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In our fast-developing and globalizing world, keeping traditions alive is vital. Cultural identity has a deep impact on people, it defines their values, behaviour and attitude. Since ~~it~~ ^{cultural identity} helps people embrace their differences, many countries take small steps to honor their legacy and create something new based on it. China isn't an exception.

The 'Tea for Harmony' Project is a worldwide event intending to raise awareness of Chinese tea culture. Surprisingly, even tea can help building international connections. As for me, nothing can be better than a soulful talk with a cup of warm tea. When we have tea parties with my friends, the atmosphere is always calm, and all the worries and disagreements go away. Such an environment can create meaningful bonds between diplomats and countries all over the planet.

Another benefit of the event is the historical part. Sometimes getting to know foreign countries' history can make you open your eyes. It allows you to understand why a country has particular politics and certain technologies. There are cases when you learn a new history fact and realise that ~~something that~~ ~~something that~~ seems new has (already) been existing for centuries. For example, I was shocked when I got to know that fireworks were invented in China a long time ago! That's why promoting history is important. There are many Russian traditions which promote Russian history, such as Maslennitsa or Ivan Kupala day.

To conclude, national culture and history are quite underrated. We should celebrate it, learn more about people around us and build our future together. That's all I wanted to say.