



# Essay Form

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As the world continues to progress at an unprecedented rate, propelling our civilization further into the future, it is imperative that we fulfill our roles not only as citizens of our own countries but also as members of the exclusive continental community we have here in Asia. Some roles differ from country to country and culture to culture but we all do share the universal language of progress and unity.

I come from the nation of Brunei Darussalam. Even though the geographical size of my country is relatively small, its roles in the International and Asian Community aren't. I believe that my Country has and could further play a crucial role in future developments of the international community. A common connotation with Brunei tends to be the lush, untouched and pristine Rainforests, and that not without its reasons. More than half of Brunei is pure untouched rainforest, in which we have received numerous praises from international Conservation Organizations. Brunei plays a crucial role in being one of the leading nations in wildlife and rainforest conservation. This role includes demonstrating that it is still possible to economically and technologically advanced as a nation without the expense of the Native Nature. Nowadays most people around the world have grown accustomed to seeing large barren plots of land, that were once thriving with life, as they fly over developing and heavily urbanized countries. I believe that it is our role to educate the importance of nature conservation to other countries, to show them that are definitely greener alternatives to economic development. However, Brunei isn't exactly perfect green as our primary energy source is finite fossil fuels. It is obvious that this type of energy source is harmful to the environment, however, this situation provides the platform for us, as a nation, to carry out the role of one day being able to fully supply its energy from renewable energy sources, to potentially be one of the leading nations that others would then follow suit.

Furthermore, I also do believe that my country plays an important role in Maintaining Culture. In the past few centuries the global phenomenon of Globalization, which although it has put much needed good into the world, has a chipped ever so slightly the stone pillars of culture. Today it not uncommon to see a whole generation of peoples unaware of their own cultural roots, which I believe is fundamental to one's identity. But this argument, however, is to a certain extent. As much as I advocate for a strong cultural backbone

in a country, I also do believe the importance of accepting change and diversity. In my country, our sense of nationality has been bestowed upon us ever since we were little, it's eventually become a part of our identity. By having this sense of belonging and intimacy to a country the local peoples tend to strive even more and in doing so not only bettering their nation but themselves, which is just as important.

I believe that in order to advance into the future, it is imperative to embrace all the positive changes whilst still maintaining a good grasp on our cultural roots. Japan is an excellent case study for this for they have succeeded in many aspects of development, culture and overall prosperity. There are still areas of improvement particularly towards diversity here in Brunei, and therefore we must play the role of taking notes from countries such as Japan. Sometimes our roles could be to just observe and learn, to better our mistakes.

Asia nowadays is considered to be one of the most influential continents due to its vast advancements in economic developments. It is important that we continue contributing to this growth in any capacity as we can, as a country and as an individual. We all must play our part, as small as it may seem in the grand schemes of things everything we do is collective and it will eventually pay off. We are here today because of the hardworking people from all cultures in this continent, dedicating their whole lives to ensure that we would live a better one, therefore it is only fair for us to do the same for our next generation.