

ITS Students Say



International Students Say



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JASSO Short-Term Exchange Program 2015

I am grateful for being selected as a grantee of JASSO Short-Term Exchange Program 2015 in Kumamoto University. Living as a foreigner surely will not be as easy as when you live in your home country. Lots of adjustment are required. I need to adapt to the culture, working environment, way of life, etc. At first, it was hard and stressful because I needed to step out of my comfort zone. However, I never regret my decision to take this opportunity. By participating at this mobility program, I get to experience a lot of things which are not only valuable to enrich my academic but also my personal capability.

In this globalization era, do not be afraid to take the global challenge, step out of your comfort zone, and grab the opportunities. You may find the path is hard and slippery during the process. However, I do believe that those hard and slippery things will surely shape you to be a better person.



Alija Muhammad Syaqui
Mechanical Engineering
Chung-Ang University Exchange Program 2015

I was an exchange student at Chung-Ang University Korea. It was a great experience for me to meet friends from around the world and know how they act and think. I learned a lot of things especially the Korean customs and way of life. By having an international exposure, you will think differently, you will have a benchmark for everything, you will have an idea on how they get things done and apply it in your country. At first, I was not confident that I could and would be accepted in this program, but fortunately I could make it. Now it is your turn. Do not be afraid and try your luck!



Mohammed Hatem Ali AL-Huti
Informatics Engineering (Master Program)
International Student from Sana'a, Yemen

It is my pleasure to have an opportunity to be accepted as a master student in this University. I really like its green campus which always reminds me of my hometown. I like the facilities that offered by ITS. It is also a chance for me to improve my experiences and skills such as getting to a new language and culture. In addition, I would like to give my especial thanks to the head of the international office Dr. Maria and all of her staffs who always consider and try to help me at any time it is required; not only in academic issues but also with personal issues. My usual statement to my family whenever I call them is "With ITS international office no homesick".

Regarding academic issues, I am very grateful to God who helps me to be accepted in Informatics Engineering Department and meet lecturers who kindly encourage me to develop my academic skills. Furthermore, they are willing to share their knowledge whenever I asked not only in class room but also in their offices. Moreover, I like the up-to-date materials and subjects delivered in the classroom. Generally, the only difficulty that I have faced with Indonesian people is that I cannot easily predict and differentiate their feelings since they are always smiling.



Keyiyalew Zerfu
Civil Engineering (Master Program)
International Student from Ethiopia

Moving from Ethiopia to Indonesia and being my first ever international outing was a fantastic. I would like to say thank you to Kemitraan Negara Berkembang (KNB) or Developing Countries Partnership Program, the volunteers and staffs at International Office, lectures and staff at Center for Languages and Cultures (CLC), and Civil Engineering department at ITS. Truly speaking, the brotherly and sisterly follow up of volunteers at ITS International Office is very amazing. They do many things for me and other international students. By now, I feel am living with my family even there is missing. I am proud of them and the Head of International office Dr. Maria. Living with friendly and kind people is great opportunity. At last, I would like say for those who have plan to study in ITS, please come and

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HELLO FROM ITS
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Being a university whose vision is to become a world-class university, ITS is eager to increase awareness of its stakeholders. In order to reach the dream, ITS has taken several actions in regards to internationalization issue.

Among many moves ITS takes, setting banners about globalization awareness and motivation reaches wider scope of stakeholders. Another important act to raise the awareness is developing various workshops for ITS students, lecturers and support staff.

These workshops include English as the Medium of Instruction (EMI) Workshop for ITS' lecturers. Another epitome of the workshops is Students Organization Internship to foreign university partners, at which ITS students get chances to gain knowledge and experiences in an international environment.

More examples for workshops offered include Global Engineers Program in Ritsumeikan University Japan, and ASEAN Technological Camp 2015 with students from Universiti Teknologi Petronas Malaysia in Sipil Engineering Department.

This latest edition of IOpener delivers a brief report of activities and programs as the attempts of ITS in becoming a world-class research university. Special interests and opinions related to the activities and programs written on this bulletin are welcome.

QUICK RECAP

The Change of ITS Management

2015 is marked by at least two big changes. The first is the structure change of Directorate General of Higher Education (DGHE). Now DGHE is a part of Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education.

The second change is the inauguration of new rector and vice rectors. New ITS management is:

Rector	: Prof. Joni Hermana
Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs	: Prof. Heru Selyawan
Vice Rector for Planning, Finance, and Infrastructure	: Ir. Happy Kristijanto, MS.
Vice Rector of Human Resources, Organization, and Information Systems Technology	: Prof. Arif Junaidi
Vice Rector for Research, Innovation, and Cooperation	: Prof. Ketut Buda

Continuing a series of ITS programs to become a world-class research university, the new rector continues to welcome all international students whole-heartedly and treats them as they are a part of ITS' family. Accordingly, every international student should firmly consider ITS as their second home.

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INTERNATIONALIZATION BANNER

Since ASEAN Economic Community is getting closer, ITS has an urgency to enhance the entire stakeholder's awareness towards internationalization issues more rapidly. Therefore, ITS IO (International Office) has been trying to penetrate the stakeholders by locating motivational banners about globalization at every corner of the campus.



ASEAN TECHNOLOGICAL CAMP 2015

ASEAN Technological Camp 2015 UTP Malaysia- ITS Indonesia was a collaboration program between Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) and Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS). The purpose was to open the student's knowledge towards the cultural differences and development of globalization. This program was followed by 25 participants from UTP, 14 committees from ITS and 2 supervisors. Participants were mostly majoring Civil Engineering department and the rest were majoring Informatics and Communication Technology and Chemical Engineering. This program focused on enhancing participants' knowledge on several specific topics related to cultural exchange and globalization. In addition to these courses, participants also involve in various activities such as softskill development, batik lesson, traditional music and dance lesson, Surabaya City Tour, ITS campus tour and laboratory tour, traditional games, Surabaya's small and medium enterprises visit and company visit to PT. Terminal Teluk Lamong.

