

Kindsville Times Adventures



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A KINDER WORLD BEGINS WITH US

Let's celebrate
International Friendship Day
and Kindness Day SG





Dear friends,

Did you know that Singapore has a neighbour called the Philippines that's just a short flight away? Both our countries are part of a special team called ASEAN, which stands for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Think of ASEAN like a big team where 11 countries in the region work together and help one another.

Being part of ASEAN means we share important values and stick together through good times and tough times. Just like how you and your friends support each other in school, Singapore and the Philippines help each other out. When natural disasters strike, ASEAN countries help one another.

We also get to learn about each other's cultures, try delicious food, and celebrate colourful festivals together! This friendship shows us why kindness matters. And on Kindness Day SG, we celebrate being kind and gracious to everyone.

In this issue, you'll learn more about the Philippines and the friendship that they share with us.

Your friend, Singa



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FRIENDS ACROSS ASEAN

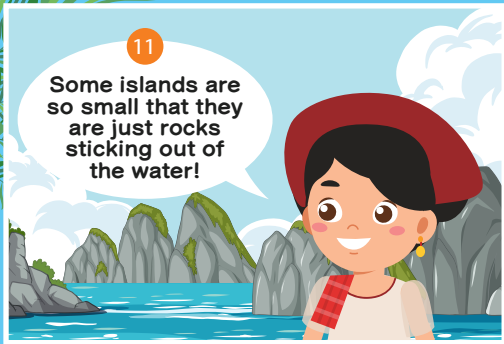
Singa and the Kindness Cubbies are in Singapore for a special class.



DID YOU KNOW?

"Kamusta" means "Hi" or "How are you?" in the Philippines.





ACTIVITY

HOW MANY ISLANDS DOES THE PHILIPPINES HAVE?

Circle the correct answer!

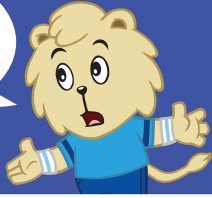
- A. 4617
- B. 6714
- C. 7416
- D. 7641



Answer: D. 7,641

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With so many islands, do people speak the same language everywhere?



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But how do people understand one another?



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Great question! The Philippines has over 180 languages!



MAAYONG BUNTAG!

GOOD MORNING!

MAGANDANG UMAGA!

17

Most Filipinos speak more than one language!



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In fact, we speak at least three languages: English, Filipino and our own local language!



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This means we can understand one another and people from other countries, too!



HELLO!



20

That must be important because Filipinos love being good hosts.



21

You're right! We always try to make our guests feel at home.



22

We should learn from them!

23

Hmm, I can welcome new cubbies at school!

24

I can show them around too!

25

That's lovely!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Philippines is part of ASEAN. ASEAN is a group of countries in Southeast Asia that work together to help keep the region safe. Timor-Leste is the newest member!



ACTIVITY

COUNT THE FLAGS!

How many countries are there in ASEAN?



Brunei Darussalam



Cambodia



Indonesia



Laos



Malaysia



Myanmar



Philippines



Singapore



Thailand



Timor-Leste



Vietnam

26

What's happening here?



27

In this picture, the people are helping to move a house to a new location after a natural disaster.



28

This is **Bayanihan**, a Filipino tradition where neighbours help one another without being asked.

29



We can do that too!
Like doing our part to
keep our classroom
clean or sharing our
things with others.

30



My Bayanihan act
today is helping a
friend with
homework!

ACTIVITY

CREATE YOUR OWN BAYANIHAN MOMENT!



Draw or write one way you can help someone today.



31

Filipinos are
helpful especially
in times of need!
Like after natural
disasters...



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The whole village
is working
together to rebuild
homes...

And they're
taking care of
one another!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Philippines can get hit by
more than 20 typhoons a year.





But even after huge storms, Filipinos stay strong, cheerful and positive.



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That's because we help one another to get through the hard times.



35

Being kind really helps us to overcome challenges and be more resilient.



36

On a happier note, let me introduce you to these toy Jeepneys!

37

Oooh! Are they handmade?



38

Yes! Filipino children make toy Jeepneys from old materials and decorate them.

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How fun and creative!

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It also helps our environment when we upcycle and reuse things instead of throwing them away!



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Let's build our own Cubbie Bus toys when we get back to Kindsville!

