

## Starter Kits



These starter kits are supplied with inexpensive local products to help tide you over for 48 hours until you can purchase what suits your family best. You can choose whichever ones you anticipate needing. The money will be subtracted from your start-up allowance. We've kept the kits small so that you don't feel like you're using a lot of your much-needed allowance. In the first few weeks after your arrival, you'll be making many shopping trips to equip your house. We don't want to provide things you'll just have to replace in a matter of days.

### **Basic Household Cleaning (RM\$ 120.41/ approx.US\$31.69)**

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- pkg. of sponges, cleaning rag, floor cleaner, window cleaner, mop, bucket, broom
- dish soap, laundry soap, fabric softener, package clothes pins
- electrical mosquito repeller (plus plastic plug adapter so you can plug it in your first night here!), can mosquito spray
- toilet paper, box Kleenex, hand soap, tissue packs, toothpaste
- paper towels, garbage bags
- tealight candles, lighter (for use in electrical outage)

### **Plastic Kitchen Ware (RM\$ 12.65/ approx. US\$3.33)**

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• packages of plastic flatware, paper plates, plastic cups, napkins, paper towels  
The Welcoming Committee has put together a cupboard of basic kitchen supplies that you can borrow from until you've set up your home. We have dishes, utensils, pans, cookware, etc. The disposable kitchen ware in this starter kit will help you in your first day or two and save you on washing dishes. It may be a day or more before you have the opportunity to come look through the cupboard. Also, keep in mind that the cupboard supplies will be "first come, first serve" and the items are used and some are well-worn.

### **Basic Food Staples (RM\$ 140/ approx. US\$36.84)**

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- bag flour, bag sugar, salt, pepper, eggs
- tub margarine, mayonnaise, peanut butter, jam, ketchup, mustard
- 2 loaves bread, box cereal
- cheese, hotdogs, 2 cans tuna
- box milk, container orange juice, bottle of Coke, large bottle drinking water
- selection of fruit and vegetables (apples, bananas, carrots, broccoli, potatoes, cucumber, onions)
- package cookies, bag chips, jar salsa, package of instant noodles, package scones
- can opener

### **Basic Bedding**

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Your home should be set up with basic linens before you arrive. The bedding, pillows, towels and hangers are provided from the school's laundry room. You will need to return them before the start of school so that they can be used in the dorms.

### **Basic Baby Needs (approximately RM\$ 48)**

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- small package diapers (state weight of child), package wet wipes
- can of formula (specify if need soy), jar baby fruit/vegetable (specify preference)

As you travel, you may want to consider packing an "overnight bag" as one of your carry-on's. Whether you overnight it in Singapore, or some other mid-point in your travel, you'll

use it once you get here. The combination of severe jet lag, having crossed the international time line, and the heat and humidity, make for very weary travelers. It may take more than one day before you gear up enough energy to unpack all your suitcases. So, with that in mind, pack a change of clothes and pajamas for each person, basic toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, hair brush, medicines), travel documents and important papers (resume, diplomas, children's school records, immunization records, etc.). In your check-in luggage, you may want to include some of your baking pans, plastic dishes and flatware (if you choose to bring them), sheets, towels, etc. That way you can set up some of these basic needs before your shipment arrives or before you have the energy to go shopping.