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### Sally Sirothphiphat - Life By Oneself: Written Story

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I don't really have a feeling of displacement or missing during this Covid-19 time. My life has always been on a move and I believe that there is no exact place where I should be. Even though I say I'm from Bangkok, Thailand, it is not necessarily where I want to be or miss. For me, what I miss is more about people not places -- and people that I miss are all around. Covid-19 also emphasizes my recently discovered love of rural areas. I used to like cities so much that I could not stand a small town. However, I realized after coming to Carleton that even though cities teach a person how to connect to others and live in societies, it sometimes doesn't teach a person how to connect, understand, and live with oneself. Bangkok and Boston have trained me so well to be independent and brave to do anything. Northfield, on the other hand, forces me to reconnect myself to my inner self and be independent from what I depend on in cities. I learn how to live with myself without heavily depending on groups of people, materials and entertainments which cities provide. This is very important because at the end of the day, a person has to live one's life by oneself. Other people and something else on which a person depends only offer a temporary escapism or comfort. Eventually, one has to decide and deal with one's life and problem by oneself.