Dear Readers,

This edition of Newsletter brings you the latest news on the graduation day of Universitas Airlangga for September 2018 period and a community service from campus on the disaster site in Lombok. There is also news about a welcoming reception for international students, a lecturer from Faculty of Veterinary Medicine who went studying in Japan, and Universitas Airlangga Hospital which just made an achievement at Asian level. Not to mention, an update on the results of a discussion with professors held by Information and Public Relations Center. The alumni column this time presents a profile of an environmental activist Prigi Arisandi and Minister Muhadjir Effendy.
Graduation procession at Universitas Airlangga for this September period recorded a number of 3,667 graduates. The graduation was held for three days, from Saturday (8/9) with 1,327 graduates, Sunday (9/9) with 1,330 graduates, to Tuesday (11/9) with 1,010 graduates. Among the thousands of graduates inaugurated at Airlangga Convention Center, a dozen of them were international students.

In his speech, Rector Prof. M. Nasih asked the graduates to always be considerate of public issues and put much effort to find concrete solutions. Therefore, they could be figures spreading benefits through their respective knowledge.

The event on Tuesday coincided with the celebration of Islamic New Year. The New Year was marked from the day the Prophet Muhammad PBUH hijra or emigrated from Mecca to Medina. Regarding to that, Prof. M. Nasih emphasized that college days were a process of hijra or emigration. What he meant with hijra here was to leave ignorance and unintelligence to be a more knowledgeable, moral and intelligent character.

"Having that in mind, students will be able to win the competition at global scope and make contributions to the society," he said.

Rector stated that going to college was not merely to earn a certificate. More than that, it was for the science and knowledge as assets to face the challenges of time. "With science and knowledge, one will be able to survive more brilliantly with more wisdom and blessings," he added.

To all graduates, whether they already had a job or not, the rector suggested that confidence was their main asset to be able to compete globally. He encouraged them not to feel insecure, inferior, or shy but to be optimistic instead. "With confidence, I believe you all will thrive on competition. Show them that you are a graduate of the best university," he confirmed. (*)

A natural disaster of earthquake which struck Lombok last August attracted deep sympathy from a lot of parties, and Universitas Airlangga was not an exception. A relief effort was made in the area; one of them was the operation of floating hospital Ksatria Airlangga. Doctors and medical personnel worked directly on the site.

Furthermore, there was also a team from GenCorps (Green Nursing Corps) student organization of Faculty of Nursing (FKp) Universitas Airlangga who joined the effort as volunteers. They volunteered there for five days, from 14 to 19 August 2018. When in Lombok, the FKp team stayed at the main post of IKA-UA (Universitas Airlangga Alumni Association) which was located in Bangsal, Penang, North Lombok. Preparations had been made long before they decided to come, such as the fundraising.

Another aid distribution was also initiated by Institute of Community Service (LPM) in collaboration with the students. Moreover, a joint effort between Faculty of Medicine Universitas Airlangga and IKA-UA in West Nusa Tenggara continues to distribute aid to disaster victims. Not only logistics, a number of medical personnel were also deployed in several locations.(*)
The international students who got accepted at Universitas Airlangga (UNAIR) were welcomed in an event titled International Students Welcoming Reception. The event was held on Friday (14/9) at Kahuripan Hall 300, Campus C. Irfan Wahyudi, Ph.D as the expert staff of Airlangga Global Engagement (AGE) international program said that International Students Welcoming Reception was held to greet the international students who were about to start their education process. Irfan informed that currently there were 200 international students who study at UNAIR. The students came from different countries across Asia, Europe, and Africa. "The students got accepted from many ways like Airlangga Development Scholarship (ADS), AMERTA Program, Scholarship of Developing Countries Partnership (KNB), Darmasiswa Scholarship, and regular program," he added.

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FKH) Universitas Airlangga (UNAIR) recently gave an opportunity for one of the lecturers to study abroad. The program was held for 10 days, from 28 August to 6 September 2018 at Azabu University, Sagamihara, Kanagawa, Japan. The FKH UNAIR lecturer who joined the program is Dhandy Koesoemo Wardhana, drh., M.Vet. The program was hosted by Azabu University, with the title of Sakura Science Plan 2018, and was sponsored by Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

Participated in the program were lecturers from several countries in Asia namely Indonesia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, and Japan. During their study, the participants of Sakura Science Plan 2018 conducted practicums and attended a class from a Japanese lecturer about how to diagnose infectious diseases and prevent plague concerning animal health. The participants were also requested to deliver a few presentations, particularly a presentation about infectious veterinary disease in their respective country, and to make a scientific poster. To broaden their knowledge, they were also taken to pay a visit to several places.

