



ENDURING FRIENDSHIP

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I first met Rama way back in 1973. I played for Penang and Rama represented Kuala Lumpur.

Little did I realise then how close and enduring our friendship would become.

The first time we played together was during the training camp for the 1975 World Cup.

During this period our friendship developed. Rama was someone whom I looked up to.

I always felt comfortable in his company and he took me under his wing. He thus became my mentor.

I remember fondly many of the matches we played together especially on our overseas tours.

Whenever we were paired as roommates,

we would spend hours talking about matches we had played or the upcoming matches.

Sadly we lost touch after our hockey careers ended. It would be many years later through the wonders of Facebook that we reconnected in 2017.

I have been living in the UK since 1994. So whenever he visited his son and daughter in London, I would pick him and his late wife Kusala from the train station.

We've kept in contact daily via WhatsApp and we spend time together whenever he comes to visit his son and daughter who are both based in the UK and occasionally when I come home to Malaysia.

Rama will be sorely missed but remembered fondly.