**What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time? (350 words)**

I have never realized how beneficial being connected to people is, and until now, it has been my greatest skill I ever possessed.

Initially, I never thought of myself as an extroverted person. When I was in junior high, I tended to be reserved and shy. I rarely talked as I found small talk with people to be inconvenient and inconsequential. As a result, I didn’t have many friends, and I initially accepted it.

However, it all changed when I created videos to comment on my mom’s Honda, which generated more than a million views and over 240,000 likes. The comments were mostly discussions about the issue I discussed on the video, and from there, my social skills started to improve. Instead of ignoring the comments, I tried my best to answer the questions and soon, I became comfortable with expressing my opinions.

I practiced my social skills through creating new content on multiple platforms, such as commenting about new cars, and car-related issues that happened in Indonesia. My social media page attracted new people to my page, and I became aware that I can talk to new people and create relationships with them.

I also became more open as a person - I listened to people’s opinions first, then later expressed mine. Because of this, I discovered new insights, ideas and experiences which I never had before. I gain new friends and this fuels my desire to continue connecting with others.

As I grew older, I realized that I can use connecting people for my and others’ benefit. When I need help, I can ask my friend if they know someone and vice versa. I learned the power of networking, and how it can help us overcome obstacles.  I felt happier knowing that there are other people who have the same idea and have my back whenever I need it.

In the future, I would further expand this skill to connect with more people around the world, creating bonds and inclusive environments along the way.

Hi Indra,

Nice story about stepping out of your comfort zone and gaining valuable lessons from it. I would just expand a little on the car issues you talked about on the third paragraph to give a little more connect for the reader. I would also include an example how your network has helped you to show how it works, and how networking has changed your outlook on life and not just your skill. How do you see people now? How do you see yourself now?

C.G.