This program is one of customized short programs under ITS International Office. We also regularly held short program entitled Community and Technological (CommTECH) Camp twice a year. We welcome all of you who are interested to join our short program. For more information please like our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/CommTECHITS/ or visit our website: international.its.ac.id or send email to: int_off@its.ac.id.

JOINT WORKSHOP FOR GLOBAL ENGINEERS IN ASIA 2015

Joint Workshop for Global Engineers in Asia is a collaborative effort among 4 partner universities from different countries: ITS, RU, UTM, and KMUTT in pursuing a higher quality of engineer. After being successfully conducted at UTM in the previous year, Joint Workshop for Global Engineers was organized this year at Kusato Campus, Ritsumeikan University, Japan on 25-28 July. As participants of this workshop were from various engineering backgrounds, the presentation and discussion sessions were done comprehensively to discover the possible joint research by combining different aspects of engineering. Having participated in this workshop, 15 delegates from ITS were encouraged to continuously enhance their research through international conferences, collaborative research, and discussion, in such a way that could support ITS to become a world-class research university.



INTERWEAVING RELATIONS BETWEEN ITS AND U. PORTO

This year, one staff from University de Porto, Mr. André did a-month internship at ITS Innovation and Business Venture Unit (BIBV). Here is his say about his experience at ITS.

ITS and University de Porto are partners in the Interweave Erasmus Mundus project, funded by the European Commission. Interweave project is a mobility project which promotes academic cooperation and exchanges of students, academic and non-academic staffs between Asian and European Higher Education Institutions.

Being a staff of U.Porto, I had the opportunity to working during one month at ITS, namely at BIBV – *Badan Inovasi dan Bisnis Ventura*. It was a perfect match because my mission at U.Porto is to building innovation partnerships with industry.

I had an agenda full of professional activities: learning about BIBV work, understanding ITS and its research areas, sharing my knowledge in technology transfer and innovation, getting to know Surabaya's economic ecosystem, exchanging good practices with BIBV colleagues, bridging contacts between ITS and U.Porto lecturers.

In between, I had the opportunity to flavoring Surabaya's and Java's cultural and touristic scene: meeting friendly people, enjoying ITS green campus, watching ITS sports, participating in the Surabaya flower parade, hiking in Bromo volcano, tasting local food, observing traditional activities and architecture, visiting Kampung.

I may say that it was an intensive month. Passing a period of time abroad, in a different environment, is an enriching experience. I strongly recommend that IST students and staffs engage in an Erasmus Mundus experience.

In the end of the day, my memories go to the gentle people who dedicated time and effort to showing me ITS and Surabaya reality and to integrating me in the local social groups. That's the meaning of interweaving. A special thanks to IO's staff and volunteers and to my BIBV colleagues. To all of them: Matur nuwun!

André Filipe Soares Fernandes

WELCOMING ITS NEW STUDENTS

2015-2016 academic year has just begun. A series of orientation programs was set to welcome the new students of ITS. It was a moment to emerge the new students' awareness toward globalization issues and international exposure opportunities. Since there is always parents' support behind the achievement of every student, the challenges and opportunities in globalization were also informed for the parents of ITS new students. These efforts were expected to boost the internationalization atmosphere at ITS.

Information for Parents

On 29 August 2015, ITS held a forum for the parents association of new students. In this forum, parents were informed regarding academic issues, challenges, and opportunities which will be faced by the students. It was emphasized that the parents' role has a huge influence towards the students' achievement.

With an intention to trigger parents' awareness for globalization, ITS International Office (IO) also took part in this forum by a presentation from Dr. Maria Anityasari as the Head of ITS IO. In addition, a stand was also opened where the parents were able to know more about the internationalization programs at ITS. Through this forum, parents were encouraged to support and motivate their children to get a balance accomplishment in both academic and non-academic activities. As a result, the students will be well-prepared to face the ASEAN Economic Community.

ITS International Office on IPITS 2015



This year, ITS International Office was back to introduce itself to the first-year students on IPITS (*Informasi dan Pengenalan ITS*) or Information and Introduction to ITS. It was held at 25 different classes across the university and delivered to more than 4000 students.

At the session, students were introduced to ITS International Office and its mission to make ITS a world-class research university. Students were taught on how to make the best out of opportunities given at ITS and how International Office can help them to reach the best results possible. Some scholarships and overseas study information were also presented to make the freshmen more motivated.

Aside from make the students more familiar with the International Office, they were also reminded of the challenges that lies ahead in the near future: global competition; and what should they do to prepare for it. The classes were ended with question-and-answer session. All in all, it was an eye-opening session for the students who will soon start their first semester this year.



EMI as a Preparation of International Classes in Every Department

With the intention of becoming a second home for international students, ITS has been trying to create a complete international atmosphere, both in academic and non-academic activities. To ease the learning process of international students, a comprehensive preparation has been conducted to enable every department providing classes in English. This groundwork includes English as the Medium of Instruction (EMI) Program which has been participated by 122 lecturers from various departments in ITS in order to enhance their capacity in delivering lectures in English.

This program is delivered by professional trainers from British Council in two phases, which consists of ToT (Training for Trainer) and EFA (English for Academic Purpose) classes. ToT section is conducted in two weeks in which the lecturers would learn not only how to teach in English, but also how to train other lecturers who could not join this program. Meanwhile, in EFA class, the lecturers will be more intensively and comprehensively learn how to teach English. In the end, each lecturer will have to enlist the classes in which they will teach in English, as the implementation of this program.

