



**Miles Apart, Hearts Together: Eid Wishes Across Borders**



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"Experiencing Ramadan away from home brought a blend of nostalgia & growth. Though being here with my husband brings comfort, but there is still a sense of longing for the familiar family gatherings and traditions we cherish back home. Celebrating Eid in a different cultural setting comes with bittersweet emotions, but connecting with a diverse community here has been rewarding. It reminded me that the essence of Ramadan and Eid; compassion, gratitude, and togetherness, remains strong, no matter where we are. Eid Mubarak. May Allah accept from you and us. Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri. Maaf Zahir Batin."



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“Ramadan and Eid in Bangkok have a unique vibe, different from home. I miss the vibrant Bazar Ramadan, especially the food. While there are halal food vendors near the mosques, my heart still yearns for familiar dishes like laksa, kuih-muih, and ayam golek. Being far from home means adapting to new surroundings, and Alhamdulillah, this year's cooler summer made fasting a bit easier. It's been a beautiful experience witnessing how Muslims in Thailand celebrate this blessed month—it's a reminder of the warmth of community and the strength of faith. Burung kedidi terbang tinggi, Hinggap sebentar di pohon cemara, Sepuluh jari disusun rapi, Mohon maaf di Aidilfitri mulia.”

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“As Ramadhan ends, I find myself deeply missing the serene moments of jemaah Tarawikh and the iftar back home. Being far from home during this month is never easy, especially without the warmth of family gatherings, the comforting aroma of our traditional Malaysian dishes, and the beautiful sense of community we share. Still, I'm grateful for the connections I've made with fellow international friends, which have brought comfort in this journey. Eid Mubarak to all my friends and colleagues at UiTM! Please forgive me for any shortcomings in words or actions. Wishing you a joyous, peaceful, and blessed Syawal.”

