Case Study II

ICT and the Orang Asli in Malaysia

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Orang Asli means the “Original People” in the Malay language. Nowadays, they are classified into three large groups: Senoi, Negrito and proto-Melayu, which further break down into various tribes. Although many still live in the rural areas, some youth have been fortunate enough to venture life in the city by pursuing higher education or seeking employment. A few information technology undergraduates from the Orang Asli community of Malaysia were interviewed via e-mail on the subject of information and communication technology (ICT) among the local indigenous peoples.

Senyeorita, Rubycca, Jeneta, Zue and Khairol were all born in Peninsular Malaysia. They came from different Orang Asli tribes, namely the Semelai, Temuan and Semai. The culture, lifestyle and beliefs of their communities had an impact in shaping their identities. Senyeorita described the Orang Asli people
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