



# What ITS & International Students Say

Hi! I'm Nadya Chandra, a 3rd year student from Information System ITS. In this occasion, I'd like to tell you my story in Student Union Internship 2015. From the selection, I learned about many things about internationalization, doing a social project regarding internationalization among local citizens especially related to AEC, visiting US Consulate in Surabaya, etc. The selection took such a very long time, that's why I was so happy when I got my name listed as one of delegates to go to Malaysia. During the one week journey, we were divided into 5 universities, UM, UTM, UNIKL, UTeM, and UKM. I was allocated to UTeM with other participants. In the program, we prepared a lot of things, from making an interesting presentation slide, practicing it, and so on. I got new experiences and new ideas to apply in my department, External Affairs of student union at my department (HMSI). Now we are focusing to internationalization with brand new projects such as HMSI Vocab, HMSI Scholarship & HMSI Exchange, and English Day once a week. Other than that, we also have a Go Abroad session to enhance Information Systems' students about their knowledge related to the trending international issues.

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Hello, I was a member of Student Union Internship 2015. Going abroad gave me a lot of new experiences that I didn't have before. A lot of new things I learned from this occasion such as a culture in another countries, student activities in Malaysia, student association in Malaysia, etc. I also improved my personal skill, such as my communication skill in English, my skill to adapt with new friends and culture and many more. You guys also can get a lot of new friends from another country that can make your link wider. Not only in Indonesia but also from another country. It is really nice to have friends from another country because you can cooperate with them if you have an event or competition in international scale, so you can ask them to help you to promote your event in their campus. In the era of AEC, going abroad is really important to open up our mind about internationalization, diversity, etc. so we can prepare ourselves to face global challenges. ITS is continuing its effort to provide a lot of programs to give that new experiences for students of ITS.

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My name is Mohammed Hatem Ali Al-Hooti. I am 31 years old. I am from Yemen. I count myself lucky that I attended the postgraduate program in the field of Informatics in Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS). The lecturers and students are great.

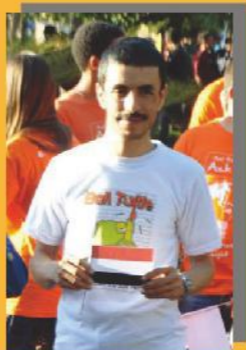
As a master student I have found what I was taught in that course useful in my current degree. Research skills, for instance, at the master's level an enormous amount of an academic writing must be done in order to achieve it successfully. This cannot be met easily if you do not have the necessary academic research skills which I have been taught in that particular course. Moreover, the university has fantastic resources, offering access to everything you need to do your research such as data sets, journals and library facilities.

In addition to the academic program, there are some activities which are held by the International Office. These activities are helpful for me to understand more about Indonesian culture and places, which I liked most. They have a wonderful organizer, who is working very hard on it and I really enjoyed the program.

Based on the above reasons, I directly have chosen to pursue my PhD program as well at ITS.

I am truly grateful to the Head of the International Office and her staffs, all my lecturers, students and staff members I met at the ITS for their help, interest and encouragement.

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## HELLO FROM ITS

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The establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015 has facilitated the seamless movement of not only goods, capital and investment but also skilled labor. The ASEAN countries are now highly connected, all physically, institutionally and among peoples. We must prepare to face the rapid changes situations. As one of the best higher education institutions in Indonesia, ITS has an obligation to prepare its students to be young educated and technological savvy labor force. To achieve the goals, all human resources at ITS must be well aware about the current situations and are encouraged to enhance their soft skills and capability towards global work environment.

