**What would you change about your hometown?**

Today, everything seems to change in split seconds. But, there is something that

still lacks among every soul that resides in my hometown. And, I think you

have got what I meant, cleanliness. These ideas of cleanliness in my opinion

are divided into two types: external and internal cleanliness.

I was born in Kuala Lumpur and have lived here all my life. The city that I see

today is way too advanced and developed compared to when I was in primary

school. Kuala Lumpur is well known for its magnificent and the most luxurious

airport in the world. But, what is the use of having all these advancements

when the sense of cleanliness among the citizens is still below average. In

example, I have actually witnessed a man spitting on a beautiful pavement

when there was a dustbin right next to him.

Apart from what I have mentioned above, I would like to emphasize on internal

cleanliness. Most people in Malaysia treat foreigners with good respect and

hospitality. But, there are some people who would take advantage of these

foreigners. For instance, shop owners raise the price of goods when foreigners

visit their shops. I have actually witnessed a cab driver bargaining the ride fare

with a foreign lady who was extremely tired after a daylong shopping with her

young kids. I am trying to wonder, what has happened to the moral and the

culture of our fellow Asians that we used to be so proud of?

I understand that the government has taken lots of steps to improve the state of

cleanliness within fellow Malaysians. I just hope that these steps were more

comprehensive. We should cultivate the sense of cleanliness among each and

every citizen in order to promise success to the planned manifesto. Last but not

least, every citizen should willingly contribute to the efforts of maintaining

cleanliness in their surroundings. We should not be self-centered when it comes

to the matter of cleanliness because cleanliness ensures a healthy living. Think

your deeds of maintaining cleanliness as a charity and start it from the steps of

your home. At the end of the day, you will experience self-satisfaction towards

your contribution to your hometown, as a wise person once said, "The greatest

gift of charity is to give what is in your heart."

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