



Overseas Learning Journey Malacca 2013



19th to 21st November 2013

On 19th to 21st November, a group comprising of 23 students and 5 teachers embarked on their first Overseas Learning Journey to Malacca, Malaysia. The Overseas Learning Journey was organized by the Malay Department. The students that took part came from a diverse background of Normal Technical, Academic and Express students.

As part of the programme, the students went on a 2-day historical tour of Malacca and 1-day cultural immersion programme at Kampung Parit Penghulu. The objective of the programme is to provide an opportunity for the students to learn about Malay heritage and culture in a traditional setting. Before we embarked on the journey, students were given an educational booklet prepared by the teachers consisting on the background of Malacca.

The students had the experience of being involved in a traditional lifestyle in a kampung. They learnt how to play traditional Malay games like spinning a top (gasing), Giant Clogs (Terompah Gergasi) and Palm Sledding (Tarik Upih). They also learnt how to weave Ketupat from coconut leaves and basket from ratan. They had the experience of making Ondeh-ondeh from scratch. The students had a memorable time at the Kampung Parit Penghulu experiencing life they never had in Singapore's modern setting.

They were also brought to the fruit and rubber plantation and had their hands-on experience of plucking rambutans from the trees and eating them on the spot. The instructor also demonstrated rubber tapping.

It was indeed a memorable trip for the students as they learnt a lot from the interaction with the villagers. The tour around Malacca also allowed them to appreciate the cultural and historical aspect of the town.



Group photo of Greenridge Secondary School students and staff at Kampung Parit Penghulu. We were greeted warmly by the villagers who prepared our meals.



At the porch of Malacca Sultanate Palace Museum. Students learnt about the harsh punishments on convicts in those days.

From Each His Best



Students eating in groups of 4-5 on round trays. This is how Malays usually eat before the modern buffet trays came about. Food will be placed on the trays which is covered with banana leaves.



Students learning how to make ondeh-ondeh, which is also known as *Malacca Fruit* (*buah Melaka*)



Collecting water from Hang Tuah's well.



Having fun playing kampung games. Something they never got to do in Singapore.