



# SPOTLIGHT ON G.B. MALAYSIA

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR COUNTRY

Our country is a federal constitutional monarchy located in South-east Asia. It consists of thirteen states and three federal territories and separated by the South China Sea into two similarly sized regions, Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia (Malaysian Borneo). It is known for its beaches, rainforest, diverse culture and ethnicity.

- Places to visit:** Mount Kinabalu (Standing majestically 4,095m, highest mountain between Himalayas and New Guinea)
- Capital City:** Kuala Lumpur
- Population:** 31,437,000 with 24.5% under the age 14
- Economy:** Mining, quarrying and manufacturing
- Currency:** 100 Ringgit Malaysia = £18 British pounds
- Languages:** Malay, English, Chinese, Tamil & many dialects
- Flag:** Jalur Gemilang (“Stripes of Glory”)
- Climate:** Mild and damp, average 27°

## SPOTLIGHT ON A GB MEMBER

Hello GB friends,

My name is Abigail, turning 18 years old this year and I go to the Girls’ Brigade in Malaysia. I live in a semi-detached house with my parents and 15 year old younger brother Aaron. Our house is located in a typical quiet Malaysian neighbourhood where everybody knows everybody and I really enjoy living there.

Since I finished my schooling last year, I currently spend most of my days to learn different languages and skill sets. During my time in secondary school, I had to wake up as early as 5am everyday except Sunday since schools in Malaysia typically starts at an early hour. The school that I went to is one of the sixty-one Chinese Independent High Schools in Malaysia. Chinese is mostly spoken in school, while English, Malay and different Chinese dialects are also spoken as well. School begins at 7:10am in the morning and ends as late as 4pm depending on the day. Students here mostly go to school by car or school bus.

I attend GB every Sunday afternoon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kota Kinabalu Company in the Basel Church, Sabah and I’m a Young Leader in the company. One of the reasons I enjoy going to GB is because I can meet with my friends. Friendships that I’ve made in GB have been one of the best. Other than that, the interesting activities that are held make me excited to go to GB every Sunday. Activities like bible study, drills, camping, baking, etc. are what always bring me back.

To me, GB is special because it teaches us both life skills and ways to get closer to God. There are not many organisations that combine bible knowledge, physical knowledge and discipline together like GB and I find this to be very special. I feel very blessed to be part of such an amazing organisation.

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## PHOTO GALLERY

Our Flag ‘Stripes of Glory’



Our Uniform



Leaders in Traditional Costume



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Satay





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Every GB country around the world has the same:

## Aim, Motto, Principles, Badge & Vision

But, look at the GB facts here and spot the similarities and differences between GB in our country and yours!

## Our History

Girls' Brigade came to Asia in 1927 with the founding of the 1st Singapore Coy and spread to the shores of Penang with the formation of the 1st Penang Company in 1938. Three names are linked to the beginning of the Girls' Brigade in Malaysia. They are Mrs. Elsie Lyne, Miss Agnes Richards and Miss Joyce Lovell. Mrs. Elsie Lyne was then with Singapore YMCA where Mr. Lyne was then the Director of YMCA. Miss Agnes Richards was in Kulai – in charge of building up the Presbyterian work. Miss Joyce Lovell was also stationed in Kulai where she ministered to the community as a Christian nurse and mid-wife. These ladies were responsible for getting together other ladies from other denominations to share about the Girls' Brigade. Since then, many Girls' Brigade companies were formed throughout Malaya, subsequently Malaysia. Girls' Brigade spread to Sarawak and Sabah with the formation of the 1st Kuching Company in 1967 and 1st Kota Kinabalu Company in 1969, respectively

## Statistics

Number of companies: 83, number of members: 9,000+

## Age Groups & Sections

**Cadet:** 6 – 8 years

**Junior:** 9 – 11 years

**Senior:** 12 – 14 years

**Pioneer:** 15 – 18 years

**Officer:** 19 years and above

## Uniform

Our uniform is worn on weekly parades. The cadets wear a royal blue six gores skirt, navy blue belt, sash, plain white socks and shoes. All sections wear royal blue six gores skirt with epaulette, red tie, navy blue cap, navy blue belt, sash, white shoes with white socks. Young leaders wear an additional black lanyard and gold braid. Officers wear a white blouse with epaulette bound buttons, navy blue skirt and plain black shoes with heel.

## Programme

Our badge work, foursquare programme focuses on Spiritual, Physical, Educational and Social development. All girls go through our foursquare programme catered for the wholesome development of girls.

## Awards

Cadets can achieve – Blue, Green, Red and Gold stars.

Juniors work for their Circle Awards

Seniors work for their Rectangle Awards

Pioneers earn Triangles.

Apart from their Core Awards they can also get Elective Badges.

Young Leaders may earn the highest award, the Pioneer Pin  
Older girls may also work for the International Award.

## Activities

Apart from their weekly parades in company, members may get involved in other events organised by the national council or regional council. These events include: Leadership training camps, Drill camp and Adventure camp. There are also training and retreats for officers!! Many companies run their own company camp for their girls as well.

## Something Special You Should Know About Us

We are a multiethnic, multilingual country! We speak 4 different languages. Some of our companies speak local dialects like Dusun and Iban.

We participated in The 1 Malaysia NGO Charity Bowling fund raising project in 2011. That event with 1,152 participants being the biggest number of participation in a single bowling event was recorded in "Malaysia Book of Records".

## And Finally An Idea To Share

"Satay" is a well-known dish in Malaysia—chicken with peanut sauce. Every family has their own recipe.

**Ingredients:** 4 chicken legs and thighs (or breasts), bamboo skewers, soaked in cold water for 2 hours, 1 cucumber, cut into small pieces, 1 small onion, quartered, Oil, for basting  
**Marinade for Satay Meat:** 3 Tbsp oil, 2 stalks lemongrass, white parts only, 2 cloves garlic, peeled, 6 shallots, peeled, 2 tsp turmeric powder, 1 tsp coriander powder, 1 tsp chili powder, 1/2 Tbsp salt, 2 Tbsp sugar

**Satay peanut sauce:** 1/2 cup peanut butter chunky, 1 tbsp freshly squeezed lime juice, 1 Tbsp Hoisin Sauce, 1 tbsp sweet chilli sauce & 1 tsp brown sugar

**Method:** 1) For Satay Chicken, cut the chicken into small cubes. Blend the Marinade ingredients in a food processor. Marinate the chicken pieces for 6 hours or best overnight. Thread pieces of the chicken onto the skewers and grill for 2-3 minutes on each side until nicely charred. Baste and brush with some oil while grilling. Serve hot with the fresh cucumber pieces and onions.

2) For the Peanut Sauce, blend ingredient well. Simmer in low heat, stirring for about 3 minutes until the peanut sauce turns smooth. Serve at room temperature with the satay.

## Find Out More

You can find out more about GB in Malaysia on:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gb.malaysia/>

Webpage: <https://www.gbmalaysia.org>