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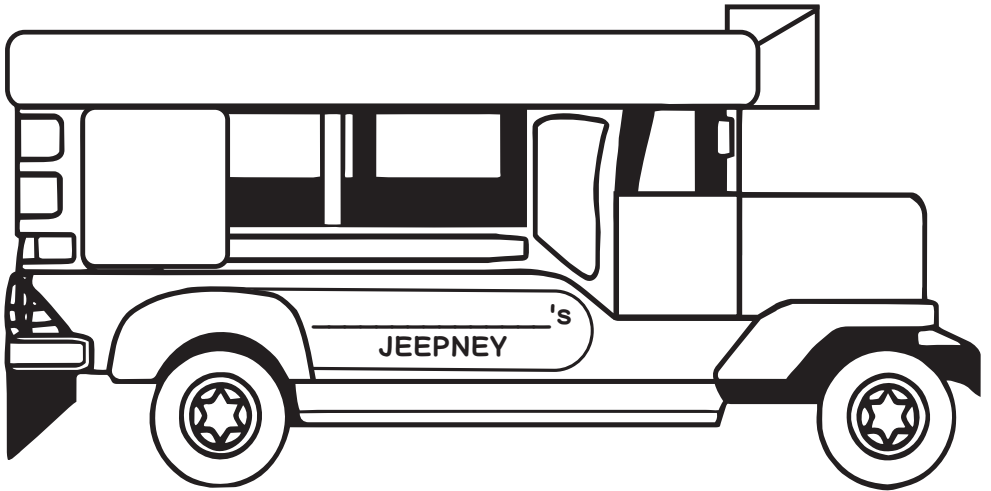
I can't wait to start!



ACTIVITY

WHAT WOULD YOUR JEEPNEY LOOK LIKE?

Colour it and decorate it with stickers!



44

Planting trees is good for the environment.

45

That's right. Planting trees prevents floods, protects the land and provides homes for animals.

43

Look! They plant trees too!



At the end of the lesson...

46

These are important values in Filipino culture.



47

I'm sure these values are important to everyone too.



48

Yes, they are!



49

Let's practise these values every day – because being kind lifts others up!



Later that day...





Activity Time

Hello, friend!

Did you know you can make someone feel welcome by greeting one another? Across ASEAN, friends greet each other in different ways:



Brunei

Selamat sejahtera



Cambodia

Arun sour sdei



Indonesia

Selamat pagi (Good morning)
Selamat siang (Good afternoon)
Selamat sore (Good evening)



Laos

Sa bai dee



Malaysia

Selamat Sejahtera



Myanmar

Mingala bar



Philippines

Kamusta



Thailand

Sawasdeeka (said by females)
Sawasdeekrap (said by males)



Timor-Leste

Olá (in Portugese)
Alo (in Tetum)



Vietnam

Xin chào



How do we say hello in Singapore?
Paste the stickers below:





Activity Time

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY?



- 1 Ask your friends, classmates, neighbours or school staff how they say "hello" in their country and write it on the bookmark.
- 2 Add a kind message.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES:

Kamusta!

I hope you feel
happy in our
class today!



Xin chào!

I hope you
enjoy playing
with your
friends!



- 3 Ask your friends, classmates, neighbours or school staff some questions about their country.
- 4 Draw something that represents their country based on what you have learnt.
- 5 Tear out the bookmark carefully and present it to the person, thanking them for sharing.



Tuk-tuk
(Thailand)



Nasi Tumpeng
(Indonesia)



Bánh mì
(Vietnam)



Kampong Ayer
(Brunei)



Petronas Twin Towers
(Malaysia)

