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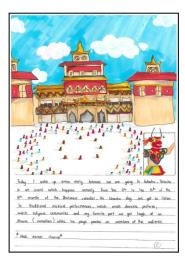


[1] People's Republic of Bangladesh

Could not participate in the Enikki Festa due to political upheaval.

[2] Kingdom of Bhutan

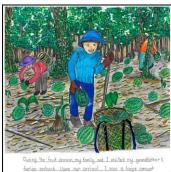
Tsogyal Lhamo Dorji



Today, I woke up extra early because we are going to Tshechu. Tshechu is an event that happens annually from the 11th to the 15th on the 8th month of the Bhutanese calendar. On Tshechu day, we get to listen to traditional musical performances, watch masked dancers perform, and watch religious ceremonies. My favorite part is we get to laugh at an atsara (comedian) while he plays pranks on members of the audience.

[3] Brunei Darussalam

Awangku Aisy Athallah



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During the fruit season, my family and I visited my grandfather's durian orchard. Upon our arrival, I saw a large amount of durians that had fallen onto the ground. When I saw them, I would always pick up the fallen durians one by one and store them inside a takiding (a traditional woven basket with shoulder straps). I used thick gloves to protect my hands from the durian's thorns. The next day in school, I told my friends all about my experience picking durians.

[4] Kingdom of Cambodia

Pich Rothana

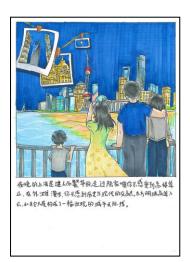


I use Khmer palm leaves that my father has brought from Kampong Chhnang Province. I fold the leaves to create beautiful birds as beautiful decorations. I learned from my grandmother how to fold the palm leaves into birds.

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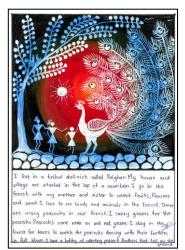


[5] People's Republic of China Jiexi Hao



Nighttime Shanghai is bustling and appealing. Walking through Lujiazui imparts a feel for the towering presence of the skyscrapers, and strolling along the Bund imparts a feel for a curious blend of history and modernity. The Oriental Pearl Tower towers into the clouds and joins the other skyscrapers in forming a spectacular urban skyline.

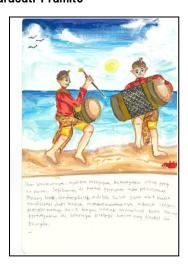
(6) Republic of India Suraj Vasant Bhuyal



I live in a tribal district called Palghar. My house and village are situated in the lap of a mountain. I go to the forest with my mother and sister to collect fruits, flowers, and wood. I love to see birds and animals in the forest. There are many peacocks in our forest. I carry grains for the peacocks. Peacocks come near us and eat the grains. I stay in the forest for hours to watch the peacocks dancing with their feathers in full bloom. I have a hobby of collecting peacock feathers that fall on the ground.

[7] Republic of Indonesia

Avunda Larasati Pramito



My father took our family to the beach. On the way, we came upon a gendang beleq performance. The gendang beleq is a traditional drum of Lombok that the performers play by beating the drumskin with sticks held in both hands. The performances frequently accompany the drumming with dynamic dancing.

[8] Republic of Kazakhstan

Duisenbay Tomiris



This is my family. Our family has four members. The head of our family is my father, Asylkhan, and the pillar of our household is my mother, Komila. My little brother, Amir, is the boss of the toys. As for me, I am Tomiris, but you can call me Tumi. The members of our family enjoy eating together. We enjoy dishes like beshbarmak boiled meat on noodles, baursak fried dough, and kurt dried cheese. I particularly like kumis fermented mare's milk. I love its sour taste and delicious flavor. I love my family.



[9] Republic of Korea

Sieun Park



My most vivid memory is of getting a ride on my father's shoulders to the top of a mountain. That wasn't scary at the time, but I get a little nervous on recalling the experience. I have seen lots of other places, like buildings and schools. And I would like to go to those places again with my family.

[10] Lao People's Democratic Republic Somehanh Lee



Celebrating the Lao New Year We celebrate the Hmong festival of Kinh Giang every year in early January. Soon after that, we enjoy celebrating the Lao New Year. The celebrations end with exchanging gifts and good wishes.

[11] Malaysia

Adela Lau Eejia



Dear Diary, today was horrifying. I got my maths test. And I failed again. My mom was already infuriated by my 50% on test 1. But this time, I couldn't even pass. I got the most simple questions wrong like I don't know how to do them. This is disastrous. In my mind, I can just imagine how she will react. She is going to be doing things she never usually does, like screaming or throwing objects across the room. However, I just don't understand. Why is it so hard to think in the test but so easy to think at home? Something just feels different.

