

Being a Chinese, I've perceived the unique kind of delicacy beneath our Chinese culture and established cultural values that will abide with me throughout my life, from the language I speak to the way I behave. We're all identified and labeled to which ethnicity we are. For decades, our ancestors have been passing the culture onto the next generation and it has become a bridge to connect us. Therefore, from the little parts in our daily lives, we discover our innate virtues: ren, yi, li, zhi; which have ultimately created this respectful community nowadays. Frankly, we have sidelined some obsolete behaviors like bird-keeping and lantern-making; they both have a grim future in regard to progressively changeable modern world. The iconic and buoyant lion's dance performance from my childhood was still vivid in my head: the vibrant throb of the drums and the dynamic moves of the performers. It has definitely been a gnawing feeling to me, knowing that our culture might fade away someday if we don't try to preserve it. I'm certainly a Hongkonger, but am I still worthy of the inscription if I don't ever strive to protect my culture, my homeland? No, of course. We are raised to be responsible and patriotic; it might be an intrinsic feeling of devotion to our country. But we are alive and well, and therefore, no matter how trivial you might think this is, it is significant to our nation. So let's embrace our culture, and love Hong Kong together!