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## Hello everyone!

I'm excited to share with all of you my experience of studying in the UK as an awardee of Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA). I've always wanted to explore a different culture and learn from a world-class education system. That's why I applied for a IISMA program that allowed me to spend a semester at the University of Nottingham.

It was one of the best decisions I ever made. I met so many amazing people, learned new things, and had a lot of fun. The UK is a diverse and vibrant country with a rich history. I enjoyed visiting famous landmarks, trying new foods, and joining some clubs and societies.

Of course, there were also some challenges and difficulties along the way. I had to adjust to a different academic style, cope with homesickness, and manage my budget. But I think these experiences helped me grow as a person and develop new skills.

I would highly recommend IISMA programme to anyone who wants to broaden their horizons and have an unforgettable adventure. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity that you don't want to miss.

Before departing to their host university, All IISMA awardees will receive all of guidance that we need from IISMA committee. The guidance such as Financial Technical Guidance, Nationalism, Diversity and Leadership Provision, Ticketing and Departure, Bullying Prevention, Psychological Preparedness and Mental Health Abroad, Academic Preparation and Collaboration with Industry, and Communication Ethics and Content Publishing on social media.

I also prepare the administrative requirements that needed before going to The United Kingdom. Such as passport, visa, insurance, and bank account for international transaction. Besides that, I also prepare for living in a four seasons country. Living in a four seasons country means I must face a winter season, so I have to prepare thick clothes, boots, and other stuff to ensure that I stay warm throughout the season.

When on departure. Departing to the Nottingham England from Indonesia. I got my flight starts in Denpasar Bali then transit in Dubai the United Arab Emirates then headed for Birmingham England. So far, it was the longest flight in my live.

My first day at the University of Nottingham. I was welcomed by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nottingham Professor Shearer West, and the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Kingdom Dr. Desra Percaya. At that time, we were invited by the Indonesian ambassador to attend the Indonesian Experience in London. Later when my friends and I attend the Indonesian Experience in London, I met Mr. Sandiaga Uno the Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, who inspired all of us and encouraged Indonesian students to introduce and promote Indonesia in the UK.

At the University of Nottingham, I got various kinds of experiences starting from the experience of how the lecture classes were there and then visiting several laboratories and several research centres and even trying the airplane simulator that the University of Nottingham owned.

One of the best things I did at the University of Nottingham was joining the Indonesia society and Islamic Society. It was a great way to meet new people and made some friends. I shared my culture by holding cultural exhibitions and it turn to felt more at home because a lot of Indonesian students attending that event.

When I just come back, I love sharing my story of how I got this IISMA program that probably changed my life. It was not easy, but I try hard and learned a lot. I also helped some of my friends who were interested in applying for IISMA program. I gave them tips, feedback, and encouragement. I was so happy when they got accepted too. We celebrated together and thanked each other for the support. It was a great experience that I will never forget.

And for my long-term plan. I've always wanted to study more and deepen my knowledge in my field. That's why I applied for this IISMA program, which is my steppingstone to pursue my master degree. I am interested to continue my education to master degree because at University of Nottingham I have visited several laboratories that makes me interested in learning more about it. I believe these experiences will lead me achieve my academic and professional goals.