

IISA was initially formed by several international students at an international students summit under the supervision and acceptance of DIKTI. IISA-ITS represents international students in Indonesia who are currently pursuing studies at this university. This association aims to participate actively in some community engagement (C.E.) activities, to contribute to boost ITS excellences to work in partnership with ITS Students Union in various ways within the C.E. framework, and to work in collaboration with ITS IO to promote better understanding of the wellbeing of international students. According to the president of IISA-ITS, Alhaji Sheku Sankoh, an international students from Sierra Leone, the activities of this association include: coordinating international students affairs for the well being of their studies, assisting each other with respect to academic issues, and managing the relationship with ITS international office and coordination with DIKTI at operational level. One of the upcoming activities is Reunion Night of IISA in which the international students of ITS are going to gather together, share their needs and difficulties, and give advices to solve each other's needs and difficulties.

Students Say



Sven Wiesemann
Master exchange student from Darmstadt University, Germany

I have to say thanks a lot to the International Office for the support at my first days here in Surabaya. The orientation day was very helpful and interesting, especially the presentation "how to survive in Indonesia" which was very assistant. The city tour one day was very good to get in contact with other people. The traditional batik session was very fascinating and actually not easy to do by my own.

My first impression in Surabaya is very positive, all the people are very friendly and helpful. The hot weather during the first 2 days were very new for me and different to the German's weather where we have snow at the moment. The Indonesian food is sometimes very spicy for us International students but I am confident that I have no problems with spicy food at the end of the semester. The traffic is very different to the German, we drive on the other side of the road so it happens sometimes that I will drive with my bike on the wrong side of the road.



Agathe Martin
Exchange student from INSA University, France

I chose ITS as a host university for my student exchange program because I had a desire to go to Southeastern Asia due to its beautiful landscape and cultures, as well as the affordable cost of life. At first, I found some difficulties at classes due to the language issue. However, ITS IO volunteers support me to adapt well as they are always ready to help other international students. On my first days in Surabaya, volunteers of ITS IO helped me a lot to find an apartment for my accommodation. They also assist me to get a lot of information about travelling which I really like. Overall, ITS is a great university. One of the things I like is the biking facility around the campus.



Benjamin Haufe
Master exchange student from Darmstadt University, Germany

During my research for the right university abroad I found ITS as a partner university. My interest for Indonesia was born. I read more about the culture and the country and in the end I decided it would be the best choice for me. The reason for the choice is that the lifestyle is completely different to the German one. I want to explore a different culture with their different rules, food, way of living and especially the different way of studying. I think it is getting more and more important to know other cultures because the globalization makes the world smaller. Besides, I want to be prepared for my job after my studies in a worldwide acting company. The Asian market is a huge and quick rising market, so it would be important to understand Asian thoughts and culture.

ITS is a well recommended university and it's well known for the good education. It offers some courses that my home university doesn't offer. ITS provides a great program and opportunity to discover the Indonesian culture and the emerging economy of Asia which is good to improve my personality and my desired future career.



ITS International Students Trip

KNB is a scholarship provided to those from developing countries who are interested to pursue their degree in Indonesia. Meanwhile, **Darmasiswa** is a scholarship given to those who are interested in learning Indonesian Culture & Language. We welcome all of you who are interested to apply for KNB and Darmasiswa Scholarship in our university. For further information, please contact us through email: int_off@its.ac.id

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Quick Recap

The 39th AUN Quality Assessment at Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Surabaya

To pursue its vision, to become the world-class research university, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Surabaya considered the necessity to propose the ASEAN University Network (AUN) certification. The 39th AUN Quality Assessment for program level was held from 10 - 12 February 2015. There were four study programs, namely; Industrial Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Informatics and Statistics, assessed. This time, the assessors were led by Dr. Choltis Dhirathiti as the AUN Deputy Executive Director. During the site visit as well as the intensive assessment process, there were several aspects that were assessed. These included program structure and content, faculty and staff quality, student and stakeholders' assessment, and adequate facilities and infrastructure to support the learning process.



The 39th AUN Quality Assessment was aimed to open the access for ITS, especially its lecturers, staffs and students to mobile from one country to other countries and to facilitate ASEAN students who want to gain international education experience within the Southeast Asia scope. Furthermore, AUN Quality Assessment provides feedbacks for ITS to continuously improve the quality and standard so that ITS can produce highly competitive graduates. Prof. Dr. Ir. Tri Yogi Yuwono as the Rector of Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Surabaya stated "That Assessment is only the beginning. We will propose the certification for other departments in the near future. We also hope that by this assessment, we can improve the qualifications of graduates, the teaching process and the quality of management in ITS".

