

Dear Future Me

An activity of "Tiny Models Keep Kampong Memories Alive"

In the article, "Tiny Models Keep Kampong Memories Alive" (page 25, *What's Up* June 2021), Wilfred Cheah tries to keep the memory of Kampong Lorong Buangkok alive by building a miniature version of it.

You can also keep the memory of your current life alive by putting together a scrapbook of the things happening around you today. Many years down the road, you will be amazed to see how things have changed!

PART 1: Scrapbook — Gather items from your present day with the help of this suggested checklist. (You may choose to make this a family activity if you like.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Floorplan of your home | <input type="checkbox"/> Your hand and/or footprint | <input type="checkbox"/> List of kids' popular slang words | <input type="checkbox"/> List of popular games, toys, fads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper clippings of current events | <input type="checkbox"/> Description of school, classmates, teachers, CCA etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Coins, dollar notes, stamps, from this year | <input type="checkbox"/> Collectibles e.g. NLB's book bug cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your artwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie tickets | <input type="checkbox"/> Stickers | <input type="checkbox"/> A favourite recipe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cards, drawings, and notes from family and friends | <input type="checkbox"/> A CD with videos of memorable moments | <input type="checkbox"/> Receipts from your big buys | <input type="checkbox"/> Feathers, plant pressings, tiny things from nature near you |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant items e.g. an unused face mask | <input type="checkbox"/> List of food and their prices in your canteen | <input type="checkbox"/> List of favourite snacks & drinks | <input type="checkbox"/> List of favourite songs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing of your class seating plan | <input type="checkbox"/> List of favourite books | <input type="checkbox"/> Interesting advertisements | <input type="checkbox"/> List of favourite movies/ cartoons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of family, friends, pets, etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Fun memories with family/ friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Your typical weekly timetable | <input type="checkbox"/> A letter to self (see below) |

PART 2: Letter to yourself — Write a letter today to "the future you" ten years from now. Use the next page as a starting point. Fill in the blanks. Then, handwrite your letter in your own words using these and other points. Put the letter in your scrapbook.

Dear future _____ (your name),

The date today is _____ (dd/mm/yy). I am now in Primary/ Secondary _____ at _____ (my school's name). My class teacher is _____ (name).

My good friends are _____.

Three things we enjoy doing together are _____, _____, and _____. Two of my current interests are _____ and _____.

So far, this year has been _____ because _____.

Two good things that happened to me this year are: _____ and _____.

Some of the worst things that happened so far are _____ and _____.

Due to the COVID situation, we now need to _____, and _____.

The hardest thing about all this is _____.

But, I am thankful that _____.

Home-based-learning makes me feel _____ because _____.

Currently, my biggest wish is _____.

In the future, I hope to: _____.

Ten years down the road, I picture myself being _____.

Future me, these are some things I hope you will always remember: _____.

I want to encourage you to _____.

And, don't forget, the most important thing in life is _____.

I wish you _____, _____, and _____.

Yours sincerely,