Dear _____,

From: _____

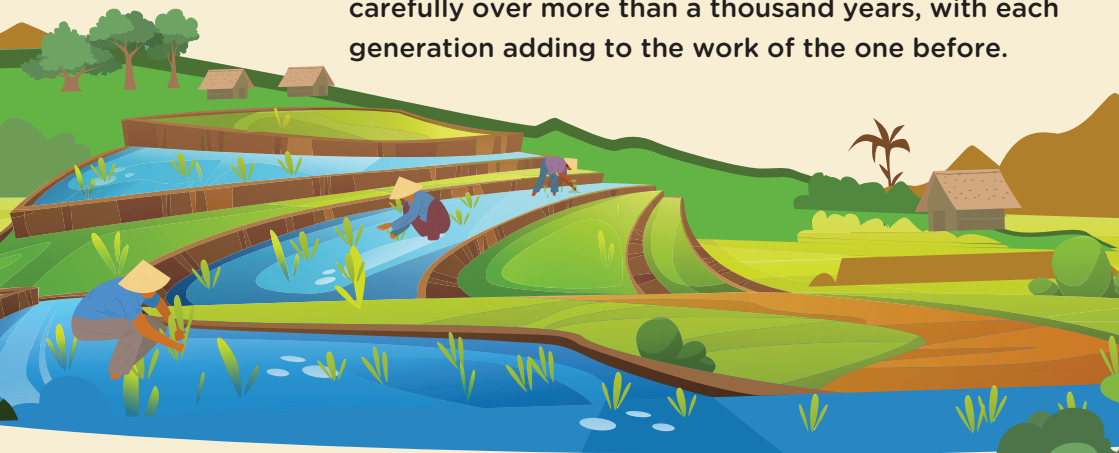


Let's Read!

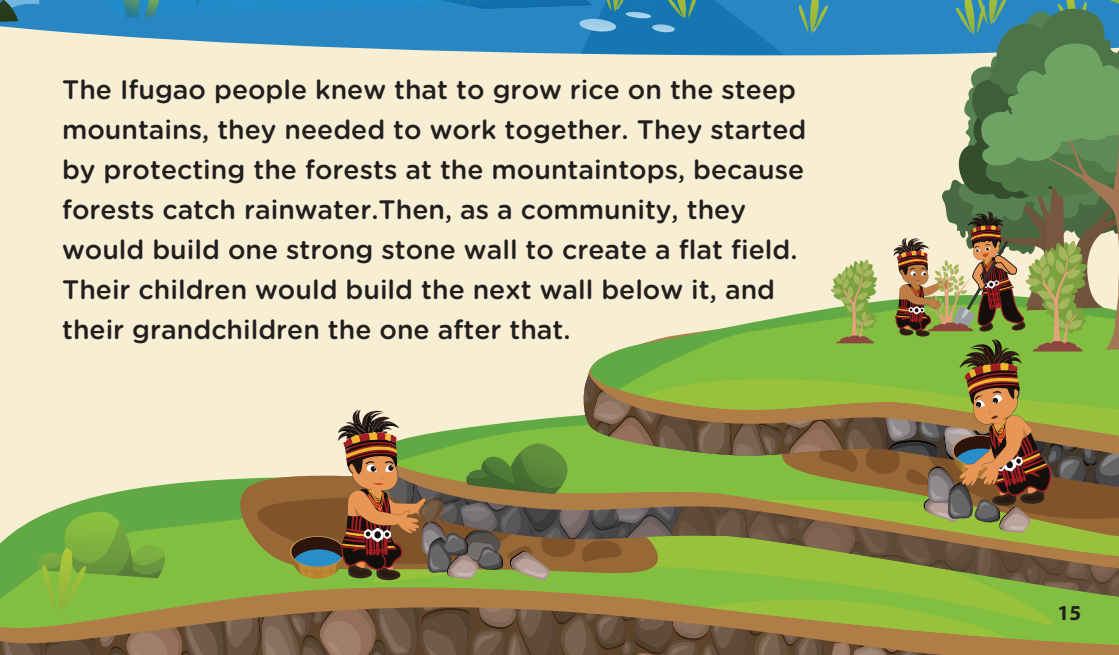
THE IFUGAO RICE TERRACES




The Ifugao Rice Terraces in the Philippines are like giant green steps climbing the mountains. They were not built quickly by one person, but slowly and carefully over more than a thousand years, with each generation adding to the work of the one before.




The Ifugao people knew that to grow rice on the steep mountains, they needed to work together. They started by protecting the forests at the mountaintops, because forests catch rainwater. Then, as a community, they would build one strong stone wall to create a flat field. Their children would build the next wall below it, and their grandchildren the one after that.





The most important part of the project was sharing the water for the rice to grow well. Families worked as a team to carve tiny canals that brought water from the forest springs down to every field. If a wall broke, everyone helped to fix it. They passed down the rules for caring for the land from parents to children.



The terraces show us what can happen when a whole community shares a big responsibility. They prove that by being kind and helping your neighbours, people can create something beautiful that lasts for generations. The terraces are still used today because the Ifugao people continue this tradition of care and cooperation.

This story is adapted from:
<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/722/>



Kindsville Mailbox



What is one kind thing you did for a friend from another country? Tell Singa what happened and how it made you and your friend feel.

