



# CULTURAL FESTIVAL

This proposal contains my suggestions for our country's contribution to the international festival in London.

## Our National History:

Malaysia, formerly known as Malaya, is a country with three major races: Malay, Chinese and Indian. Therefore, it has caused a mixture and crossover between the culture and traditions between the three races. Malaysia was colonized by the British, so representatives of three races, Tunku Abdul Rahman for the Malays, Tun Tan Cheng Lok for the Chinese and Tun Sambathan for the Indians community formed a team to pay the Lancaster House in London a visit with a consensus of retrieving and proclaiming independence for the country during 8th February 1956. On 31st August 1957, Malaysia declared independence and it's a historical moment for Malaysians to be proud and happy of until today.



## Cultures & Traditions

The Malaysian delegation will showcase a variety of cultural performances, including traditional dance like the Zapin, Joget and the famous lion dance, as well as the country's classical music. We will also display a range of arts and crafts such as batik printing, wood carving and weaving. Our team will be dressed in traditional clothing, such as the Baju Kurung, Baju Melayu and Sarong, with a significant target of enhancing the authenticity of the Malaysian experience.

## Food:

Malaysia is a melting pot of different cultures, and this is reflected in its culinary diversity. Our team will offer a range of mouth-watering and scrumptious traditional dishes, such as Nasi Lemak, Satay and Laksa, to give the festival-goers a chance of enjoying the Malaysian delicacy.

## Summary:

We believe that the representation of Malaysia at the international cultural festival in London will be an excellent opportunity of showcasing the country's rich cultural heritage and diversity. We look forward to sharing our unique culture and customs to the world.

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## A MEMORABLE AND INVALUABLE BIRTHDAY!

2023/02/22, it was my 17th birthday. It was the most important and memorable day in my life, as I am one step closer to adulthood and I am able to drive now. It's a piece of good news for me due to I have more freedom as an out-of-cage bird. Eventually, I can hang out with my friends without troubling my parents to take me to the destination.

At 12 am, right at the clock, I received more than 50 birthday wishes from my friends and relatives. It took me 40 minutes to reply to all the messages one by one. This year is definitely the year I get the most birthday wishes ever in my life. Indirectly, it reflects that I am making more and more friends compared to last year. It also means that I am being extroverted, sociable, and using body language gestures, which obviously it's a good sign for me. After that, I passed a wakeful night due to the overwhelming excitement.

In the morning, after having a delicious and yummy breakfast made by my lovely mother, I went to a temple with her. The Chinese believe that praying in a temple on a birthday will bring them extra luck and prosperity. We got some fruits and pastries for praying. It was an interesting and unique experience for me as it was my first time praying in a temple on my birthday.

In the afternoon, I was having lunch with my friends. Out of the blue, they treated me to lunch. It really brought tears to my eyes. They even celebrated my birthday by singing the birthday song! After the tough and suffering physics tuition, we played basketball together in the evening. It was really fun and enjoyable to spend time with them.

At night, my dad and I took some amazing long-exposure photographs. I got this hobby from my dad due to he is an amateur photographer. After capturing some astonishing night views, my family members and I had a delicious sponge birthday mango cake. We took a family group photo as well.

Despite that my 17th birthday was totally an occupied and exhausting day, but I was having fun with it. I really appreciate the time with my family and friends when I was young and naïve.

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