Some programs have been designed to enhance the capability of human resources of ITS, especially for students and staffs. The programs offers a promising experience by facilitating them to visit overseas partner universities, mostly in South East Asia. During their visit, they interact and work together with people from several different countries. The experiences have been very fruitful for them to get a better insight about the global world and to apply an effective and efficient team work. In addition, we also have a program which is International insight 2015. This program provides information for students and staffs about academic and language requirements, social and cultural adaption in order to have better opportunity to go abroad. As one of our efforts to expand our network, we joined Global Technology Initiative (GTI) consortium. The members of this consortium are from leading universities and companies from all over the world. It provides a bigger opportunity for our students and staffs to take part actively in activities under the consortium. In addition to those initiatives, we have developed a structured internationalization development cycle within 4 years for ITS students. By implementing this scheme, ITS students will be better prepared for the real global challenges.

The 9th edition of Iopener reports some activities as in the above description. We would like to welcome you all to participate in the next events. Thank you.

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## Internship for Student Union Activists (Magang Ormawa)

In 2015, ITS International Office launched the first Internship for Student Union Activists (Magang Ormawa). This program allows selected student activists from all over ITS to do internship at student union in universities abroad. The aim of this program is to broaden their knowledge on how student unions in other countries are managed, and encourage them to apply their knowledge to enhance internationalization activities in their own student unions. On October 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2015, 35 selected students fled to Malaysia and separately did an internship in 5 different universities: Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) Johr Baru, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), University of Malaya (UM) Kuala Lumpur, and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) Kuala Lumpur.

At each university, ITS delegates joined a lot of activities. They promoted ITS and their own student union, invited their host university to join some programs, and spent efforts to establish win-win partnership. They had seat-in class and study together with local students and explored the host university. The delegates also directly witnessed several local student activities like science club, wall-climbing club, etc. Not only in-campus activities, the delegates also did social activities together with host university in nearby location. In the last day of the program, they had quick tour around the city. This big effort for this first batch fortunately gives results, one of them UKM plans to send several students to ITS and have short visitation in 2016.

## INTERNATIONAL INSIGHT – INTERCULTURAL FESTIVAL



International Insight, like the one in 2014, has provided information regarding global academic achievement such as research opportunity, short program, scholarship for continuing studies, etc. Bringing up the theme of "Preparing ITS to face AEC 2015", International Insight 2015 also gave reflection of how close we were to face ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2015, and what we had done to prepare for it. The International Insight was held for 2 days from November 10<sup>th</sup> till 11<sup>th</sup>. This year, this program brought Australia, UK, Taiwan, Japan education consultants into ITS.



This year, the International Insight was held together with the Intercultural Festival on the second day. This was the time when ITS local and international students could engage and make connections. Using the theme of "Cross-Cultural Understanding", this Intercultural Festival had 2 main sub-events: Cultural Performance and Cross-Culture Games, which both of local and international students of ITS participated in. In the cultural performance, ITS international and local students collaborated in the performance such as performing traditional music, choir, modern dance, and martial art. In the cross-culture games, there are guessing and fun games which were also participated by both local and international students.



Through these collaborated events, students were expected to be more encouraged to break their limits, step out of their comfort zone, and brave enough to face global challenges and opportunities.

## COMMEMORATION NIGHT FOR *SUMPAH PEMUDA*

*Sumpah Pemuda*, commemorated every October 28th, is a part of Indonesia history. It was a day where youths of the past declared statements for all youths of Indonesia to stand united for this nation, as the future of a country lies in youths. In commemorating the day, ITS International Office collaborated with *Badan Eksekutif Mahasiswa* or BEM (Central Student Organization) held a commemoration night on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Rector of ITS, Head of Academic and Student Affairs Bureau, Head of Academic and Student Development, Student Affairs, and Alumni Relation Department, Head of ITS International Office, Head of BEM, and Student Union Internship 2015 alumni were there as speakers. Many students, mainly as the representatives of student unions, filled the room where the commemoration was held.

