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Subject

Yearbooks

Accessibility

Partially Free (Partial access is given to the Headings and their sections of International organizations, Chronologies etc. Complete access is provided to City profiles, Essays and Focus articles. Full text is available through login).

Language

English

Publisher

Palgrave Macmillan

Brief History

With the inspired proposal of renowned historian and essayist Thomas Carlyle, receiving the enthusiastic support of a British Liberal politician

William Gladstone, the first edition of The Statesman's Yearbook came into being. It has been published annually since 1864 and ranked by Library Journal as one of the top 20 best reference resources of the millennium. In 2002 The Statesman's Yearbook launched its first website. The yearbook has evolved into a modern, dynamic reference tool that is updated on a regular basis meant to keep the users abreast of key world developments.

Scope and Coverage

Subjects covered are Governments (Detailed information on new leaders, ministers, various other developments in Governments), Elections (Election news and their analysis), Economic overviews (Current state of the economy of countries), International organizations (Basic and important features of the organizations), Featured leader (Documenting one prominent or emerging leader) etc.

This yearbook covers information on 194 countries of the world.

The section "International Organization" contains information on various international organizations like United Nations (UN), UN Conventions, Europe, Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), European Free Trade Association (EFTA), European Space Agency (ESA), CERN – The European Organization for Nuclear Research, Central European Initiative (CEI), Nordic Council, Nordic Development Fund (NDF), Nordic Investment Bank (NIB), Council of the Baltic Sea States, European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), Danube Commission, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), Other International Organizations, Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), International Air Transport Association (IATA), Group of Eight (G8), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Criminal Court (ICC) International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO), International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Organisation of La Francophonie, International Road Federation (IRF) International Seabed Authority (ISA), International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO), World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) etc. Information on various organizations from Africa, Americas, Asia/Pacific, Middle East are also available. Various international treaties and information on numerous Think Tanks are included.

The site provides full coverage of various cities (Sarajevo, Cape Town, Washington, Bilbao, Vienna etc.), ISO country codes, Factsheets, Essays, Book Extracts etc.)

Kind of Information

The yearbook is an authoritative work, consists of information essential for diplomats, politicians and all those involved with international affairs. It is widely recognized as an indispensable reference tool. Various prominent features of international organizations, Think Tanks, chronological description of world events, compilation of facts on topics like, population, health, environment, education, defense, natural resource etc. have enriched the work with great accuracy and frequent updation. Accurate information on all the 194 countries of the world, their states and dependencies, covering key historical events, population etc. are found.

For example – Within the heading “International Organization”, section UN has subsections like- Origin and Aims, Members, Finance, Official Languages, Structure (1. The General Assembly, 2. The Security Council, 3. The Economic and Social Council, 4. The International Court of Justice). To get further detail one has to login with username and password.

The heading “Chronology”, has sections like Chronology of events, Credit crunch chronology, Natural disasters chronology and chronology of Olympic games. The subsections of the above are ordered as follows: 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004.

In the section “City Profiles”, sections like, Introduction, Key historical events, Territory and Population, Government, Economy, Transport, Culture and Media of various cities of the world (e.g. Havana, Cape Town, Sarajevo etc.). A general map and few pictures of the cities are also available.

Full archive of this yearbook from 1860 to current year is contained in the site.

ISO country codes can also be found here.

Special Features

- ❖ The yearbook has a very useful feature of providing comparable data of the countries of one's choice. One can add the countries from a given list and click the “Compare” button to get data on the countries' Capital, Population estimate, GNI per capita, world rank and Internet domain extension.
- ❖ Essay competition is conducted and the winning essay is featured in the Facebook and Twitter.
- ❖ The page is connected to the Palgrave Macmillan site. Renowned book extracts of Palgrave Macmillan are found.
- ❖ The website is linked to social media sites like, Facebook and Twitter.

Arrangement Pattern Through the “Browse” section, alphabetically arranged country list is found. Starting with “A”, one will get a list of countries starting with ‘A’. E.g. -

From Aarhus to Astana

Aarhus, Abidjan, Abkhazia, Abu Dhabi City, Abuja ,Accra, Addis Ababa, Adelaide, Aden and so on.

For events, chronological list of years are arranged as follows:
2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004.

Under the heading “International Organization”, sections are arranged alphabetically except the United Nations coming on the top.

Remarks **“This yearbook is an invaluable source of reliable and concise information in the world of international affairs where rapid change makes it almost impossible to keep track of who is who and who does what. The yearbook is sober and reliable, qualities that are all the more important when agendas shift with the current news in the media.”** – Professor Janne Haaland Matlary, Norwegian Military Staff College and the University of Oslo

“Over 1,000 pages of essential facts. Just as current but more reliable than the internet, I consult it almost daily.” - Professor R.N. Lebow, King's College, London

Comparable Tools

- The Yearbook of the United Nations (<http://unyearbook.un.org/>)
- The Yearbook of International Organizations (<http://www.uia.org/yearbook>)

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