3. Learning English from Batik Textile

(Delivered by Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles for Satriwithaya School)

Concept:

Integrating Southeast Asia cultural dialogue with language studies through museum exhibition.

Background:

At the time, the Queen Sirikit Museum of Textile was staging an exhibition "A Royal Fascination Revealed: King Rama V's Visits To Java And His Batik Collection", which could fit suitably to the Shared Histories modules. On the other hand, the participating teacher from Satriwithaya School was an English teacher of Mattayom level, so the sessions aimed to deliver both cultural and language learning outcomes. This session was successful with a group of 30 students from Mattayom 2 (grade 8) level.

Suitable for:

- 13+ years old students (maximum 30 students per session)
- Museums with collection of particular interest/trade, such as Southeast Asian textiles.

Time: 2 hours (with additional pre-visit and post-visit sessions at school)

Pre-session:

For Museum education staffs:

- 1.) Arrange a pre-visit session at school for the intended students. The content includes the introduction to the exhibition highlighting the Shared Histories context, key vocabularies in English, and activities if suitable (Batik painting activity was used in this case.)
- 2.) Identify objects in the collection that could show aspects of Southeast Asian shared histories. (i. e. Textiles with patterns showing their beliefs / influences from different cultures, photographs showing the way people in each region dress)
- 3.) Prepare a worksheet for each student, with introduction on Southeast Asia in the context chosen (see example attached).

For teachers:

1.) For the pre-visit activity, the teacher could give assignment for the students to do more research on the specific interest/trade of the exhibition.

Session at the museum:

	Time	Activity
Introduction / Ice breaking (in Learning center)	15 mins	 Once at the museum, the teacher should remind the students of the pre-visit activity and explain the link of this visit to the curriculum. Museum educators welcome the students and teacher into the museum with an introduction which includes health and safety procedures, ask students regarding prior knowledge of the museum and its collection.
Briefing for the visit (in Learning center)	10 mins	 Museum educators hand out the worksheets and give them brief: Students are to be divided in to groups of maximum 5 people. During the tour of the museum, they must take note of details about objects as much as they can using English vocabularies (for example, the meaning of the patterns on textile, the historical background of the objects). Then after visit, they will

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		have to use the information recorded to design their exhibition leaflet in English. - Teachers divide the students into groups.
Tour of the museum (in the museum)	45 mins- 1 hour	Museum educators lead a tour of the museum for the students, highlighting on each object / area that could be relevant to Shared Histories with keywords in English.
Conclusion (in Learning center)	10 mins	The teachers discuss the relation of this session to the curriculum again as conclusion.

Post-session at school:

Back at school, students have to simulate a market place where each group try to sell what they saw in the museum. They need to use the vocabulary and description they wrote in the museum to convince "the clients" which could be teachers or museum staffs who visit school on the day as guests and honorary judges.

Worksheets and activity:



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