## **My Country Indonesia**

Indonesia is one of a large country with five big islands and many small islands. The five big islands are Sumatra, Borneo/Kalimantan, Java, Sulawesi and Papua. Indonesian flag is Sang Saka Merah Putih the colors are red and white. The flag has its own meaning. Red symbolizes bravery and white symbolizes spirit. Indonesia also has Bhineka Tunggal Ika as its national motto which means "Berbeda-beda tetapi tetap satu" (unity in diversity). The capital city of Indonesia is Jakarta, with a total population of 10,135,030, makes it the largest population in Indonesia. Surabaya, the city where I live, is the second largest city in Indonesia and the capital city of East Java. With a population of 2,843,144. The traditional food in Surabaya are lontong balap, rujak cingur, semanggi, lontong kupang and many more.There are some famous and historical places in Surabaya, such as Tugu Pahlawan (Heroes Monument), Balai Kota, Surabaya Zoo and House of Sampoerna. (Chirstopher)

## My City Surabaya

My school is located in Surabaya, the capital city of East Java. Surabaya is an industrial place. There are a lot of companies in Surabaya. We have many parks in our city thanks to our Mayor Mrs. Tri Risma Hariyanti. She really concerns about the importance of green planet. Surabaya also famous with its traditional food. There are many traditional food comes from Surabaya such as Rujak Cingur, it is mixed boiled vegetables, fresh fruits, fried tofu and soya bean, rice cake (lontong) and boiled cow ear (cingur) with shrimps and caramelized sugar sauce (petis) which taste sweet. There is also lontong balap which means rice cake racing. Lontong is rice which is steamed inside banana leaves or we usually called it rice cake. Lontong balap consist of rice cake, boiled sprout and tofu. It is called racing because we add it with a lot of sauce from water, fried onion and "petis". Besides its traditional food Surabaya also well-known with its historical places such as Orange Hotel or now called Majapahit Hotel. It was the place where Surabaya heroes fought the colonial army and ripped the blue color of the Dutch flag into our own flag red and white. We also have an area which we called Kya-Kya. It is the center china town in Surabaya. At night people in this area will close the street and there are many sellers sell Surabaya traditional food and also Chinese food.



Kya-Kya Gate



Kya-Kya street at night



Hotel Orange during colonialism era



The Indonesian Flag in Hotel Orange as the Symbol of bravery



Lontong Balap



Rujak Cingur

## My School-Sekolah Ciputra

Sekolah Ciputra is the largest IB school in east Indonesia. It has PYP, MPY and DP program from IB. The total students in our school are 590 students. It is located in west Surabaya. Our school Motto is Non-Scholae Sed Vitae Discimus :which means we learn not for school but for life. Therefore the learning at our school is so much fun. We have toddler class up to high school. At different place but in the same area we also have Ciputra University so it is a complete place for us to learn until we graduate. We have four parallel class for each year level, two basketball court, one soccer field, multi-purpose hall and the one and only school in Surabaya which has performing art center. (Ashley and Ervina)





Performing Art Center-Ciputra Hall

Sekolah Ciputra