

To Whom It May Concern

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To join this competition I translated my paper into English using Google Translate.**

So please be advised.

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Poland and Me

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*Nazywam się **Lukman Hakim**, urodziłem się z rodziny rolników 45 lat temu na centrum między **Merbabu Mountain** i **Sumbing Mountain**. Około 25 km od świątyni **Borobudur**, jednego ze światowych cudów historii. Nasz piękny małej wiosce o nazwie **Secang**, **Magelang**, **Central Java**, **Indonezja**.*

One day in a simple class in 1980, I got a map book called "ATLAS". On the first page is a list of countries complete with a picture of the flag. I see the two-color "red and white" flag that I recognize is the color of the Indonesian flag. I was shocked because the position was upside down and I read the word under it : "Polandia".

I was amazed and curious, so I did not wait long and immediately looked for the Polish country on the map. I do not care about the direction of the teacher asking to find the position of the city where our school is located. My feeling immediately imagined the country of Poland far from my islands and my country. In the Polish map Green color indicates the country is fertile and there is snow, so said my teacher at that time. I am more and more curious. My heart immediately felt close to Poland because of the color of the "same" flag and like my fertile village.

Poland is interesting because of the many names of countries in the West I know as a former colonist in my country. England, Spanish, Portuguese, and Dutch. As a child, at that time I wondered whether the relationship between Poland and Indonesia? How are the flags the same color and never a colonist?

Graduated from elementary school I went to school and finally I worked and was active in social organization, Poland always felt close when I found in various media. Every now and then I read articles and reviews about the country of Poland, which is very intense and interesting.

I will immediately read or look to the end when I see there are articles or television shows about Poland. I also often watch *youtube* about Poland. The culture, the country and the social life in Poland are very attractive to me. The very long series of Polish history is a special attraction. The Indonesian nation also through a long history of up to 350 years before independence on August 17, 1945. The similarity again has made me feel closer to Poland.

Museums, castles and historic buildings are scattered in every city in Poland, especially in Warsaw, Krakow, Gdansk, Wroclaw, Gdynia, Oswiecim, Poznan, Torun and others. Looking at reviews about these beautiful cities I always imagined walking around town, then changed to Metro to other cities. I imagine how comfortable and wonderful it is to live in Krakow, the oldest city in Poland. Krakow is the capital of the first Polish Kingdom. It is located on the banks of the tranquil Wisla river. With a population of less than a million people the city is quiet, very different from the city of Jakarta with a population of more than 7 million people.

From Krakow, I wander through Poland to the City of Warsaw to the north. In this city I feel the resilience and persistence of Polish struggle during the war time first. The city stood firm and "intact" despite the conflicts and wars. The term "Phoenix City" is very worthy for this city.

From Warsaw my imagination to the north towards the city of Gdansk in the Gulf of Gdansk. A busiest port city in Poland. Many places can be enjoyed in this city. Long Street and Long Market as well as Green Gate can be a place to enjoy this city, before relaxing on the edge of the Baltic Sea at dusk.

The beauty of Poland that feels close to my heart is a city with a resort atmosphere at the southernmost tip of Poland. This city is Zakopane. The green atmosphere with the fresh mountain air always tempts me to dream of living in this city.

Poznan! Aha... this city is amazing, very famous for college and historical sights. As one of Poland's oldest cities, the city has many traces of Polish history. The city also has a unique city center, which is a small island on the River Warta called Ostrow Tumski. Tracing the

history of this city will be great because of the beauty and grandeur of old buildings such as the Old Town, Imperial Castle and Royal Castle. Afterwards we can relax enjoying the fresh air at Lake Malta or Adam Mickiewicz Park. At certain moments we can enjoy beautiful music concerts. The city of Poznan increasingly teased my dreams after learning that my Polish language teacher came from this city. Her name is Marta Swiderska. She tells the beauty of this city, there are many things to do in this city. I am increasingly in love with Poland.

Poland as the land of my dreams still hold many beautiful and wonderful mysteries found in other cities in Poland. The Polish culture is fascinating and the hospitality of its citizens always wants me to know and feel directly.

What a great experience, if the journey of my imagination can come true. But the opportunity to learn more and learn everything about Poland did not come.

Until finally in mid-2017 I was informed that the University of Indonesia in collaboration with the Polish Embassy held a Polish language course. And I eagerly enrolled in spite of my lack of fluency in English.

In the first class I was quite happy because the teacher was very good and understood my lack in English. Mrs Marta Swiderska is very patient and understanding in teaching Polish language lessons. I am surprised because many Polish words are similar to the Indonesian language. For example: “dwa” similar to “dua” for number “2” ; “to samo” similar to “sama” for “same” ; “Ananas” are similar to “nanas” for “Pineapples” ; etc.



She also taught us to sing together “sto lat... sto lat...” and “ding dong”

It was fun learning Polish with Mrs. Marta Swiderska.

I'm very interested in Polish and have a YouTube channel where I speak and sing in Polish. My Youtube Channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC61Qo8ZcFwilCc5Oh3y9aiA>

I finished already book "Start 1 Survival Polish" by K. Dembińska i A. Małyska and I would like to get better in Polish but unfortunately the course at UI is finishing next month. so I hope to continue studying in advanced level.



Due to my participation in the Polish course I had the opportunity to watch the Duo Wolanska Gadja concert in Jakarta on March 22, 2018. The concert was very good and interesting. In this event I also met Polish Ambassador to Indonesia, Mrs. Beata Stoczynska. I took pictures with her.

I also attended a public lecture delivered by Mr. Radek Pyffel, member of Board of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). He is also from Poznan. In the picture : My friends with Mr. Radek and Our great teacher Mrs. Marta Swiderska.



I would like to have an intense relationship with Polish citizens and establish the Polish-Indonesian cultural communication forum, organizing a joint cultural event involving young people from both countries. Ah ... too many of my dreams about Poland!

Kocham Polskę, jej kulturę i język i chciałbym w Polsce w szkole "Glossa" uczyć się polskiego

Bravo 100 lat Polska! Chciałbym tam być! I want to be there!

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