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As of now, Asia is becoming more developed and has become an important asset to the world, bringing innovative ideas and new technology. With Asia being the largest continent in the world, Asia has a big and important influence on the world and with that major responsibility in our hands, Asia can bring remarkable things to the future.

Asia is filled with a diverse array of cultures, spanning from different traditional attires and foods to the unique way language is used in communication but the problem nowadays is preserving these cultures from being loss and forgotten. Due to the development and the change of how society operates and evolves with time, culture is not being emphasized and this increases the chances of it being loss. Lately, culture has become something some people view as unimportant and old school but people tend to forget that culture is a way of living and a way of preserving our heritage, preserving who we are and where we came from. Eventhough Brunei, the place I come from, has somewhat become a developed country, Brunei's people have been able to maintain the culture through generations with the help from the government and His Majesty, the sultan of the country. Japan is also a notable example of this which Brunei can learn from. Eventhough Japan has become one of the most developed countries in Asia and in the world with advanced technology and towering cities, Japan is able to preserve the culture that makes Japan what the country is now today with their many festivals and social events, traditional foods, temples at which people can come and practice their beliefs, and more.

From an environmental stand point, Asia has a significant role to play. Sustainable development is key, growing economically whilst bringing minimal damage to the Earth. The Earth is our home and we wouldn't want it to crumble to dust, for if the Earth suffer so do we. Sustainable energy sources are an important aspect that needs to be considered and addressed for my country and other countries in the world. As for Brunei, our main energy source is natural gas. Brunei relies heavily on non-renewable fossil fuels which brings harm to the Earth, contributing to global warming and other major environmental issues. It's true that fossil fuels

are cheap and easy to obtain but in the long run, it will bring more harm than good. Brunei should look into other energy sources such as: solar power, and hydroelectric power (HEP). Because Brunei is located between the tropics, Brunei receives a consistent hot and wet climate all year around. Brunei can use this to their advantage, harnessing the copious amounts of rainfall and sunlight exposure to produce an innovative way of producing renewable energy to the country. As for Japan, eventhough Japan gets their energy mainly from nuclear energy, the source of this fuel to produce this type of energy is finite. Brunei and Japan have their similarities in energy production, that their main source of energy will one day dry out and it will inevitably reach its end. So as countries and people living on this Earth, we need to find new and unique ways of energy production. By working together and using our knowledge and research, we can solve these problems which doesn't just help us but the entire world.

As I have mentioned about the importance of our countries' role of sustainable energy production, sustainable consumption and conservation has as equal important as sustainable energy production. We need to watch how we consume resources and find ways to improve conservation and decrease wastage and excess usage. For example, in Brunei, many people use cars, and public transportation has been neglected. If this prolongs, Brunei's oil and natural gas production will soon one-day cease. Another example is Brunei's wastage. In Brunei, recycling and reusing resources has not been strictly affirmed by the government. Proper disposal and recycling of wastage such as: packaging, food waste, plastics, metals, paper, and more, is very vital for it reduces wastage and its negative effects, and it brings less harm to the environment.

Mutual respect and peace between countries and between individuals in a society is very crucial for future development. This is a very controversial topic for many people have different views, beliefs and religion but just because we are different, it doesn't automatically mean we must go against one another. This doesn't mean we must agree to one view or one opinion but it means that we need to respect each other and take everyone's view to account. For example, in the Asian culture, Asians are usually conservative and men are usually seen more superior than women which causes society to arouse gender inequality, which results to women being paid less and mistreated. This may not be a problem to some people but it doesn't hurt for gender equality to be implemented. Every person must be treated equally, it doesn't matter your race, religion, beliefs, or gender. In my perspective of being Chinese and a Christian, eventhough I don't agree to same sex marriage and homosexuality, I won't oppose or mistreat other people that agree with it. I will show my respects and take them into consideration. This also goes for the other party, for if I respect them, they too should respect my views and

beliefs. By doing this, there will be less disputes and wars occurring in the world. Being able to have mutual respect with one another will bring peace to the world.

In conclusion, we have an important and significant role to put on. For we are the new generation capable of changing the world for the better, educating the young and old so that we as a united community living on the same earth can make this world a better place.