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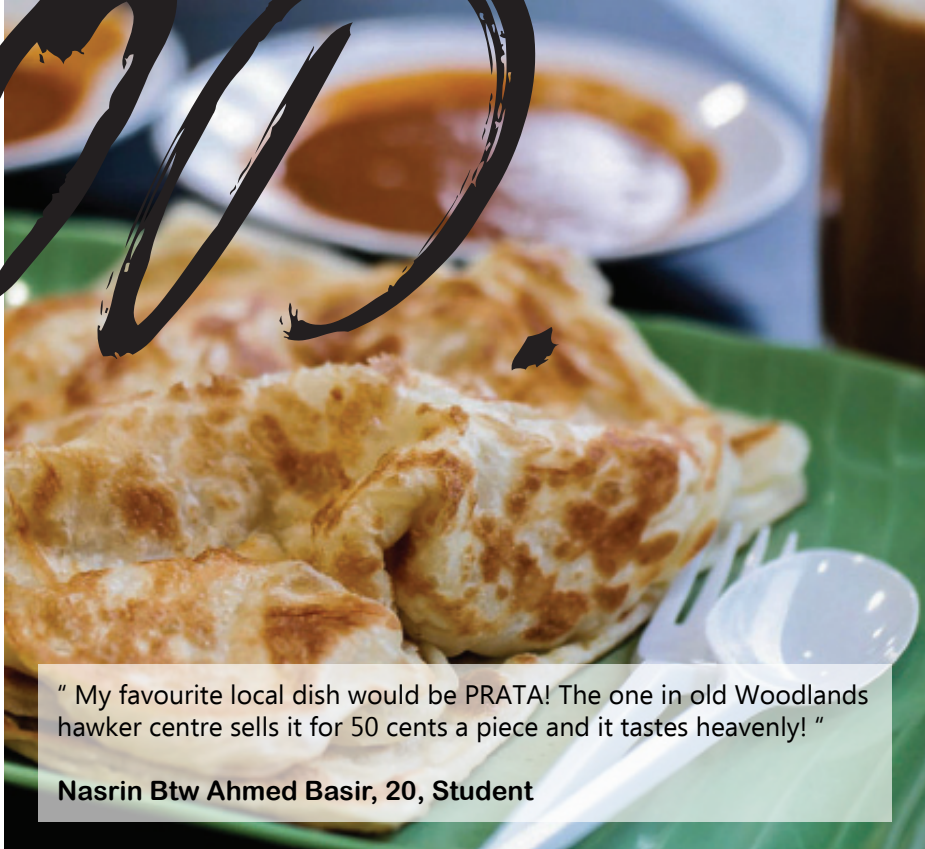
# Why we LOVE Singapore

It's not just any birthday. It's the big FIVE-O. The government is pulling out all the stops to give the country a national day to remember. We asked young people aged 15-25 what they loved the most about this little island and we hope what they love resonates with you too. Have a fabulous jubilee weekend!

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“ Singapore has the best nasi lemak at Boon Lay and it’s only \$4. ”

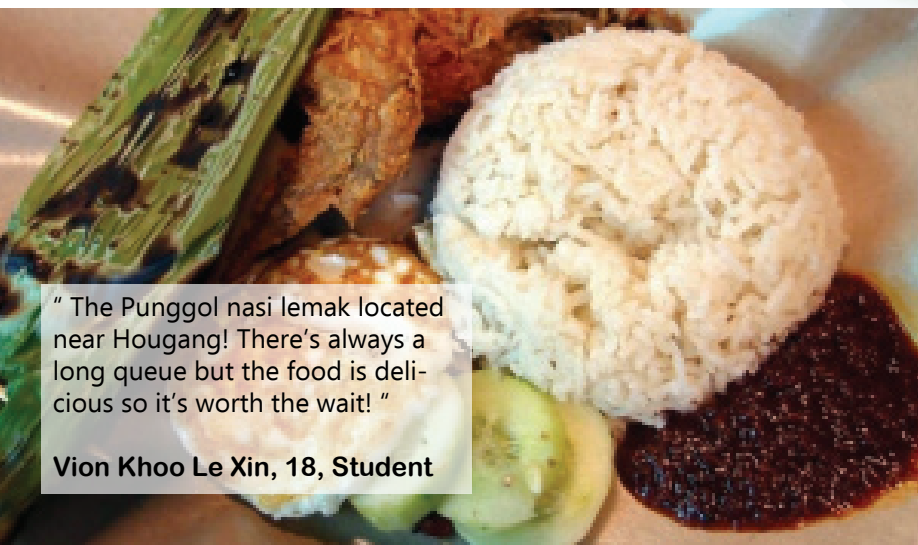
Qistina Nabilah, 15, Student

“ My favourite local dish would be PRATA! The one in old Woodlands hawker centre sells it for 50 cents a piece and it tastes heavenly! ”

Nasrin Btw Ahmed Basir, 20, Student

THE TRADITIONAL COFFEE HERE IS REALLY UNIQUE. My Favourite is THE ICED KOPI-0 because IT BRINGS OUT THE TRADITIONAL TASTE OF HOME.

