

Mah Meri Cultural Village

Kuala Lumpur

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We woke up to the sound of music as we docked in Kuala Lumpur. Having toured the city in years passed, Diane and I chose to visit one of Malaysia's historical cultural centers. The story of how the Cultural Learning Center at Mah Meri Cultural Village came to serve the community of Carey Island in the district of Kuala Langat, Selangor is a story of many people who look very Filipino and whose collective vision brought their Mah Meri cultural heritage back to life, breathing new energy into ancient traditions that had been passed down through generations.

It's also the story of community elders and community partners who wanted to pass along their knowledge to the young, especially those in need of guidance. These elders recognized the importance of preserving their unique cultural identity in a rapidly changing world, understanding that without deliberate effort, precious traditions could be lost forever.



In our visit to Carey Island today, the surrounding mountain peaks stands as a constant reminder of the spiritual connection between the Mah Meri people and their ancestral lands, watching over the community as their spiritual guardians once did.