Universitas Airlangga Hospital (RSUA) recently won a prestigious award of Asian level. The award was given in the event of Asian Hospital Management Award (AHMA) which was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 13-14 September 2018. Regarding the glorious achievement, the Director of RSUA Prof. Dr. Nasronudin, Sp.PD., KPTI-FINASIM said that the team from Indonesia especially RSUA won three award categories, namely Excellence Awards for Hospital CEO of The Year category, Innovations in Hospital Management category, and the Best Costume category. Furthermore, Prof. Nasron also mentioned that the ceremony was a right move to determine mutual steps in the era of industrial revolution 4.0. In the reputable event, he added, RSUA had to compete with many kinds of high-quality hospitals in Asia. In general, these hospitals were equipped with artificial intelligence, robotic assistance, reliable internet, as well as Nano and Bio technology. (*)
On Thursday (13/9) Information and Public Relations Center (PIH) held a discussion titled Exposition of Professors’ Innovation at Kahuripan Hall 300, Management Office of Universitas Airlangga. The discussion raised the theme of “Utilizing Maritime Wealth in Realizing Indonesian People’s Welfare.” At this Exposition of Professors’ Innovation, three experts from three different fields of science were presented. They were Prof. Ir. Moch. Amin Alamsjah, M.Si., Ph.D., professor at Faculty of Fisheries and Marine (FPK); Prof. Dr. Dian Agustia, Dra., Ak., M.Si., CMA., CA., professor at Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB); and Prof. Dr. Musta’in Mashud, Drs., M.Si., professor at Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP). Expositions from these three professors were moderated by Ainur Ahadi Abdillah, S.Pi., M.Si. (*)

“It takes the Three P Concept in economic activities, namely Public, Place, and Planet. It means that economic activities must also pay attention to social values (public), company (place), and ecosystem or environment (planet). What is not less important is the concept of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in utilizing resources in economic practices, particularly in maritime field because it often causes problems, especially the ones concerning the ecosystem,” Prof. Dian Agustia

“There are three great maritime potentials that Indonesia owns; they are tuna, prawns, and seaweed. From the production of these three, it is known that Indonesia is the country which produces the most seaweed. However, 80 percent of the production takes form of raw seaweed. Innovations are needed here to turn this export product from Indonesia into more useful forms,” Prof. Amin Alamsjah

“In the last ten years, fisherman households in Indonesia are decreasing. It happens due to several factors, such as exploitation of natural resources by other countries, both legal and illegal; also, the decreasing income for fishermen and increasing risks in the sea; then, rampant illegal fishing using larger ships; and more sophisticated technology which makes it more difficult for small fishermen to catch fish in the sea. These are the problems and challenges every policy maker and stakeholder must find solutions to,” Prof. Musta’in
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A WORLD CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

One of Universitas Airlangga alumni from Biology program at Faculty of Science and Technology with international achievements is Prigi Arisandi. He is an environmental activist who consistently fights for people's rights to enjoy river water of quality. Along with Ecoton community, Prigi raises awareness for people not to litter into rivers and to properly maintain river water so that ecosystem is kept in good condition.

Prigi also continuously communicates with the government to establish good regulations. He visits private companies and warns them of the dangers of disposing waste into rivers. He builds concern among the youth to stand up against all environmental pollution.

Goldman Environmental Prize Award 2011, an international award from San Francisco Foundation, has successfully been won by Prigi. As a result, he got the opportunity to meet with other environmental activists from all around the world. He even met the President of The USA at that time, Barack Obama. Granted with about US$ 150,000, Prigi used the money to promote more environmental programs.

At the moment, Prigi is a lecturer at Universitas Ciputra Surabaya. He mentions that in every environmental conservation effort, one of the main supporting aspects is research data. “Without good research, running programs will be losing direction,” said Prigi. (*)

QUALIFIED LECTURERS PRODUCE INNOVATIVE MINISTERS

Not a few alumni of Universitas Airlangga who contribute in bureaucracy. Some of them even hold the position of a minister in this republic. One of them is Muhamdij Effendy, a professor who once was the Rector of Universitas Muhammadiyah Malang before he became the minister he is now. Muhamdij is an alumnus of Postgraduate School who is currently the Minister of Education and Culture rich with innovations.

During his college days at Universitas Airlangga, Muhamdij recalls, he was helped by the campus’ qualified lecturers. Among others, there were Prof. Hotman Siahaan and Prof. Ramlan Surbakti. The campus, he says, undoubtedly has a lot of experienced lecturers and wide network so that the students may get much and varied knowledge.

On the other side, Muhamdij believes that the campus will be able to be on the list of 500 world top universities. Indeed, it is a winding road to get there; but as long as the target is pursued with hard effort and synergy, it is possible to reach. “Universitas Airlangga has the potentials to make the dream come true,” he added. (*)
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