

Statement of Intent

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I visited a charcoal field in Kota Tinggi, Johor of Malaysia. It is not easy to make charcoal and there are a series of steps to make it. Starting from collecting mangrove woods, heating them at high temperatures, and then filtering. There is a group of people working very hard from the early morning for a living. Although the workforce in the field is mostly foreign workers, however, I am touched by their stories. Working in such an industry is challenging, but they are living happily with their families and chilling out in life. Workers gather together after work to relax and drink like a big family. I am inspired by their teamwork, togetherness, endurance, and optimism despite the hardship in work. I am also glad that I get the chance to capture the precious moments of this sunset industry in my home country.