinese language a mosque is called " Pure Truth Temple"

The traditional clothing of the Hui is also a synthesis of traditional Chinese clothing fitted to the Islamic norms for proper clothing . The Hui Muslim also developed their own martial art style which originated mostly during the Qing Dynasty.

Famous Chinese Muslims:

- Admiral Zheng He (1371-1433) was a Chinese admiral who led an impressive fleet of exploration and diplomatic journeys on behalf of the Emperor. He is rememberd as a hero in many countries.
- General Omar Bai Chongxi (1893-1966) was a well known General and Minister of Defence (1946-1948) who fought against the communists and the Japanese.
- Ma Linyi (1864-1938) was a Minister of Education for the Gansu Province and founder of the Association of Islamic Education Promotion in 1918 also in Gansu Province.
- Bai Shouyi (1909-2000) was a well known Chinese historian who promoted awareness of the Muslim Chinese population. He also modernized the interpretation of history by basing interpretation on archeological finds.
- Yusuf Ma Dexin (1794-1874) was a Muslim scholar who had been the first to translate the Qur'an from Arabic to Chinese. Yusuf Ma Dexin was a fluent speaker of Arabic as well as Persian.
- Ma Xianda (1932-2013) was a martial artist master who's family for six generations had brought forth martial artist masters. One of his most famous students was Jet Li whom he taught the Fanziquan style. Also international Wushu champion Zhao Changjun was one of his students.
- Wáng Dàiyú (ca 1570-1660) was a Chinese Muslim scientist who was highly educated in several subjects such as mathematics, astronomy and philosophy. Due to his knowledge of astronomy he was apointed by the Emperor as Master Observer of the Imperial Observatory. Because of his deep knowledge of Islam,Arabic, Persian as well as Confucianism, Buddhism and Doaism he was able to translate several Islamic texts and used Confucianism to explain Islam to non-muslim Han Chinese.



Ma Xianda.
One of only four
9th DAN wushu
kung fu masters in China.

Zheng He's ship compared to that of Columbus.



Mahire Emet,
Popular Uyghur Folk Dancer.



Admiral Zheng He Statue in Malaysia