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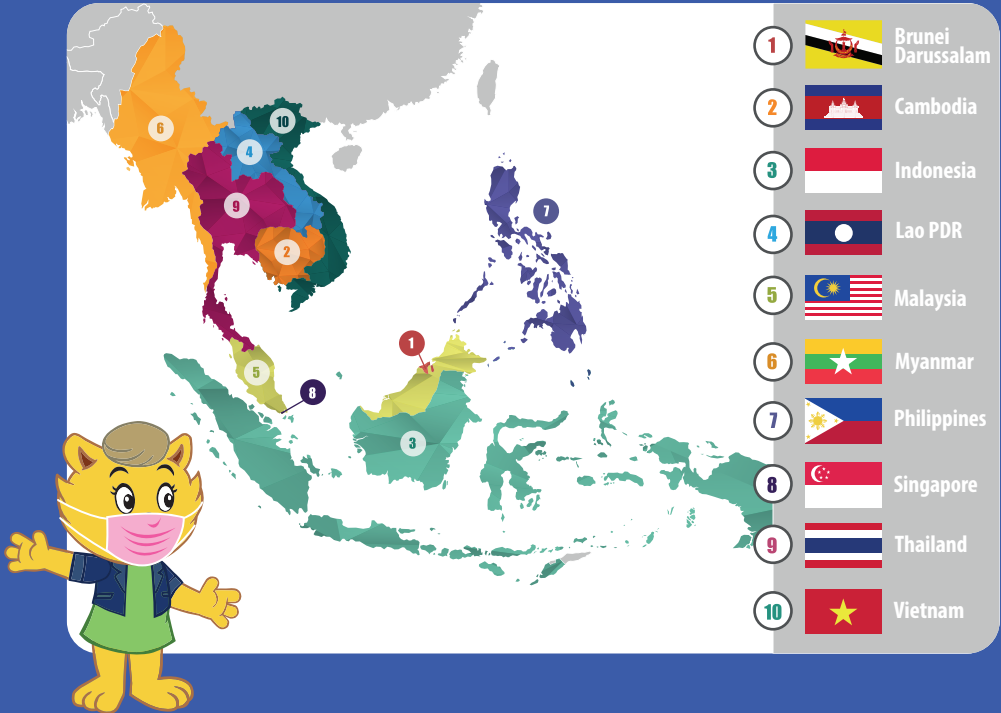
International Friendship Day

COUNTRY OF FOCUS:

**BRUNEI
DARUSSALAM**



International Friendship Day



Do you know that ASEAN stands for Association of Southeast Asian Nations and 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 lead ASEAN. Brunei Darussalam is the Chair of ASEAN for 2021.

Join Singa and the Kindness Cubbies to learn more about Brunei's unique culture and attractions this International Friendship Day!

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY *Brunei*

Hello Tosh!
Are you working
on the Kindsville
Teleport Machine?

Hi there,
Singa!
I am indeed!



Oooh, does that
mean we get to
teleport and visit
another new
country this year?

Sadly not, Tomeo.
But I'm keeping the
machine in good
condition so we can
travel when it's safe!

I can't wait
to travel again.
I miss making new
friends from
other countries.

Me too!



Even though we
can't travel now,
we can still expand
our horizons!

By learning
more about other
countries and
their cultures!

How?

Okay!



Do you know Brunei is a country
in Southeast Asia? If you take
a plane from Singapore to Brunei,
it will only take about

2 hours!



Singapore



Brunei



I didn't know that!
In fact, I don't know
that much about
Brunei...

Let's find
out more
together then!



Brunei has a
population of about

400,000
(people



MALAY

is the main
language that people
speak in Brunei.

Selamat
pagi!



Like the Malays in Singapore
and Malaysia, their traditional
costumes are the **baju kurung**
for women and the
baju melayu for men.



Photo taken >>
before COVID-19.



Their national flower is brightly coloured and really pretty. It's called **Simpur**, and can be found along rivers in Brunei.



Oh! Brunei also has one of the largest water settlements in Southeast Asia! It is called **Kampong Ayer**, which means "water village" in Malay.



People still live there today. They take boats or water taxis to get around.

That's so cool!

How about food in Brunei? Food is always such an interesting part of a country's culture!

They have something really unique! It's called **ambuyat**.



What's that?



It comes from the trunk of the sago plant. It's transparent and gooey.