Name: _____

School: _____ **Class:** _____

Home Address*: _____

*** Receive a personal reply from Singa when you send in your response.
(Please ask your parent/guardian for permission before sending your letter.)**

I agree to the collection, use, and disclosure of my personal data provided for this activity by the Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM), in accordance with SKM's Data Protection Policy available at <https://www.kindness.sg/privacy-policy/>. I understand that my name, school and class may be published if my entry is featured in Kindsville Times, on SKM's social media platforms or in SKM's exhibitions and publicity materials.



**Write to Singa and stand a chance to be featured
in the next issue of Kindsville Times!**

Send it by snail mail to:

Singa and the Kindness Cubbies
Singapore Kindness Movement

50 Raffles Place, #02-03 Singapore Land Tower, Singapore 048623

You may also send via email to:

kindsville@kindness.sg

Featured Letters

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Last term, some students shared stories and drawings about being Kindness Defenders by showing the kind things they did in school and at home to care for others.

Dear Singa,

Today we had a lockdown exercise in school. During the lockdown, we had to lock the doors, close the windows, turn off the lights and fans and stay quiet. Even though it was very hot, everyone was resilient and did not give up. I helped my classmate to push her desk aside. All my classmates helped each other and the lockdown was cleared successfully. Thank you Singa for keeping Singapore safe and sound.

Name: Rebecca See

School: CHIJ (Kellock)

Class: 4 Rose

When my friend forgets their pencil case, I help by lending them a pencil.

Name: Claire Soh Xuan Ting

School: Jing Shan Pri Sch

Class: P3 IT



I try to do good things each day.

I share my things with others and stand up for my friends.

I comfort people when they feel sad and respect others by giving them space.

Singa inspires me to be kind every day!

Name: Shanvi Gouranga

School: Yuvabharathi International School

Class: 3B





Activity Time



Kindness Day SG, which falls on 22 May 2026, is a special day on which we celebrate kindness! It is a time to show gratitude and say thank you to people who care for us and make us smile.

SEND A 3D "THANK YOU" CARD!

Think of someone you want to thank. It could be a family member who looks after you, a teacher who helps you or a friend who cheers you up.

Create a 3D pop-up card and surprise them with your message.

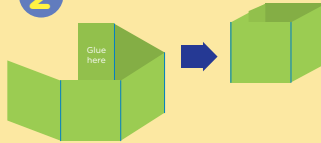


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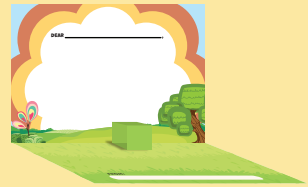
Tear out the card on page 21 and fold it in half.

2



Tear out the rectangle tab on page 23 and fold along the blue lines.

3



Glue the tab inside the card. It should form a square shape when the card stands.

4



Tear out the "Thank You" picture on page 23.

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Glue the picture onto the star in the card.

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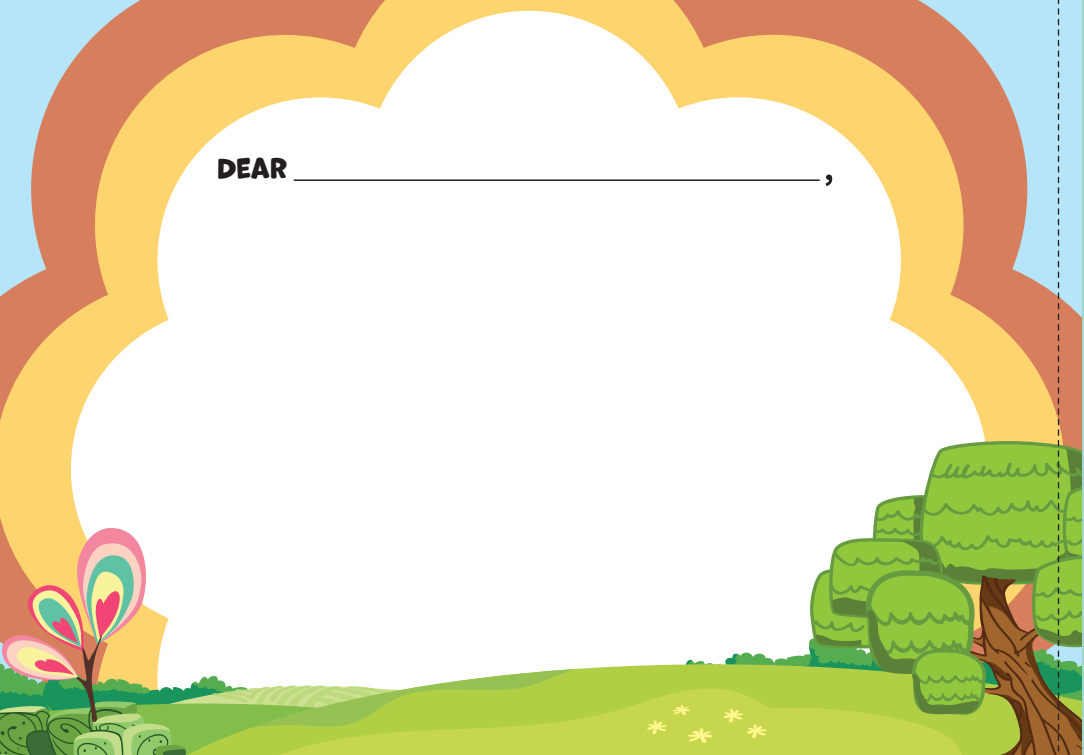
Write your message and give the card to the person you want to thank. You can also use the Singa wheel on page 23 for ideas.



