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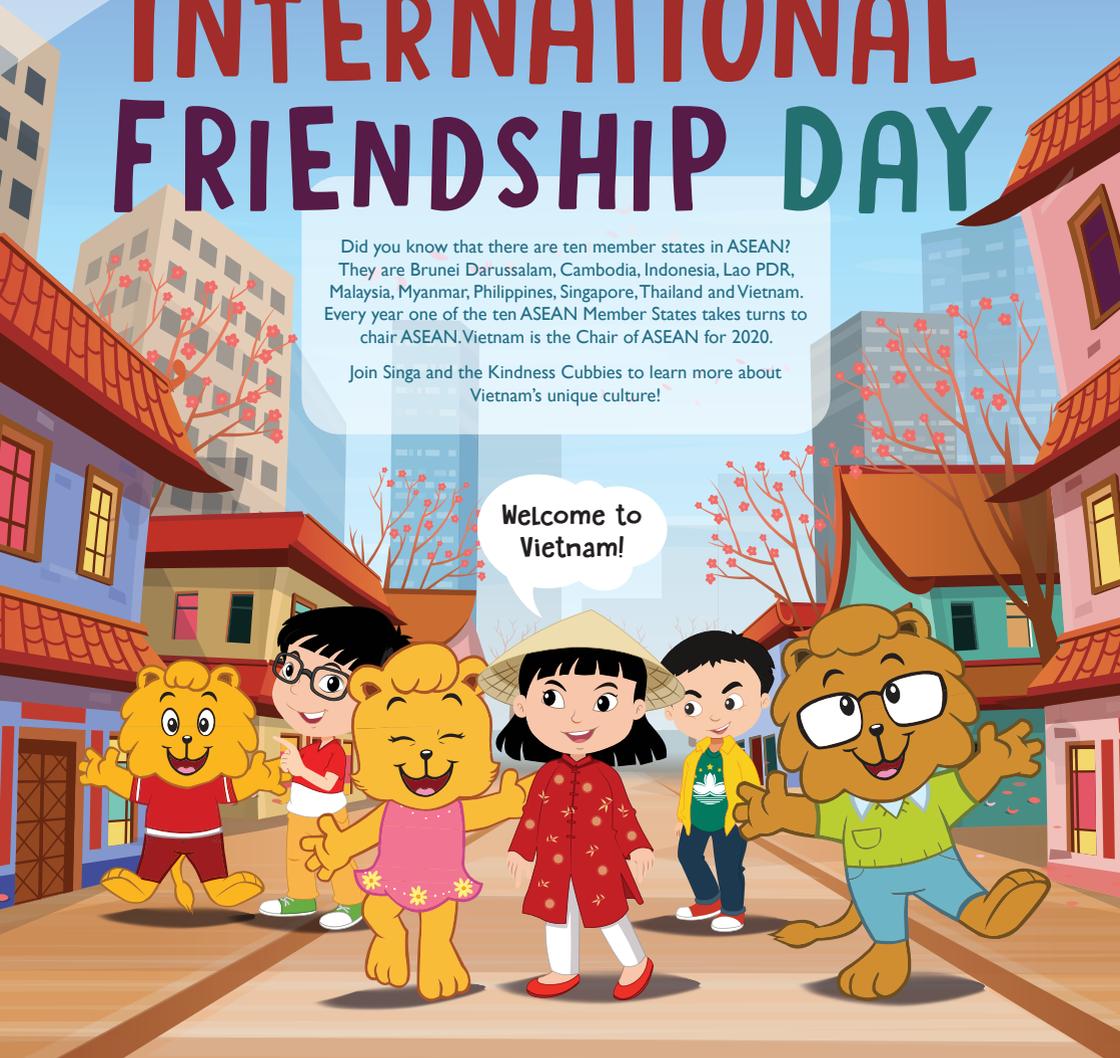
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# INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

Did you know that there are ten member states in ASEAN? They are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Every year one of the ten ASEAN Member States takes turns to chair ASEAN. Vietnam is the Chair of ASEAN for 2020.

Join Singa and the Kindness Cubbies to learn more about Vietnam's unique culture!

Welcome to  
Vietnam!



# VISITING OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOUR, VIETNAM!



Did you know?  
Like Singapore, Vietnam is a Southeast Asian country! )

( Vietnam is also one of the ten member states of ASEAN.

) Interesting! I can't wait to learn more when we land. )



XIN CHÀO!  
Welcome to  
Ho Chi Minh City in  
Vietnam!



"Xin chào"?  
What does  
that mean?

It is a  
common greeting  
in Vietnam.  
We use it to  
say hello.