Muhammad Syafiee, 21, Barista



“ The Punggol nasi lemak located near Hougang! There’s always a long queue but the food is delicious so it’s worth the wait! ”

Vion Khoo Le Xin, 18, Student



“ All day breakfast at Ya Kun Kaya Toast. I love having teh-c anytime i crave it-something you truly cannot get anywhere else in the world! ”

Ershen Kaur, 18, Student



“ I love the food trail at Singapore flyer! The displays and concept of the food trail brings us back to the olden days. They even serve big ice balls which are hardly seen nowadays and my mum told me that that was her favourite childhood dessert. ”

Nicole Ng Jing Hui, 18, Student

# PEOPLE



"I love Singapore because the people here are very tolerant of the different races and religion. Everyone here is able to practice their religion and culture freely without worrying about discrimination."

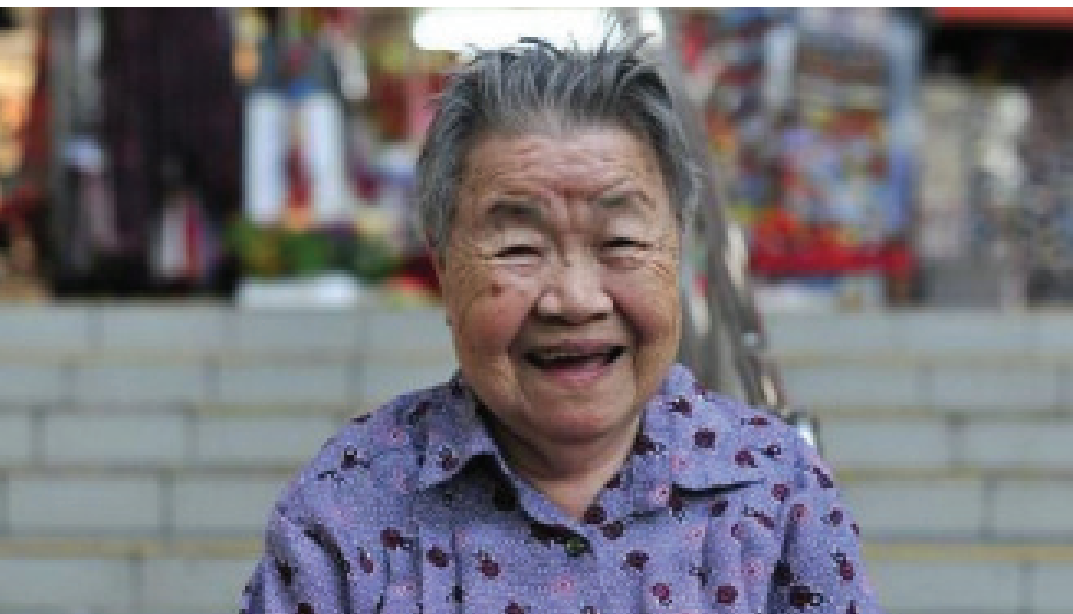
**Nur Hafizah Binte Mohd Yusri, 18, Student**

"I love Singapore because of the diversity it has. I mean you don't really get to see a lot of countries in the world where people get along with and live in peace. And also the fact that so many cultures come together to live in harmony has created a really unique culture too. There really isn't a country like Singapore out there and that's what I love about Singapore."

**Neil Macadangdang, 19, Student**

"We have quirky characteristics. We can see people using tissue packets to "chope" or reserve the table especially during lunch and dinner because that is when there is usually a huge crowd. I think this is what makes us Singaporeans."

**Kee Yong Jie, 18, Student**



Whenever I take photos at places like Chinatown, I like to photograph people. Especially the expression of old people. They may have gone through tough times 50 years ago. But seeing them smiling, I know they are really proud of what Singapore has become today.

**Muhd Asnur B Asman, 15, Student**

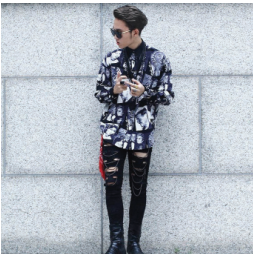
"In school, all of us celebrate Chinese New Year, Deepavali and Hari Raya. Even though I am not Malay, I love visiting my friends during Hari Raya. That's something that we may not get to experience in other countries."