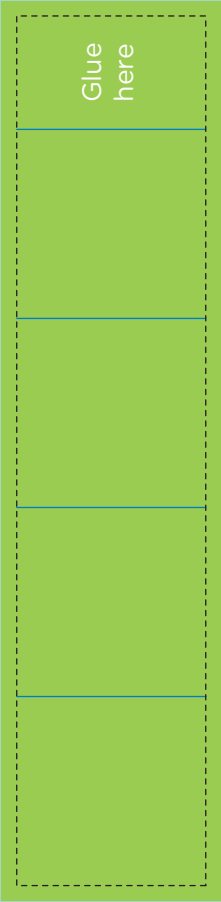
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movement
BE GREATER >

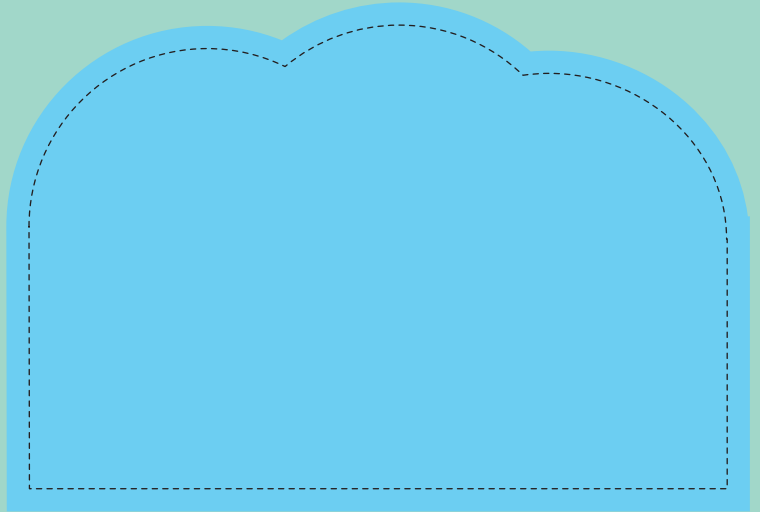
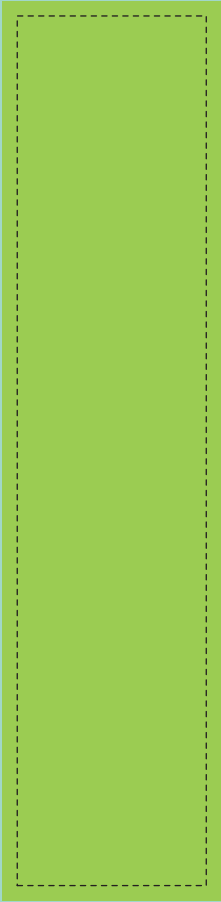


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FROM:



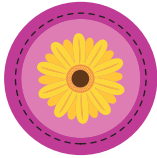


Kindsville Stickers

Use these stickers to decorate your Jeepney on page 9.

SHARE A SMILE 😊

KINDNESS ON BOARD



Use these stickers to complete the “Hello, friend!” activity on page 12.





Kindness
Day **SG**

You make me
SMILE!



EVERYDAY IS



A KIND DAY



YOU MADE
MY DAY
BRIGHTER!



KEEP GOING!

THANK YOU FOR
HELPING ME!



YOU'RE A STAR



GRATEFUL



FOR A FRIEND
LIKE YOU!