

The International Culture



Culture is knowledge that is passed down from one generation to the next. Whenever we mention about culture, the first thing that appears in our mind is festivals. Generally, the majority only know about some of the common-heard festivals, such as Chinese New Year, Christmas, “Hari Raya Aidi Fitri” and Deepavali. However, have you ever thought of festivals which are being held in other parts of the world? Let’s have a closer look at other festivals worldwide.

To start up, **La Tomatina** is a festival that is held in Spain in the month of August annually. When I first came across this festival, my first reaction was “Is this something related to tomatoes? Does it even exist? You can’t be kidding right?”. Indeed, tomatoes are thrown onto people during La Tomatina to celebrate the great amounts of tomatoes that were harvested since Spain is known as one of the main suppliers of high-quality tomatoes. Being an unordinary festival, which is alien to the authorities, tourism in Spain has been increasing especially during La Tomatina because tourists would like to participate in this festival to enjoy the culture which differs to the others.



Other than that, **The Boryeong Mud Festival** is another cultural event being held in Boryeong, a town in the capital of South Korea, Seoul. During The Boryeong Mud Festival, people will get themselves covered with as much mud as possible. This event was initially celebrated to promote cosmetics which are made of mud as it is considered to be rich in minerals and vitamins. What made this even more engrossing was the variety of activities, like mud pools, mud baths and mud wrestling that were organized to ensure mud covered our whole body. Surprisingly, some of the beauty clinics in South Korea offer mud massage because mud is believed to be useful as a natural source to brighten our skin.

In summary, lots more cultures nationwide are waiting to be discovered and enjoy them. Such knowledge and information should be learnt in order to make sure they can be passed down to the next generation. We should preserve and cherish the cultures of our own country before it extinct due to the well-developed technology and video games, that are attracting youngsters' attention, which will gradually replace our iconic cultures ours. Keep in mind that we should be learning as long as we are living. Learning is a lifelong habit which we should practice, especially cultural knowledge.

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