[12] Republic of Maldives

Yusairah Mohamed Yamany



Today is a happy day. Everything is perfect. I love going on picnics with my relatives on holidays. We had huni roshi toast with mashuni tuna and coconut for breakfast and went to the sea. We lost track of the time as we enjoyed tossing a ball, searching for nuts, doing swimming races, and diving off the pier. Our mothers called us back to shore in the afternoon when the sun was brightest. We were happy and excited to see what was in the bags that our mothers had brought. It was a lot of really cute candies. After I had some candy, I went back out into the sea and relaxed on an air mattress. Our mothers got into the sea, too, and tossed water on me. We all had spicy tuna snacks and tea on the beach in the evening. I was sleepy when we got home, but I was really happy.



[13] Mongolia

Binderiya Munkhzul



Water is the jewel of life

I saw the breathtaking mirages in the Gobi Desert this summer for the first time. It was an unforgettable experience. My family and I visited the Khongoryn Els sand dunes in Ömnö govi Province and spent the day building sandcastles. We had become thirsty in the heat and began heading home. On the way, I saw mirage of a water dragon atop the sand dunes. It was sprinkling water from its tail on the earth below. I realized at that moment the crucial role of water as the jewel of life.

[14] Republic of the Union of Myanmar Bhone Nyan Hein

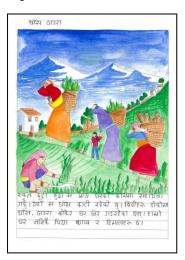


Paddies to rice

Paddies are where farmers grow the plants that give us rice. Rice is our main food in Myanmar. Farmers grow the rice in wet paddy fields, and then they harvest it. In the journey from paddy to rice, farmers are our great benefactors. I thank them. As an Asian, I love paddies! I love rice!

[15] Nepal

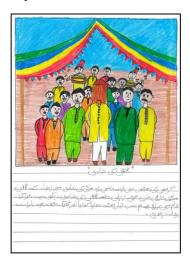
Soumya Dhaugoda



I help with the housework on school holidays. In this picture, I am cutting grass. My sisters are carrying grass and firewood home in big doko baskets. We have tea gardens and mountains near our house.

[16] Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Khadija Ghaury



Village wedding

I went to the Punjab village of Mari Alaichi Khan during the summer holidays to participate in my cousin's wedding. Seeing a village wedding for the first time was a fun experience. We all got ready at five o' clock in the evening. The bridegroom and his barat procession left at exactly six o' clock.

[17] Republic of the Philippines Arcy Ezekiel B. Reyteran



Magnifying the benefits of tree planting
Nowadays, buildings are rising anywhere and even the
mountains are now subject to development. I want to
show to my fellow children that planting trees will save us
from different disasters like typhoon and flooding. Other
benefits of this are that trees can give fruits and shelter
to animals like birds. I hope the world will live greener and
healthier through this advocacy to fight climate change.

[18] Republic of Singapore

Joni Ng



The day I got my first dog, Paoey
This is my dog, Paoey. I got her in June 2022. When she
arrived at our house in the middle of the night, she looked
even cuter than the photo that my mother showed us.
Even though it was a big responsibility, I was thrilled to
take care of her. I feed her every day and take her down
to the playground area for a walk daily.

[19] Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka S.M.T.V.N. Subasingha



My little sister and I came home from our grandmother's house in the pouring rain. Our grandfather cut a banana leaf and gave it to me to keep us from getting wet. A strong wind blew and a heavy rain fell as we were walking. We had fun, even though we got wet and got a scolding from our mother.

[20] Chinese Taipei

Hsin-Yen Chou



Swimming lessons

My mother arranged a two-month swimming course for me this summer. As someone who couldn't swim, I felt both excited and scared. My coach was an older woman who was gentle and patient. She transformed me from a nervous, water-fearing beginner into a skilled swimmer. The summer was fulfilling and passed quickly thanks to the swimming lessons. I spent every day in the pool, and before I knew it the vacation was over. I learned well that we should be brave enough to try when we encounter new learning opportunities, and I discovered that swimming is an amazing activity.



[21] Kingdom of Thailand

Parin Arrin



My big sister, Jaisai, and I, Junjun, have a job to do after dinner. Our mother tells us to wash the dishes. Washing dishes looks simple, but it's actually difficult. That's because we need to hold a sponge in one hand and hold the dish securely in the other hand so they don't slip and break. But I like doing that task because it's an important responsibility.

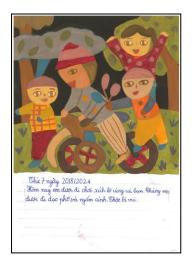
(22) The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Ansgario F. B. Pinto Alves



I always go feed our goats every morning. The goats have babies, and we earn income by selling the kids. That income helps pay for school and for our daily life. I love our goats.

[23] Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Phi Thuy Lam



Saturday, August 20, 2024

My friends and I got to ride on a xich lo tricycle today. We got to walk around town and see the sights. That was fun.

[24] Japan

Sawaka Ishibashi



I went to a Takeuchi Jinja shrine festival at Tochibarano-Sato. Several banners more than 13 meters long were hanging from poles inside the shrine. People in Kure City, where Tochinobara-no-Sato is, use the word yabu for devils. A yabu character in the festival procession had hair of handmade Japanese paper. The attractions include target shooting and lots of food stalls, and I look forward to going every year.