

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 404 [English]

Kirin: [Chinese Learn Online lesson 404](#) .

[Hello everyone](#) , I am Teacher Yang .

Raphael: [Hello everyone](#) , I am Teacher Lai .

Adam: And hello, I'm Adam.

Kirin: [Welcome to our learning Chinese course](#) .

Raphael: [The country we are going to introduce today is ...](#)

Kirin: [Panama](#) .

Adam: Panama.

Raphael: [First let's listen to the new words that will appear in the article](#) .

Kirin: [Central America](#) .

Adam: Central America.

Kirin: [Tropical](#) .

Adam: Tropical.

Kirin: [Canal](#) .

Adam: Canal.

Kirin: [To link](#) .

Adam: To link or join or to attach.

Kirin: [Atlantic Ocean](#) .

Adam: The Atlantic Ocean.

Kirin: [The Pacific Ocean](#) .

Adam: The Pacific Ocean.

Kirin: Colony .

Adam: Colony.

Kirin: Style .

Adam: Style.

Raphael: Let's first listen to today's article at a normal speed .

Kirin: Panama is the southern most country in Central America . Its climate is rainy and tropical . In Spanish, Panama means “a place with a lot of fish .” Its area is more than 78 000 square kilometers , and has more than 2 800 000 million people . The capital and largest city are both Panama city . Panama's geographical position has an important influence on the development of its economy . One of the largest influences on the building of its economy was the completion of the Panama canal in 1914 . The Panama canal is located in the middle , and is 82 kilometers long , and links the Atlantic and Pacific oceans together . When it comes to the development of its economy, Panama and America have an important working relationship , so Panama is also in the world the number one country outside America that uses American dollars . Using American dollars not only lets foreigners in Panama do business more conveniently , it is actually also very helpful to the development of tourism . Apart from visiting the famous canal , tourists to Panama can also choose to vacation in many beautiful islands , and appreciate North American as well as South American animals and natural scenery . Due to Panama once being one of Spain's colonies in the American continent , you can also appreciate local buildings of Spanish style . The personality of people in Panama is just like their climate , warm hearted towards people, and an enjoyment of a free lifestyle , with singing and dancing also being parts of their lives . These different characteristics are the reasons that draw tourists to Panama .

Raphael: Let's listen again to this article at a slowed down speed .

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Kirin: See you next time .