

NUS VIBRANT CONNECTIONS UB



@MALANG, INDONESIA

EMBARKING ON A JOURNEY OF CULTURAL FUSION

Picture our students, not only eager to explore the wonders of Malang but also dedicated to preserving its natural beauty. This immersive cultural exchange in Malang, allowed our students to not only embrace the vibrant traditions and customs of the local community but also delved into the fascinating world of sustainable farming practices. Our students had the unique opportunity to learn from local students and farmers, discovering both timeless and modern techniques that harmonize with nature, ensuring a symbiotic relationship with the environment.

OUR UNFORGETTABLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

"I was very excited to meet the students from NUS," said Roqif, UB, before the trip even commenced. This eagerness to engage with us set the tone for an enriching experience that would transcend borders. I'm sure we were both excited to meet one another!

During their time in Malang, they had the privilege of visiting Ngroto Village and Bumiaji where they were introduced to sustainable and organic farming practices. The village showcased innovative ways to cultivate crops while preserving the ecosystem and promoting biodiversity. "We learned about their sustainable farming methods and their commitment to preserving the environment," said Wei Chen, NUS. "Invigorating yet educational" were words used by our urban fast-paced Singaporeans students to describe the farming experience. Besides learning about their practices, "We were introduced to things about that village that can be implemented and solved, which strengthened our teamwork," Rofiq, UB, added. These immersive educational expeditions proved helpful in fostering and enriching our intercultural and international connections.

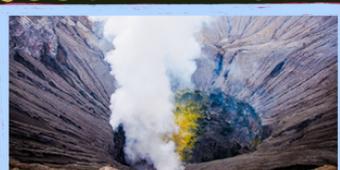
In addition to immersing themselves in the realm of sustainable farming practices, they also indulged in the exquisite charm of Malang, uncovering the captivating allure of the splendid city. "One of the most remarkable experiences was going on the Malang City tour as it made me realize that I missed out on a lot of wonderful things in Malang," said Dilla, UB. Even the discerning Dilla, a local, found this experience captivating. One can only fathom the profound impression it must have left on the NUS students.

This short adventurous exchange programme had been an extraordinary journey of sustainability, cultural connectedness, and personal growth. Through various collaborative efforts and shared experiences, the students of NUS and UB have not only deepened their understanding of sustainable practices but also forged lasting friendships beyond borders. Gideon, NUS, eloquently encapsulated it when he expressed, "Looking back, this journey to Malang has left an indelible mark on my heart. It has ignited a deep sense of appreciation for the world around me and a renewed commitment to fostering connections, embracing cultural diversity, and cherishing the beauty of our planet."



MOUNT BROMO

The most remarkable highlight of their expedition unfolded amidst the breathtaking Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park. Together, the students had the privileged to partake in the extraordinary spectacle of witnessing the radiant sunrise atop the majestic Mount Bromo.



A mystic volcanic crater, pouring out smoke and sulphur.