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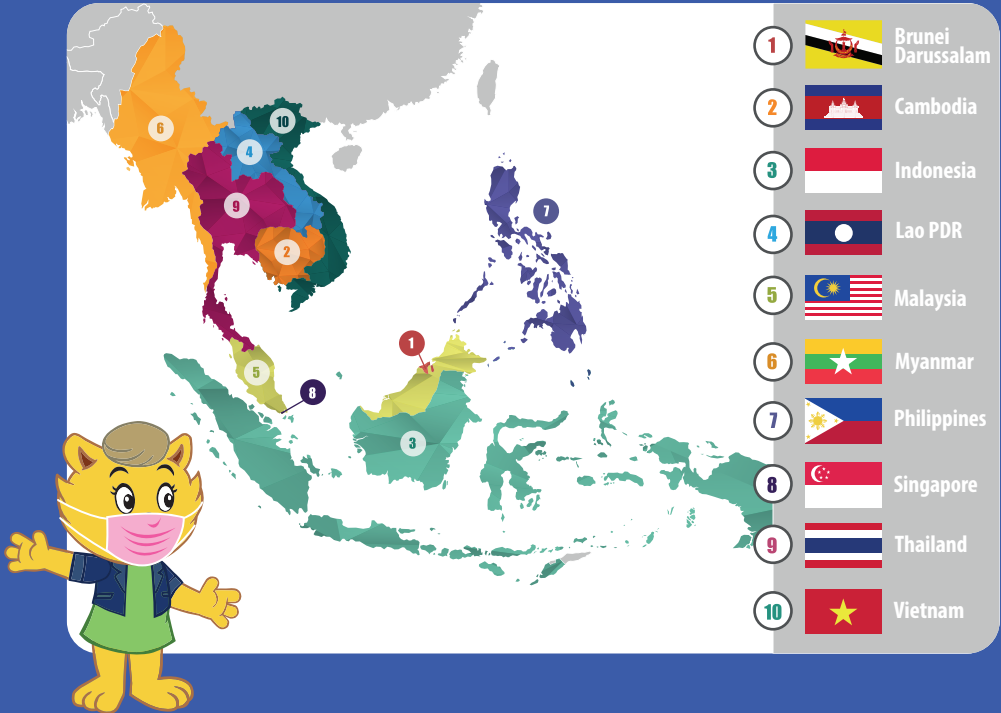
## International Friendship Day

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!

# LET'S LEARN ABOUT...

## Brunei

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

Hi there,  
Singa!  
Yes I am!



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

Not yet, Tomeo.  
But I'm making sure  
that the machine works  
well 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 learn  
about other  
countries!

Which country  
will we be  
learning about  
today?

Brunei!



Actually,  
I don't know much  
about Brunei...

Let's find  
out more  
together then!



Like Singapore, 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



**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 called **Simpur**. It's brightly coloured and really pretty.



It's not just pretty. It is strong, able to grow and survive anywhere. This is why it's important to Brunei.

Oh! Brunei also has some of the oldest rainforests in the world!

Did you know that rainforests make up more than 70% of their country?

Wow! It must be amazing to go there to see many kinds of plants and animals.



Speaking of food... What are some interesting food in Brunei?

What's that?

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



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 food at  
the **Gadong pasar  
malam** (or night  
market).



Photo taken before  
COVID-19.

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



Don't worry, Tomeo.  
Once it's safe to travel,  
we'll get Tesh to take  
us there.

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!**





**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](mailto: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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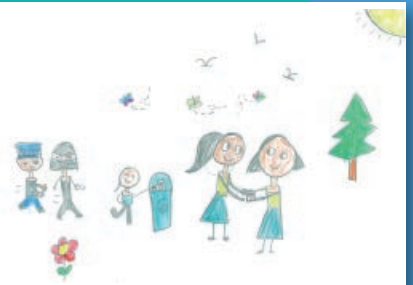


## FEATURED LETTERS

### HOW CAN WE PLAY OUR PART IN TOTAL DEFENCE?

Dear Singa and the Kindness Cubbies,

We can play our part in Total Defence by caring for our friends, teachers and family. We can also look out for suspicious objects and tell an adult about it. Also, we can recycle so that Singapore stays clean and green!



Siti Khadijah  
Greenridge Primary School, 1 Courage

Dear Singa and the Kindness Cubbies,

My name is Natalie Sim and I am 7 years old. I can do my part in Total Defence. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I wear my mask when I go out. I also practise safe distancing in public places. This way, we can win our fight against COVID-19!

Natalie Sim  
Maha Bodhi School, Primary 1 Compassion

