Chapter 4

Culture of Indonesia

Surat Al-Hujurat Ayat 13: "Hai manusia, sesungguhnya Kami menciptakan kamu dari seorang laki-laki dan seorang perempuan dan menjadikan kamu berbangsa-bangsa dan bersuku-suku supaya kamu saling kenal-mengenal. Sesungguhnya orang yang paling mulia diantara kamu disisi Allah ialah orang yang paling taqwa diantara kamu. Sesungguhnya Allah Maha Mengetahui lagi Maha Mengenal."



A. Cooperation in our environment



Have you ever observed the behaviour of ants? Ants like to live in colonies. They like to walk one beside other ants, they stop temporarily. The ants seem to greet one another.

Ants like to cooperate when they find food, such as a bread crumb, they carry it together. By doing so, they can carry a large bread crumb. Why? Because they cooperate to move it.



What if an ant did it alone? It would be impossible for it to move it to another place.

Have you ever seen a bird nest in a tree? The nest is pretty big. It is made of a small pieces of grass. Thousand of grass pieces are needed to build the nest. We may shake our heads because we are amazed by the birds. Birds can build a nest because they cooperate. Several birds cooperate to build the nest. What if a bird did it alone? Thenest would never be finished. Even if it was, it would need a very long time to finished.

Same like them, human can not live alone. They can not live alone without help from the others. For ecample, to meet their needs. Due to our physical limitations, people need help from others. For example babies need their mother's help wen they are thirsty. People needs more help from others.

B. The benefits of Cooperation

1. Definition of Cooperation

The cooperation means people working together to achieve the goals. The people do the cooperation to achieve a good goal. We can not doing cooperation to do a bad things. For example cheating during a test. We usually do cooperation in our environment, our house, our school, our village, etc.



2. The benefit of Cooperation

In Indonesia, working together is a tradition. The correct phrase to describe it is. Usually, we do Cooperation to do activities that need many people to

reach the target, such as: cleaning the village, building a mosque, etc.

When we talk about Cooperation, we talk about people who work together voluntarily to help each other. By knowing this, a good work and harmonious living environment can grow because people automatically know that in whatever they want to do, they are not alone at it.

This one unique characteristic is something that can make us proud of being Indonesia citizen. By having Cooperation as a part of our lives, we know that there will be people around us who will help us and work together with us in order to have a harmony in life. As a country where many ethnics live, we need to maintain "Cooperation" because it will unite us as one nation. We help and work together as Indonesian people in "Cooperation". Not only that by doing Cooperation, we will save our energy, we can solve the problem together, and we will live peacefully.

C. Cooperation at Home

You understand that our homes are our palces. You also know that a home which can be called a palace is one tahat meets certain requirements. A luxurius house does not necessarily qualify to be called a palace. We need hardwork to create such a house. The hardwork cannot only be done individually. It has to be done together. The parents and children must cooperate. All family members must work together to arrange the house. Here the examples of cooperation in the house:

1. Help our mother to cook

Yesterday was my brother milad, my mother cooked a lot of food. There are yellow rice, fried chicken and egg. My mom asked me to help, washed the vegetables and fruits. My mom was very happy because we can finished faster.



2. Working together to clean the house.



Yesterday was Sunday. I and my family worked together to clean the house. To make it easier and finished faster, my father divided into a group. I and my brother cleaned our bedrooms, my mother cleaned the kitchen and the bathrooms, and my father cleaned the living room and the garden. We swept and mopped the floor. We want our house became clean and healthy.



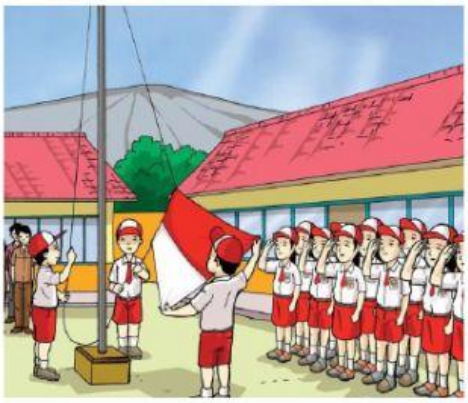
3. Help brother to study

Muthia and her little brother live harmoniously. They always help each other. Muthia always help her little brother to study. When her little brother is not able to do the homework, he asks muthia's help. They always study togehter. And their parents are very happy.

