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Aussie touched by kind taxi driver

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I HAVE recently returned to Australia from Malaysia and would like to thank the Malaysian people that I met during my stay in your country.

Their kindness, generosity and honesty is something I will not forget.

In my 20 years of travelling throughout Europe, America, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and quite a few countries in Asia and South America, I must have been in at least 3,000 to 4,000 taxis.

When I was in Kuala Lumpur, I rode in a taxi owned by Tajinder Singh.

He showed me the sights of Kuala Lumpur and advised me on the places to visit, which was very much appreciated as it was my first time in this city.

At the end of my trip, I asked Tajinder Singh what the fare was. He said "Welcome to Malaysia" and that the taxi ride was "no charge". In all the countries and taxis I have travelled in, this was the first time I had ever had a free taxi ride.

I wrote down the registration number of his taxi - HW 937 - and asked for his name. It is a credit to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and other politicians that they lead by such good example. Other countries could learn a lot from your hospitality and politeness.

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