**Clariss Tan Ching Yi, 18, Student**



Everybody dresses according to how they FEEL despite the weather. Most people dare to be DIFFERENT and it'S VERY COOL.

**Jia Hui Lim, 18, Student**



" I love that I have friends of different races. There is no such thing as Chinese can only mix with Chinese friends or only Malays can be friends with Malays. We are friends with people regardless of their race. That's what I love best about Singapore.

**Melina Hong Hui Ting, 18, Student**

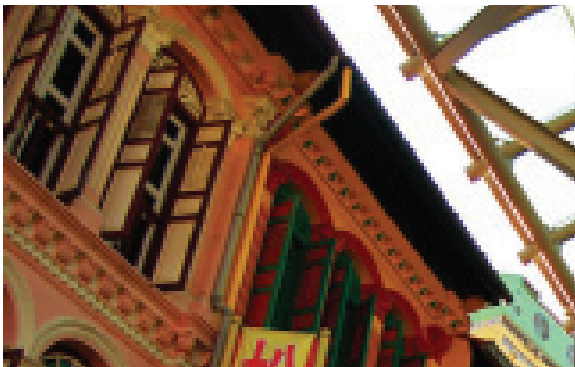
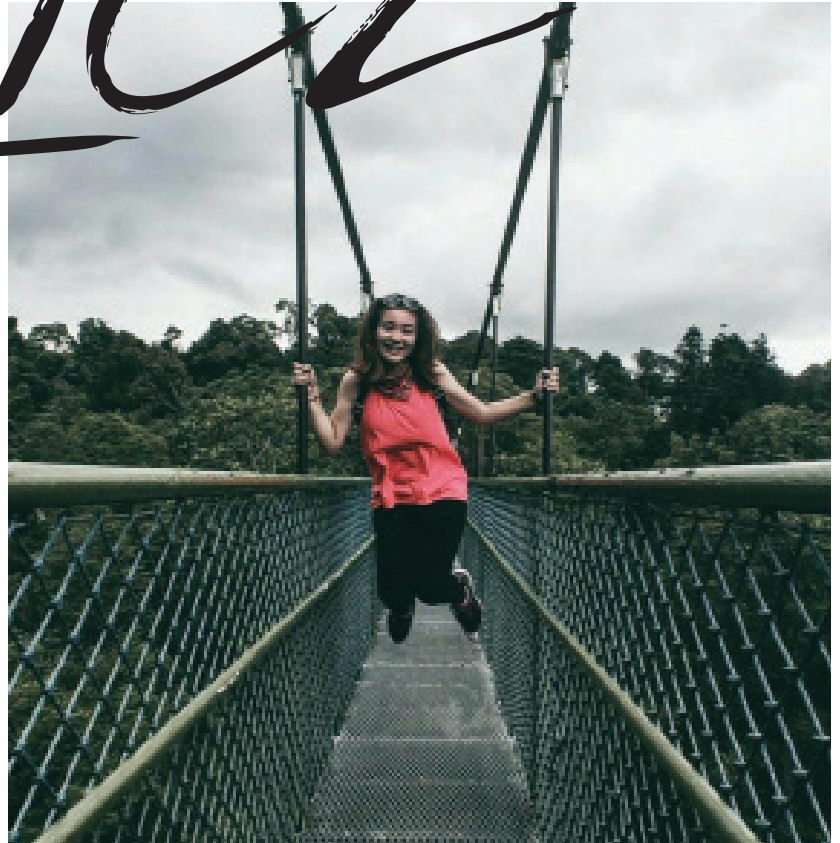
I love how Singapore is a culmination of races coming together to form on unique rojak race - Singaporean. Its seen in our culture, our language and most importantly our food!

**Nicole Katrina Hofbauer, 19, Student**



I enjoy going to MacRitchie reservoir as I get to see a different side of Singapore and at the same time, immerse in the beauty of nature.

