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WARM WELCOME AND FIRST IMPRESSION

"The delegation received a warm welcome from the ITS Global Engagement Office staff, who offered excellent support and guidance. Following a campus tour, the opening ceremony featured an engaging cultural exchange involving participants from multiple nations."





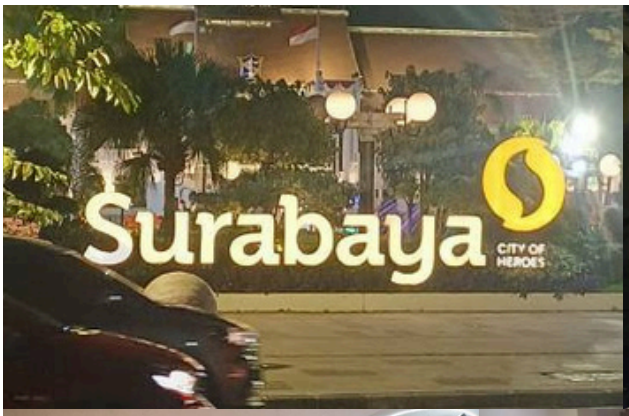




INSTITUT TEKNOLOGI SEPULUH NOPEMBER INDONESIA (ITS)

MET WITH THE VICE RECTOR AND SERVED AS THE MALE REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEIVE THE NAME TAG

I attended the seminar session for the International Staff Mobility 2026 program at Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS), Indonesia. I was honored to be selected as the male representative to receive the name badge from the Vice Rector, and our team presented a university souvenir. Afterward, we joined group networking sessions to meet international participants and exchange cultural perspectives, guided by the supportive ITS student staff. In the afternoon, we enjoyed lunch at ITS Global Kampong before taking a campus tour.









FUN BAHASA EXPLORE AND EXCHANGE CULTURES

SURABAYA , INDONESIA

We started at the Global Language Center (Unit Pusat Bahasa Global), where we learned Bahasa Indonesia. I learned many basic greetings and everyday expressions. We practiced short conversations in teams with our international friends. My favorite word is probably "Terima kasih," which means "thank you." After that, we took part in various traditional activities, such as making Indonesian toys and dancing, as well as learning about the history of the city of Surabaya. This brought us closer to our colleagues and local people, and helped us understand Indonesian culture even better.

In the afternoon, we visited a local batik shop, where I learned about traditional Indonesian art and craftsmanship. In the evening, I went out to explore the city. What I found was that there are so many cats here everywhere you walk, you run into cats! This is truly a cat lover's paradise. We also had local food with friends from various nations, and I found a new favorite dish: "Rawon" soup. It tastes just like Thai boat noodles!

1.



CAT CITY

"You can find cats everywhere in this city."

2.



RAWON SOUP

Rawon is a dark braised beef soup from East Java, Indonesia. It is one of the most famous and beloved traditional dishes in the region.

3.



GENERAL SOEDIRMAN

Figure in the monument: General Soedirman,
the first Commander-in-Chief
of the Indonesian National Armed Forces
and a hero of the Independence War.
Location: Located on a traffic median designed as a long park island on Yos Sudarso Street, Surabaya, East Java.

4.



GASING

Gasing refers to a spinning top, which is a traditional folk toy in Southeast Asia. In cultural workshops or STEM learning activities, waste materials such as cardboard, bottle caps, or straws are often used to craft small spinning tops or rotating windmills to practice skills and share cultural experiences together.

5.



FUN BAHASA WITH FRIENDS FROM VARIOUS NATIONS

VISITING DEPARTMENTS WITHIN(ITS) AND EXCHANGING WORKING KNOWLEDGE

1. BUREAU OF GENERAL AFFAIRS, SECURITY OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT



Bureau of General Affairs, Security Occupational Health and Safety, Environment is the central administrative unit at Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) responsible for general administration, campus security, integrated public services, and workplace health, safety, and environmental



2. DIRECTORATE OF STUDENTS AFFAIRS

Entrepreneurship & Career:

Promoting student entrepreneurship, overseeing startup competitions, and supporting business development.

Student Development:

Fostering well-rounded skills and interests across academic, professional, religious, artistic, sports, and student organization activities (including UKM/student clubs).

Student Services:

Managing student welfare, scholarships, and student organization administration.







BROMO MOUNTAIN



BROMO TENGGER SEMERU NATIONAL PARK



The trip to Mount Bromo was one of the most memorable parts of the program. We left the hotel at about 11:00 p.m., journeying through the quiet night until we reached the Bromo area right at dawn. There, we switched to classic 4x4 jeeps, the signature vehicles essential for navigating the rugged terrain up the mountain under the chilly night air.

Before heading to the viewpoint, our guide thoughtfully prepared hot chocolate and crispy fried bananas for breakfast. Enjoying those warm, delicious local treats in the crisp mountain air was the perfect remedy for the cold. As the first rays of dawn broke, the breathtaking view unfolded before our eyes: a vast sea of mist, the majestic sunrise over Mount Bromo, and the towering Mount Semeru in the background. It was a truly awe-inspiring and unforgettable experience for all of us.

Afterwards, we headed down to the sea of sand. Even though there was quite a bit of dust, it was a breathtaking sight unlike anything I had ever seen before. We got out of the vehicle to take photos before proceeding to ride horses and trek our way up to the edge of the volcanic crater.

DAY5

ITS GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT SESSION



Today, our SUT delegation set up a booth to introduce our programs and projects to international faculty in the morning and international students in the afternoon. The atmosphere at the event was extremely lively. We prepared small souvenirs from SUT to give to visitors, which attracted a lot of attention. From our conversations at the booth, we found that quite a few students were interested in studying or participating in programs in Thailand, especially short-term programs, camps, and sightseeing trips, as they already have a strong fondness for Thailand and Thai culture.

REFLECTIONS

Participating in the International Staff Mobility 2026 program at Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) has been an immensely enriching experience. Beyond gaining valuable insights into ITS's structured student affairs administration spanning entrepreneurship, holistic student development, and student welfare services the exchange fostered meaningful cross-cultural connections and mutual understanding. Engaging with international faculty, student support teams, and students highlighted our shared dedication to enhancing student success. Furthermore, showcasing SUT programs at our promotion booth revealed a strong and enthusiastic interest among Indonesian students in short-term academic and cultural mobility programs in Thailand.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Future Directions: Building upon the success of this exchange, future initiatives should focus on:

1. Expanding Short-Term Mobility Programs: Strengthening collaborative pathways for short-term student exchanges, cultural camps, and joint projects between SUT and ITS.
2. Applying Administrative Best Practices: Adopting insights from ITS's robust frameworks in student engagement and entrepreneurship development to further enhance our institutional services.
3. Deepening Institutional Partnerships: Sustaining ongoing professional networks to facilitate future staff mobility, academic cooperation, and intercultural initiatives.