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Everything Happens for a Reason

I've known IISMA program from the first batch back in 4th semester 2021 where I wanted to register. Still, I'm too late since the registration close tomorrow, and with a lot of the registration requirements I know that it is too much to finish., so I wanted to join IISMA the next year which is also my last chance to join IISMA in 6th semester 2022.

I heard the announcement of IISMA 2022 registration being open but at that time I hesitated to register because of the lack of skill and competition in my CV, and I ignore it until the last 10 days of registration, when I was given an IISMA socialization. 3 days before the registration period in ITS finished I already have the plan to go out of town not knowing that I need a wet stamp signature, so I pray while I submitted the unfinished document hoping that they will accept me first while I tried to get the signature. 2 days later they Email me again and said I get accepted as candidates from ITS and need to fulfill the signature part to register in IISMA Website.

At that time I felt very desperate and I believe that if I was destined to join IISMA then I will surely get accepted, everything went smoothly even though the registration was close to the deadline, and hoping that I come prepared with a lot of confidence in the next step of my life.



Unbelievable Moment in Life

The day when I get the announcement that I get accepted to IISMA is very unbelievable and I felt mildly happy still not realizing that I will go to Thailand for 4 months to study there with a lot of new things that will come to my life until the last 1 month where we started preparing and have a lot of webinars to ensure that we have a good time there.

Having a good student representative really helped us in the process of making a visa where there is a bit problem with the letter that need to be original not printed, this means Chulalongkorn University needs to send us the letter from Thailand. The second thing to prepare is the dormitory, We're quite shocked to hear that the price of the dormitory is very expensive compared to the other host university in Thailand but the money is barely enough for our stay there since the food turns out to be cheap. We go to the airport at midnight, I wave goodbye to my parents and I met 5 other amazing fellow awardees that accompany me during IISMA at Chulalongkorn University

Arriving in Thailand the euphoria hits me that I am currently on a study abroad program, I'm very grateful that I can have the chance joining IISMA to fulfilling one of my dreams and can't wait to explore Thailand, knowing their culture, having new friends and experiences to elevate every aspect in my life and see what's going to happen next.

Stepping Stone in My Life

IISMA was an unforgettable experience that has ever happened in my life and not a single time that I feel regretted being a part of the IISMA Awardees 2022 since We're the first batch to go to Chulalongkorn University, there is simply no information on what to expect there, everything is a surprise for us.

The day before the first class I felt very anxious about our cultural difference and the language barrier that can make things harder, I looked through a youtube video on how the class condition in Chula, and with that in mind, I grab my bag, use our uniform and walk 1 hour before class started anticipating anything that might happen. When I arrived at the class it was empty, the student here usually comes 5-10 minutes before class. When they arrived I greeted them and some of them are really friendly which makes me feel less worried and finish the class successfully while gaining a lot of new international friends.

I believe that all of the things happening in life must have a meaning, IISMA is one of my ways in achieving my dreams to study abroad and learn a lot of new cultures, try new food, and explore new countries. This program has taught me a lot of new things and given me a lot of new experiences. I am incredibly grateful for everyone involved during my IISMA program and I'm very excited about the next unexpected big things that I will achieve.

Time Flies so Fast

Joining IISMA was the best decision in my life, meeting new friends and 5 amazing fellow awardees that helped me and accompanied me in the ups and downs of IISMA. There are a lot of challenges and problems that really make us feel at home when We're together. Besides that, we get a lot of new friends and connections which are really precious to have.

On the last day in Thailand, we all felt very sad and hoped that the IISMA program is longer, 4 months feels very short and time just like fly by. The last night we had dinner together with our professor they told us that they were happy to accept us as part of their student and can't wait to see the next batch of the awardee, we're very happy that we can bring the best of us as Indonesian representative and we manage to give a good impression to them. We arrive in Indonesia at noon feeling happy to be back in Indonesia and feel sad that we have to say goodbye to each other.

A lot of things that I can't tell in this short testimony but I can tell you that you should join IISMA as it will give a lot of benefits and new experiences, during the exchange program we also contributed to some of the events held by the Indonesian embassy and ASEAN representing our culture in front of other countries, I can't wait to see what's going to happen next.