Hello from ITS!



Facility has been essential for supporting the entire process in a university, including research, learning, teaching, extra-curricular, and any other activities. Therefore, ITS has started to invest on new facilities which potentially provide a space for the development of ITS' stakeholders and encourage them to deliver their best performance. The important one is Research Center Building in which all ITS' prime research will be accommodated. This twelve floors building will be completed in 2015. The upcoming research facility is the Basic Service Center, which is now under construction, around 70% completed.

These new facilities have resulted the greater achievements in many aspects which transform ITS from PTN BLU (Public Service Institution) to PTN BH (Incorporated Public Institution). In the aspect of quality which consists of institution accreditation, study programs, and internationalization, ITS has achieved the fourth place in Indonesia. Meanwhile, in the aspect of governance, ITS has attained the fifth place in national level. This transformation enables ITS to have a broader authority in both academic and non-academic autonomies. This authority is going to be beneficial for ITS since the study programs and other assets can be developed more easily and rapidly to respond the changing market demand. It is hoped to become one of stepping stones for ITS in producing a better quality of graduates.

Moreover, ITS opened this year by AUN-QA (ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance) accreditation which was participated by Department of Industrial Engineering, Department of Informatics Engineering, Department of Statistics, and Department of Environmental Engineering. AUN certification will acknowledge that these departments have the same reputation and education quality with other certified ASEAN universities. It will enable ITS' students to join a mobility program between AUN university members.

This edition of IOpener conveys the concise report of new facilities in ITS, AUN Accreditation, Asian Global Development Camp 2015, CommTECH Insight Camp 2015, International Student Association, Global Competency Workshop, Australia Indonesia Council and UK Seminar Delegation. The brief testimonials from our new international students are also provided in this edition.

Last of all, we are really open if you have any interests regarding our new facilities, institutional transformation, students' activities, and international programs as offered in this IOpener edition. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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New Facilities for a Better Education and Work Environment



CommTECH Camp Insight 2015 (2 - 10 February 2015)

Digital Innovation Lounge (DILo)

In a collaboration with Indonesia's largest telecommunication and network provider, PT Telkom, ITS developed a Digital Innovation Lounge (DILo). This lounge was designed with 3S concept: studying, searching, and socializing. It is equipped with broadband internet access, scientific reference search supporting applications, collaborative learning tools, high technology, and a refreshing and comfortable place to socialize and discuss. Since being launched in October 2014, DILo has become a spot in where ITS' stakeholders from various departments meet and exchange information. Furthermore, DILo is expected to be a center of students' activities in developing digital creative industry.



ITSmart

ITSmart was officially established on 19 November 2014 and has been managed by ITS Students Cooperation (Koperasi Mahasiswa dr. Angka ITS) under the supervision of ITS Industrial Incubator Center. As a space for ITS students in developing their entrepreneur skills, ITSmart focuses on selling the merchandise of ITS, such as notebook, shirt, pen, etc. Located at the canteen center of ITS, ITSmart can be easily found so that either domestic and international guests of ITS can have a quick access to buy the souvenirs of ITS.



Research Building

ITS has been developing a research center building with green house construction concept which utilizes solar cell. This building is planned to accommodate multi-discipline laboratories which cover 7 research study centers: Marine, Housing and Environment, Transportation and Logistics, Materials and Nanotechnology, Energy and Earth, ICT, and Study Center of Business Innovation. Moreover, this building is going to showcase the creations of ITS' students and lecturers as the result of research activities. The development of this building is aligned with ITS' vision to become a world-class research university.

Science Tower

MIPA Tower has been developed by the Faculty of Science of ITS. This tower is not intended to be used to conduct research and education proses of ITS' students and lecturers, but this tower is also conduct trainings for science teachers from Eastern part of Indonesia. This is expected to support government in organizing teacher education in the field of science and technology. Therefore, ITS, as a research university, can give a concrete contribution to society

Global Competency Workshop (GCW) - A Step for ITS Students to Go Global

This was the first intensive comprehensive workshop held by ITS IO which aimed to equip ITS students with the knowledge and skills in such a way that they have sufficient qualification and attitude to compete in the international setting. This workshop was conducted for nine days in consecutive three weeks from 16 February - 7 March 2015. GCW was arranged throughly by delivering different topics in each session. By the end of this workshop, participants were expected to attain the whole-package of knowledge and skills and implement through international programs they are interested in. The topics delivered in this workshop consisted of Why Should We Go Global, Listening and Note Taking, then Speaking, Curriculum Vitae Writing, Motivation Letter, and Business Letter, Administration, Phone Communication, Become a Master of Ceremony, Softskill Development, Delivering Ideas, Mastering Presentation Skill, Cross Culture Understanding, Discussion Etiquete, Indonesian Qualification Framework (IQF) & Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA), and Do's & Dont's.

