**Tell us about your main interest and activities in your free time.**

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During my leisure time, I enjoy planning and exploring new culinary adventure whether locally or internationally. I have always had passion to venture out to experience exciting new flavors and concepts because food is a significant part of any culture and it brings joy and unity to everyone who tasted it. Having lived abroad for over 10 years has exposed me to people from different cultures and I have seen how crucial culinary is to shaping cultural identities. Socializing with the unique individual who appreciates gastronomical experience has indirectly influence my hunger for culinary expedition and has ever since always been my best interest to travel abroad with a mission to taste the famous delicacies around the World. One of my most memorable experience was at a fun-dining concept implemented by a local chef in Jakarta who combined traditional dishes and molecular gastronomy, for instance, they created an edible lipstick and cigarette-look alike made up of marshmallow and popcorn. When I was in Paris, I’m very impressed with their authentic patisserie especially Baba Au Rhum, which is a sponge cake infused with rhum. The cake was moist and the sweetness mixed really well with the alcohol content. These are also moments where I get to travel with other culinary travelers with the same enthusiasm and its a chance for me to bond with them, making our relationships grows beyond just friends. Further, I always meet new people who shares the same loved and we maintain good relationship till now. During a trip to a farm-to-table restaurant in Niagara Falls, we were lucky to get the chef table’s seats and seated with few other visitors and able to see chef doing its magic directly with our own eyes. I met an elderly couple from Toronto who also shared the same passion and on next several occasions we went together to venture for new culinary and continuously shared our experiences until today. Combined with my passion in the business world has enabled me to not just look for culinary as a hobby but also opportunities to expand Indonesia’s F&B industry and understand my own home country’s cultural profile. While going across the globe searching for the authentic dishes, I started to enjoy the astounding nature and history of the different cities and how everything relates to the way food is cooked and which ingredient is used. I truly believe that culinary expedition is a significant component of my life that will continue to amaze me on how it helps me to uncover more wonders of the world.