**7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place? (350 words)**

Being an older sibling for 13 years and counting has made me feel like a superhero. It’s a mantle I take up with pride, powered by the admiration my little brother shows towards me each day. Over the years, I’ve built up the keenness to care for others. So, when I was offered a day at Sekolah Bisa, a school founded by my past seniors that provides elementary education for the kids in need, let’s just say it was an offer I couldn’t refuse.

As I was enjoying my visit to the school, I couldn’t help but suddenly witness a horror scene during lunch: the kids didn’t wash their hands after playing outside!

At a time of a deadly pandemic, my brotherly instincts couldn’t let these kids get away with such a crime. Knowing lives were at stake, I forced them all to wash their hands, even as they kept nagging about how lazy they were to do it. That was when I discovered the root of this problem. How could I make the process of washing hands more fun and practical? It was then I founded HyGo, my solution to help foster children’s hygiene habit.

After spending months managing the financial operations of the production of paper soaps and liaising with two schools, I’m proud of my HyGo team who have donated 2400 pieces of paper soap to Sekolah Bisa and a neighboring school, Sekolah Maleo. Not long after, we received positive feedback from the school’s officials: the kids were excited for lunch just to use our paper soap. Mission success!

Since then, HyGo has continued to educate young kids on Covid-19 awareness. To me, HyGo is my way of helping children to keep pursuing their education, hygienically, during the pandemic. Realizing that I wanted to play a more impactful role in providing these unprivileged kids a chance to better their lives, I devoted the rest of my high school years to joining Sekolah Kita’s management team (Sekolah Bisa’s younger sibling) in hopes of being a superhero for them, too.

Hi Vincent!

You sound like an incredibly positive and energetic person, and this translates well into your writing! Your short bursts of sentences and simple declarative sentences convey your love for your younger sibling and children well.

There are some areas that can use some clarification on your part. The most important one is… what on earth is HyGo? I infer that it’s some kind of paper soap, but you might want to explicitly explain that in the middle of your essay. What’s special about it? How does it help kids be excited about washing their hands?

Overall, your personality really shows up in this essay. All the best with your UC application!

Paul

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