Furthermore, continuous improvement programs were offered for other participants. The participants might choose to join a session in CommTECH Camp Highlight 2015 or other customized program, such as welcome dinner, city tour, dinner with Surabaya's City Mayor, and many other sessions. The rewarding system and the continuous improvement programs encouraged the participants of GCW to keep improving themselves by experiencing the international exposure.

"I feel so lucky because I could be one of participants of GCW. This program taught me many things I never knew before. Through GCW, I am able to recognize the purpose of my and things that I am going to face future for going global, so that I can prepare myself from now on. Thank you ITS International Office for giving me such precious opportunity." - Valentino Pratama Reko Pareira, one of outstanding participants of GCW.



UK Seminar Delegation

Not only facilities, ITS also actively expands its network by hosting a visitation of senior delegates of UK and Indonesia universities on 5 march 2015, which was a program of British Council. There were 9 representatives from United Kingdom universities, namely as University of Aberdeen, University of Birmingham, Coventry University, etc. alongside with 11 eastern part of Indonesian representatives, including ITS.

The main agenda of this visitation was a speed dating which accomodated an hour of interactive atmosphere between delegates of UK and Indonesia universities. In this speed dating, there were 9 booths where each represented every participating UK universities. Every Indonesian participant who was interested in a particular university, either to continue his/her degree or discussing a promising research, was facilitated to visit their intended booth. The activity was designed as initial step to explore potential research collaboration between UK and Indonesia. This meeting also strengthened relationship between both countries, especially in the education pillar. Therefore, all participants were encouraged to bring research collaboration ideas and/or higher education level agreement.



For the first time, in 2015, CommTECH Camp is conducted twice a year by ITS International Office in order to accommodate different holiday between northern and southern countries. CommTECH Camp Insight 2015 was held in the beginning of the year (2-10 February 2015), while CommTECH Camp Highlight 2015 is going to be held in the middle of the year as usual. Since it accommodated the holiday of students from southern countries, the participants of CommTECH Camp Insight 2015 were mostly coming from southern countries, such as Australia and New Zealand. CommTECH Camp Insight 2015 was designed differently from CommTECH Camp Highlight. In this program, the participants were divided into 2 subcourses: "Community Based Sanitation in Urban and Rural Areas" and "Sustainable Development in Developing Countries". Participants dealt directly with different topics and activities that provided insights about ITS' advance technology and community development. Hence, participants were expected to learn more details regarding the topics they had chosen.

Similar with previous CommTECH programs, participants of CommTECH Camp Insight 2015 were also experiencing the diverse culture and heritage of Indonesia. Finally, this program was hoped to strengthen the relationship between ITS and partner universities in all over the world.

If you are interested to join CommTECH Camp program, please visit <http://international.its.ac.id/commtechcamps2015/> or join our Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CommTECHITS/>



Asian Global Development Camp ITS Surabaya - Shantou University Business School China (25 - 30 January 2015)

After successfully conducting ASEAN Global Development Camp in 2014, ITS International Office has been trying to expand the program from ASEAN to Asia countries. This effort was shown by a customized course namely Asian Global Development Camp, which was participated by 13 students from Shantou University Business School China. This program aimed to introduce ITS as one of the best technology universities in Indonesia to countries in Asia, especially China.

The course of this program was mainly focussed on Green Business Course, which was delivered by the Department of Business Management. This program was not only providing theory by the learning process in classes, but also accommodating the participants to have a direct interaction with local nature and society through site visit and SME's visitation activities. Moreover, the participants also visited two of the main tourist attractions in East Java, such as Mount Bromo and Songa Rafting. Delivered in a fun and exciting way, this program brought such a wonderful experience for the participants.

This Asian Global Development Camp is under ITS International Office. For more information about this program, please email international@its.ac.id