You take a pair of chopsticks and twirl it in the ambuyat. Then you dip a small piece in shrimp sauce and enjoy.

Wow! I've never
seen that
before. I'd love
to try it!



You can find
all kinds of delicious
and affordable local
food at the **Gadong
pasar malam** (or night
market). They have
Malay, Chinese, Indian,
Japanese and even
Western food!



Yummy!
I can't wait
to visit and try
everything!



Since the COVID-19 pandemic,
the night market has started to
offer a delivery service. Locals
don't need to visit the market
themselves. They can simply order
their favourite dishes online.

I wish we could
place an order too!
Do they deliver to
Kindsville?



I doubt so, Tomeo,
but don't worry.
Once it's safe to travel,
we'll get Tosh to take
us to Brunei.

**That sounds
awesome!**

Yup! I'm looking
forward to it!





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BRUNEI'S KAMPONG AYER

A Place Called Home

Do you know that some people live on floating homes? For more than 600 years, people have lived in the water village of Kampong Ayer in Brunei. This is one of the largest water settlements in Southeast Asia.

Today, Kampong Ayer is home to more than 9000 people. The buildings sit on top of wooden stilts on the water's surface, and the village has electricity, air conditioning and internet access!



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The water village is made up of 30 smaller villages, all interconnected by wooden walkways. Even though many of the buildings seem small, the village is equipped with hospitals, schools, shops and restaurants.

Scan the QR code below and take a virtual trip to Brunei's Kampong Ayer:



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Wondering how the locals travel around while living on water? There are boats and water taxis to take people around. Some residents also commute by boat to work in the city.

In many parts of Asia, people are moving away from traditional lifestyles such as living in villages. But in Brunei, traditional lifestyles on water evolved and progressed to keep up with the times. New houses, schools and mosques are still built and refurbished at Kampong Ayer today.



Family Time

HOUSES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Have you ever wondered what houses look like in other countries? Many unique houses exist across the world. They are different due to geographical locations and the country's history.

Together with your family, find out and get to know some interesting types of houses.

Here are some examples:



"Honai" house in Indonesia



Bamboo house in Thailand



Yurt in Mongolia



Igloo in Canada



"Hanok" in Korea



"Cueva" in Spain



Which type of house or country would you like to experience living in with your family? Draw it below!

A large, empty white rectangular area with rounded corners, intended for a child to draw their answer to the question above. It occupies the central portion of the page.



Kindsville Mailbox



Write to Singa and the Kindness Cubbies and get a personal reply!

International Friendship Day encourages everyone to build good relationships with friends from different countries.

In your school, what would you share with a friend from another country about living in Singapore?

Post it by snail mail to:

**Singa and the Kindness Cubbies
Singapore Kindness Movement
61 Stamford Road
#01-08 Stamford Court
Singapore 178892**

You may also email to:

kindsville@kindness.sg

Singa would like to know your home address, school and class so that he can write back to you! You may write them at the back of your letter or in the email. Thank you! (Please ask your parents/guardians for permission before sending the letter or email.)



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to read featured letters!**



FEATURED LETTERS

HOW CAN WE PLAY OUR PART IN TOTAL DEFENCE?

Dear Singa and the Kindness Cubbies,

We can play our part in Total Defence by being resilient and alert. Military Defence means that we need to be strong and brave while Social Defence means that we need to look out for one another and live in harmony. Digital Defence means that we need to be alert and think before we act on the Internet. Economic Defence means building a strong economy to help us through a crisis. Civil Defence means lending a helping hand when someone is injured or not feeling well. Lastly, Psychological Defence means working together and overcoming challenges in a positive way!

I learnt that Total Defence is very important to us. Let's fight COVID-19 together!

Yap Hooi Ning
Zhenghua Primary School, 4RE





Dear Singa,

I can play a part in Total Defence by:

- Being mentally strong and committing to Singapore's future.
- Living in harmony with people of different races and religions.
- Keeping our digital space safe and secure.

We must work together and play our part to keep our island safe. There is nothing we can't accomplish if we stay united!

Kayla Sophie Loke
River Valley Primary School, 3 Honesty



Dear Singa and friends,

As Singaporeans, we have to stay vigilant and defend our country. There are many ways we can contribute to Total Defence.

We must all practise good hygiene and safe distancing to protect ourselves and others against the virus.
We must be alert and not believe in fake news.
We must live in harmony regardless of race or religion.

Chloe Leong
Rivervale Primary School, 4 Care

