

8-year-old Malaysian gains two world records for naming 230 country flags in 4 mins 38s



Anjanaa developed an interest in memorising flags from her travels to a few Asean countries before the pandemic.

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A Year Two primary school student from SK Seri Selangor in Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia has added not one, but two feathers to her cap by holding two world records for identifying over 200 country flags in under five minutes.

Anjanaa Rhea Ganeson gained entry into Canada's Kids World Records (KWR) and India's Jackhi Book of World Records (JBWR) for the fastest time to identify 230 national flags – four minutes and 38 seconds.

"I am so excited and honoured to obtain this double recognition. It will certainly encourage me to do better in the future," said Anjanaa in an email interview recently.



Anjanaa holds two world records for identifying 230 flags in under five minutes.

Anjanaa earned the KWR, a Canada-based online portal highlighting talented children aged four to 16, under the girls (seven to nine years old) category. JBWR, based in Tamil Nadu, India, prides itself in uncovering the hidden talents of people around the world.

Eight-year-old Anjanaa completed the task virtually and obtained the KWR and JBWR in January and March respectively.

"Before the pandemic, my parents and I travelled to many countries including Indonesia, Cambodia and India. Over the years, I have developed an interest in knowing more about the flags of different states and countries.

"I especially like the attractive colours and symbols of each flag. That inspired me to learn and know about the flags of all the countries in the world," said Anjanaa, who wants to be a veterinarian.

"It happened during the movement control order. During the stay-at-home period, my parents created fun activities for me. "One of them was memorising flags. It takes discipline and lots of practice to reach a record time," said Anjanaa. **-thestar.com.my, July 5, 2022**