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First things first, I've never left Malaysia. Studying abroad is an exhilarating opportunity to broaden horizons, enhance skills, and gain valuable life experiences. It's a chance to immerse oneself in a new culture, learn a different language, and explore uncharted academic territories. Stepping out of one's comfort zone, embracing challenges, and developing independence and self-reliance are all incredibly motivating factors.

Surabaya, the city I find myself in, is a vibrant hub of activity with bustling streets, endless traffic, and a plethora of shops and street vendors. The renowned Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) is the epitome of excellence, producing exceptional students. The camaraderie among my peers is extraordinary—they are welcoming, helpful, and available 24/7.



Academically, I face a hurdle with Python, as my previous education primarily focused on C, HTML, CSS, C++, and JavaScript. However, the local students and lecturers have been incredibly supportive, patiently answering my questions and helping me grasp the subject.

Personally, the language barrier has been a significant challenge. In my home country, I rarely spoke English, but being here has forced me to adapt and communicate with other students using my less-than-perfect English skills.

Every moment at ITS has become my favorite experience. It's a place where I lose track of my origins and embrace the excitement of the present.