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I was impressed with the scale of Surabaya city. I am not used to live in such a metropolitan, as I'm coming from a small town in Netherlands. There are multiple Indonesia ethnicities of immersed in this city, not only Javanese, and all of them are so kind towards foreigners. This is a great attitude to have as a community and it really showed the kindness of the people in Surabaya.

The people in Surabaya are all from over Indonesia yet all of kind towards them are SO foreigners. I really noticed that love interacting locals foreigners.

Of course, there are things that Surabaya need to improve. A small thing that I noticed is that in some places like museums / train stations there were no English explanations or signs which was slightly Inconvenient. would also be good a improvement to put more effort into cleaning up the city & its rivers/canals since I noticed there were lots of trash and junk on the street and rivers. This scares off foreigners, but I understand this is a part of a bigger problem that is not easily solved.









