

Back to the Hanfu-ture, Young Chinese revive ancient fashion

China has embraced Western fashion and futuristic technology as its economy boomed in recent decades, but a growing number of young people are looking to the past for their **sartorial** choices and **donning** traditional "hanfu", or "Han clothing".

sartorial 服装的; 裁缝的

don 穿上; 先生, 教师

These historic **costumes** of the Han **ethnic** majority are enjoying a renaissance in part because the government is promoting traditional culture.

costume 服装

ethnic 种族的

Period dramas have also contributed to the surge in interest for traditional Chinese **garb** — "The Story of Minglan", a TV series set in the Song Dynasty, **garnered** more than 400 million viewers in three days when it debuted earlier this year.

garb 服装

garner 获得

In modern China, the hanfu community spans the **gamut**: from history enthusiasts to anime fans, to students and even young professionals.

gamut 整个领域

A government-supported revival in Chinese culture has given the hanfu community a boost. In April, the **Communist Youth League** of China launched a two-day conference for traditional Chinese garb, including hanfu. A live broadcast of the event drew some 20 million viewers, alongside a **visceral** outpouring of emotions.

the Communist Youth League 共青团

visceral 发自内心的

Clothes are the "foundation of culture," said Jiang Xue, who is part of Beijing-based hanfu club Mowutianxia. "If we as a people and as a country do not even understand our traditional clothing or don't wear them, how can we talk about other essential parts of our culture?" she said.