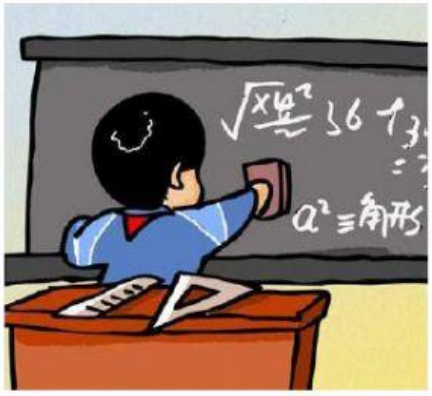
D. Cooperation in the School

Working together in a school environment can be implemented thorugh various activities. We can do the cooperation with all members in the school. Example with other students, with our friends, with our ustadz or ustadzah, or with our securies. Example cooperation for doing flag ceremony, cooperation for cleaning the class, kerja bakti in our school environment, etc.

1. Cooperation for doing flag ceremony



Flag ceremony always be held on Monday and on national day, example, on independence day, heroes day. Doing flag ceremony will train us to be disipline, cooperation, and love our homeland. All the members of the school like students, teachers, and the employees have to join the flag ceremony. The fourth, fifth and the sixth graders take turns to be the officers of the ceremony. Some of the students are in charge of flying the flag, sing Indoensia Raya song, and lead the ceremony. The school principle and the teachers take turns to be the leader of the ceremony.



2. Cleaning the class

For the students class are their second home, To make them feel comfort to stay all of the time, they usually work together to clean the class. To make it fair, ustadz or ustadzah usually divides all of them into a group to clean their class every day. Their jobs are clean the white boards, tidy the mini library, tidy the sandals and shoes. That activities also to train them to be good in teamwork, discipline, and a healthy life. Not only that, if they always clean the class together the job will be easier, and will finish faster, so they won't waste much times.

3. Doing Kerja Bakti In a school environment

To make our school clean is the responsibility of all the school members. It can be done by doing a healthy life. Example, throw the rubbish in the rubbish bin and always do kerja bakti regulerly. . example, in every week or every month. And all of the school members (teachers, students, emplyees, securities) have to join. Kerja bakti to train them to be good in teamwork.



E. Cooperation in our environment

We live in a society. We live together with other people. We live together with neighbours. They want their environment will be clean, nice and healthy. They also need an orderly and secure atmosphere. This one unique characteristic is something that can make us proud of being Indonesia citizen. By having Cooperation as a part of our lives, we know that there will be people around us who will help us and work together with us in order to have a harmony in life. As a country where many ethnics live, we need to maintain Cooperation because it will unite us as one nation. We help and work together as Indonesian people in Cooperation. Not only that by doing Cooperation, we will save our energy, we can solve the problem together, and we will live peacefully.

Below are some kinds of cooperation in the environment:

1. Gotong Royong

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2. Ronda Malam

"Ronda malam" is the activity to make the environment to be safe. This activity also called siskamling. This activity usually do by the people in the village in the night. All of men in the village join this activity. They hope there are no thieves come to their houses.



3. Doing Musyawarah

Musyawarah is usually held by the people in a village. They usually meet in musywarah to solve the problem together. Example, the pronlem of cleanliness, health, and maintenance of pubilc infrasrtucture. All the people in musyawarah can share their opinions. And the decision made by discussion by all of them.

4. Posyandu

Posyandu is the place for the infant and the toddler to get health services. For example they will get injection or immunization, they will get the nutriment. Posyandu is done by the women in the village by gotong royong.