Ohhh. Xin chào!

Xin chào!



Let's go this  
way. I want to show  
you what their schools  
are like!

At a local school...

Giáo viên buổi  
sáng tốt lành!\*

In Vietnam, all  
classes are conducted  
in Vietnamese.

\* This means "Good morning teacher!" in Vietnamese.

Bonjour!\*

Salut!\*

Allô!\*

But from Grade 6 to 9, they can also learn a foreign language, like English, Chinese or French.



\* These are common French greetings.

Outside the school...

What would you guys like to see next?



How about a public park? I hear they are beautiful!

How do we get there?



It looks like most people get around on motorbikes.

But... We can't all fit on a motorbike, Singa!



We can take this bus!

A short bus ride later, the cubbies arrive at Tao Dan Park.

Wow, there are so many activities here!





Hey! That looks familiar!

It looks like the **Capteh** we play in Singapore.

We call this Da Cau. It is played just like Capteh, where players work together to keep the da cau in the air, using just their foot.



It's fun! You should join our game!

We'd love to!

### After the game...

Phew, that was more challenging than I expected.



Yeah, the locals made it look easy, but it requires a lot of skill.

I LOVE IT! When we get back to Singapore, I'm going to ask my family to play it with me!



Are we going back already?

Not yet! We can't visit Vietnam without watching one of their famous Water Puppet Shows!

It is a unique tradition in Vietnam. It started in rice paddy fields, where farmers would gather to watch the puppets in the water.



OKAY,  
LET'S GO!



That was  
super fun!



Isn't it amazing  
that we could  
understand the  
storyline, even  
though the whole  
show was in  
Vietnamese?

Yeah, and  
the puppeteers  
were amazing too!  
It really felt like the  
puppets were alive.



Thanks for  
bringing us on this  
awesome tour of  
Vietnam, Tosh!

You're welcome.  
I'm glad you all enjoyed  
the trip, and I hope  
we've all learned a little  
bit more about our  
neighbour Vietnam!



# TRADITIONAL PUPPET SHOWS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Did you know that puppetry is one of the most common forms of traditional storytelling in Southeast Asia? Match the pictures to the types of puppetry performed across different countries.



A

## WATER PUPPETS IN VIETNAM

Instead of being performed on stage, these puppet shows are performed on water! Puppeteers control the puppets using bamboo rods under water to make them look like they're floating on the surface.



B

## WAYANG KULIT OR SHADOW PUPPETS IN INDONESIA

Paper puppets are cut out and attached to rods. The shadows of the puppets are then projected onto a screen for the audience to see. Puppeteers control the puppets from behind the screen. The stories are usually about good versus evil.



C

## HUN LAKHON LEK OR TRADITIONAL THAI PUPPETS IN THAILAND

This type of traditional puppet requires three puppeteers to work together to create lifelike movements. A pulley and rope are attached to parts of the puppet body for realistic and graceful movements.

## TRADITIONAL BURMESE PUPPETS IN MYANMAR

These traditional puppets are carved from wood, polished, sanded and painted, before they are dressed in hand-stitched traditional costumes. Puppeteers control the puppets by pulling the strings attached to the puppet.



D

Did you get them right?  
 A - Traditional Burmese puppets in Myanmar  
 B - Hun Lakhon Lek or traditional Thai puppets in Thailand  
 C - Wayang Kulit or shadow puppets in Indonesia  
 D - Water puppets in Vietnam



# DISCOVERING VIETNAM

## The main food in Vietnamese meals is rice.

Vietnam is one of the world's largest producers and consumers of rice! The Mekong Delta in southern Vietnam grows nearly half of the country's rice.



Chicken with sticky rice



Vietnamese rice paper rolls



Rice noodles



**Tet**, meaning 'festival of the first day', is the Lunar New Year and biggest festival in Vietnam.

The celebration usually takes place in January or February. People will spend time with their families, visit their relatives and hope for the best of the new year to come.



**The traditional Vietnamese costume is known as the Ao Dai.**

It is a long silk tunic with a conventional looking collar and is buttoned down on the left side. The Ao Dai has a version for women as well, which flows down to the ankles.





# DESIGN A FLAG

If Kindsville were a country, what would its national flag look like? Design your Kindsville flag and write one or two sentences to explain your idea.

You may think about:

- What does kindness mean to you?
- What do you think best describes the Kindness Cubbies?

## Kindsville



About the flag:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send us your entry by mail to the following address by 6 May 2020.

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Singapore 178892

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### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- ★ Relevance to the theme
- ★ Originality

### PRIZES:

- ★ 1st, 2nd, 3rd

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