Welcome to D+ March 2014 Newsletter. It is the third edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in March 2014 on D+.

It was the month of celebration at D+ as we celebrated the joy and delight of South America throughout March 2014 as a part of D+ annual carnival. Country Ambassadors sent us goodwill messages, friends and families gathered and D+ spread the happiness and pleasure from the continent of South America.

Thanks to all of our volunteers around the world who organized events and spread the positive news from South America.

D+ will continue to publish positive news from around the globe. In the coming months D+ will upgrade the website and work with various global communities to extend its reach.

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Top News Of The Month

Top News Of The Month is selected based on the feedback from D+ Facebook fans from around the world.

Eleven countries in South-East Asia Region, home to a quarter of the world’s population, were certified polio-free by World Health Organization (WHO).

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D+ News: March 2014

- Archaeologists have unveiled two colossal statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III in Egypt’s famed temple city of Luxor.
- Fiji beat South Africa 33-26 to win International Rugby Board (IRB) World Sevens tournament in Tokyo.
- Thailand won the Most Popular Tourist Destination in Asia title, awarded by the German travel industry group Go Asia.
- Japanese architect Shigeru Ban, who has used high-strength cardboard tubes to make temporary housing for victims of natural disasters and refugees fleeing conflicts, was named the 2014 winner of the Pritzker Architecture Prize.
- The Russian Soyuz TMA-12M spacecraft was successfully launched to the International Space Station carrying one American and two Russian astronauts who are expected to work on the station for several months.
- Swedish writer Barbro Lindgren was named as the winner of the 2014 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, the world's largest prize for children's literature.
- China and France signed a series of industrial cooperation deals worth 18 billion euros ($25 billion) featuring aviation and automobile cooperation.
- The Grandmaster, a Hong Kong-Chinese film, won the award for Best Film at the 8th annual Asian Film Awards in Macau.
- Cuba’s parliament unanimously approved a new law on foreign investment aimed at making the Communist-run island more attractive to foreign investors.
- Myanmar began first nationwide census in 30 years, supported by the United Nations Population Fund.
- Hengqin Ocean Kingdom, a huge aquatic theme park in China, was officially opened in Guangdong Province to the general public as the World’s Largest Aquarium.
- Norway’s ex-PM Jens Stoltenberg was named as Secretary General of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Chairman of the North Atlantic Council.
- An international research team, including scientists from Australia, has identified a specific gene fault which causes a hereditary form of melanoma.
- Methane-producing microbes may be responsible for the largest mass extinction in Earth's history - an event that wiped out 90 per cent of the planet's species 252 million years ago, according to a study published by Chinese and American scientists.