The night began by singing National Anthem, continued by Internationalization Mars. Rector of ITS opened the night officially with his speech about what Indonesian youths need to do and how ITS students as part of the youths can contribute to bring Indonesia into bright future. After that, Student Union Internship 2015 alumni shared stories about the whole process of the internship. They also encouraged the audience by telling their amazing experiences during the internship program. Afterwards, there was an open discussion in which students posed their opinion, critiques, and suggestions. In this opportunity, many students asked, suggested, and criticized something which were directly responded by the conductors. In this special occasion, Head of ITS IO also gave strong encouragement for the audience, that students, as the youths who hold Indonesia's future, need to build strong global character and competencies since it is a part of their duties to make this country equal with other nations in the world.



## ITS is Now the Member of Global Technology Initiative (GTI) Consortium

GTI consortium, which was initiated by Shibaura Institute of Technology (SIT) Japan, aims to promote international collaborations between technical universities and companies based in Japan and Southeast Asian countries in order to jointly cultivate pedagogy and prepare global-minded human resources with multi-faceted perspectives that drive technological innovations worldwide. Alongside with Universitas Gajah Mada (UGM Yogyakarta) and Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB Bandung) as the advisory members, ITS is now a new member of the consortium which provides more international inbound and outbound opportunities with other members of the consortium.

Website of GTI: <http://plus.shibaura-it.ac.jp/gti/en/information>



## GLOBAL PROBLEM BASED LEARNING (GPbL)

As part of GTI's activities, 3 ITS students have joined Global Problem based Learning (GPbL) hosted by Shibaura Institute of Technology (SIT) Japan, on December 10<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2015. In general, GPbL is an international discussion panel where students from member universities team up with the host university to discuss about technical or environmental issues that were actually happening in certain countries or companies, and propose ideas to solve the issue.

In this program several multi university teams that have been formed were exposed to problems presented by industries and the local government. The teams then conducted series of discussion and observation to come up with ideas and solutions. The proposed solutions then presented in front of industries, government, and professors to be reviewed and assessed. For example, Nola, one of ITS representatives from Industrial Engineering, was in a team which was asked for solution by local government regarding city planning. Her team made a detailed AutoCAD design exhibiting the parks, green areas, cycling route, etc, and provided some simulations of the planning. Her team presented the project in front of local government agencies and they criticized some points as well as gave the team suggestions.

Through this program, ITS students would experience international level of problem solving processes and cross-cultural interaction. As this program has positive benefits for ITS students, the involvement of ITS in this program will be continued even enhanced in the future.



## STAFF INTERNSHIP 2015



Continuing the success of Staff Internship Program in 2013 and 2014, ITS International Office held the program again for the third time. There were 16 staffs from various departments and units at ITS who passed the whole selection processes and interned at some universities in Thailand for about 2 weeks.

The 16 staffs were divided into some groups and allocated in 6 different partner universities in Thailand: KMUTT, Thammasat University, Mahidol University, Kasetsart University, Suranaree University of Technology (SUT), and Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). At each university, the staffs worked based on their professional background. For example, if they were administration staffs at ITS, then they also worked as an administration staff. The differences are, they worked along with different people, different culture, and also different language. Through this program, the staffs were encouraged to improve their English and to work in team with people from different culture and background, while keeping sharpening their skills and ability related to their job description. Moreover, the participants were also able to explore around their host university, such as university buildings, newest technologies developed and applied by the university, parks, classes, and many facilities around the campus. As they have experienced how university in another country develops, the staffs were expected to propose some possible improvement once they were back to ITS.

**In 2016, this program is rebranded into "Staff Mobility". This program is opened for every qualified staffs from all departments and units at ITS to join a 5-day study excursion, visiting some universities in Thailand.**

### Here is our staff testimony.....

"During the upgrading session, once Dr. Maria (Head of ITS International Office) told us, "Does it take ten years for you to achieve your dreams? Don't waste your time. Make your plan in details, narrow it down. Then...DO IT...". Thank you International Office ITS for helping us to understand ourselves. It was the first time I dare to write down my dreams.

By this program, I understand more about myself. I come to conclusion that we have to upgrade ourselves, we need to improve our English, we need to be in line with internationalization. It is recommended to join Staff Mobility Program 2016."



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