



Merdeka: A Day of Valor

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“Merdeka! Merdeka ! Merdeka!” Each year on August 31st, we will hear the shouts of ‘Merdeka!’ on the streets, the schools and even in some parks. Every time I hear the word ‘Merdeka’, I will recall back the situation of Tunku Abdul Rahman announcing Independence of Malaya from the British on August 31st, 1957 at Stadium Merdeka. We were free from the British and the Japanese. It was a great day for all Malaysians.

This day was celebrated every year in every corner of Malaysia since 1957. Every Malaysian; no matter what race or religion will celebrate in peace and harmony. On that day, there will be parades, performances, and dancing all around the streets. There will be many traditional dances and wonderful parades with beautiful costumes everywhere.

My school will be decorated with Malaysian flags everywhere. The classrooms will also be decorated with flags, banners and pictures of Tunku Abdul Rahman. The streets will have Malaysian banners and patriotic posters of the government and Tunku Abdul Rahman. There will also have some community activities and lots of chatting and cheering together.

At around 6.00 P.M., all parades and performances come to an end and everyone goes home for dinner and on next year August 31 it will happen again. Merdeka Day truly is a great and joyful day for Malaysians.