Germaine Yeo, 18, Student

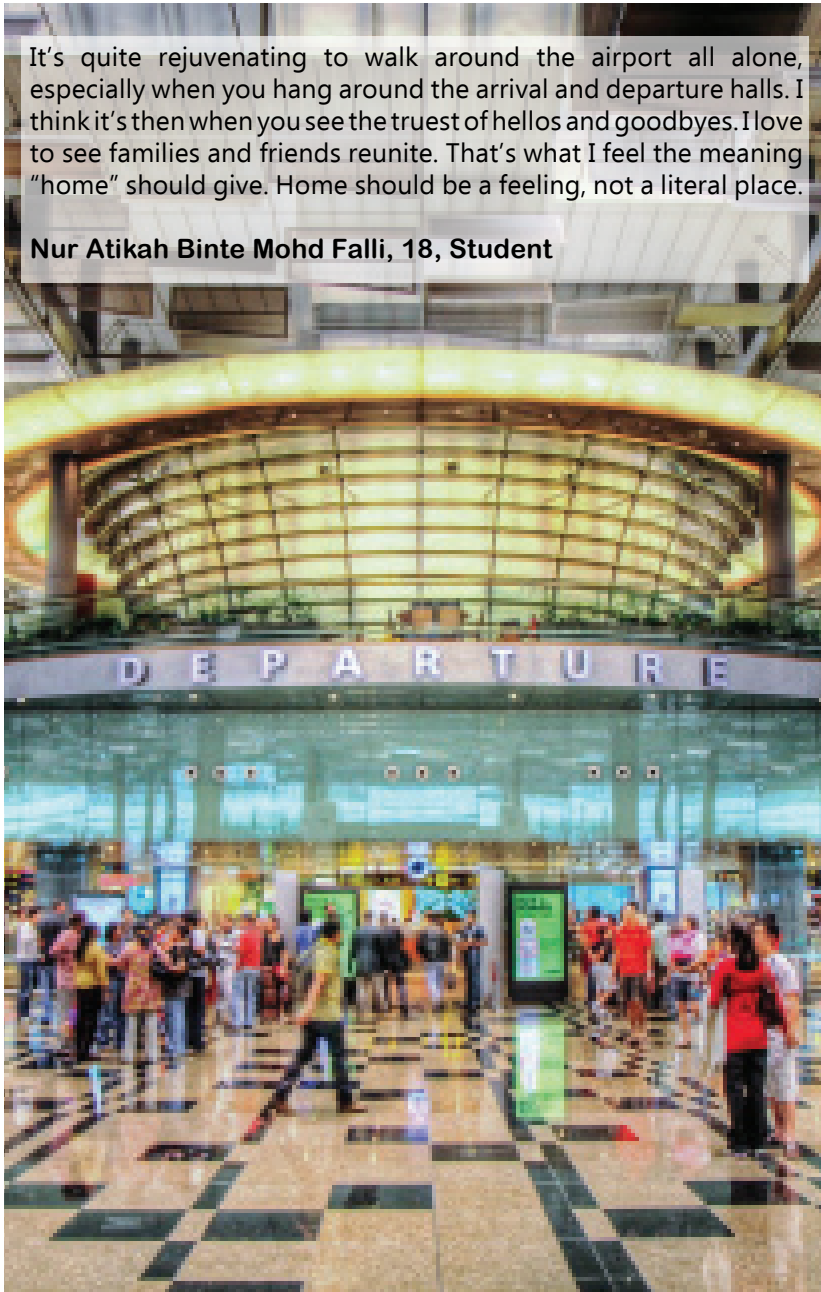


My family and I used to go to Chinatown a lot in the night to get glutinous rice balls and rojak. The place itself always has a lively atmosphere and the food stall owners never fail to make our night either as they'd always crack jokes when they serve us great food. It'll always hold a special place in my heart.

Kang Meilian, 18, Student

It's quite rejuvenating to walk around the airport all alone, especially when you hang around the arrival and departure halls. I think it's then when you see the truest of hellos and goodbyes. I love to see families and friends reunite. That's what I feel the meaning "home" should give. Home should be a feeling, not a literal place.

**Nur Atikah Binte Mohd Falli, 18, Student**



**I ENJOY GOING TO THE SINGAPORE ZOO AS I AM ALWAYS AMUSED BY HOW THE ANIMALS COULD ADAPT to our climate.**

**Joshua Ng, 18, Student**



**I like the night life here in Singapore. My favourite club is Zouk as it is spacious and DJ Ghetto spins great music.**

**Rina Foo, 20, Student**



“I love how safe Singapore is, I can just walk out of my house at 3 am when I’m lazy to cook food and go to RK eating house at Gardens (Serangoon Gardens) to indulge in one of the most shiok pratas.”

Ambra Liew, 22, Student



I love Singapore because nowhere else can you visit an Indian temple (Sri Mariamman temple) then walk a stone’s throw away to eat Chinese Zhi Char (at Maxwell Road food centre) for lunch then have a relaxing ride on a bumboat (Singapore river) followed by stuffing ourselves again with satay this time (at Lau Pa Sat) and to end the lovely day with a laser show (at MBS) .

**Venod Kesavan, 28, Corporate Trainer**

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Serene Cheng, 20, Student

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