

Kindsville Times Adventures



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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...



Chúng em
chào cô ạ!*

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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

Did you get them right?

A - Traditional Burmese puppets in Myanmar
B - Hun Lakhon 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:



Name: _____

School: _____

Class: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Email Address: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Contact Number: _____

Home Address: _____

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

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- ★ Relevance to the theme
- ★ Originality

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