

## **NEWSLETTER** MID-APRIL 2019

### THE UNIVERSITY'S EXPANDING FACILITIES



# UNAIR DEFENDS INTERNATIONAL TITLE



For two consecutive months, Universitas Airlangga has won Top Contributor awards from QS WOW NEWS. In February UNAIR was ranked third, while in March the university bettered itself and was placed second.

QS WOW NEWS is a news portal managed by a world university rankings company, Quacquarelli Symonds. Universitas Airlangga won the awards for being an active contributor who posted most news on QS WOW NEWS website. The mentioned website can be accessed through https://qswownews.com/.

According to the Head of Information and Public Relations Center (PIH) Universitas Airlangga Dr. Suko Widodo, the international awards proved that the material and scholarly quality of the university's academic community, which was shown by contributing to QS WOW NEWS, were world class. "Defending the awards is not easy. Therefore we need help and support in a form of international news about UNAIR to be processed here at PIH and sent to QS WOW NEWS later," Suko said. (\*)

UNAIR has just been granted two brand new campus shuttle buses from PT Bank Mandiri Persero (Tbk) as a form of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The addition to the campus' bus fleet is out of concern for the importance of facilities and infrastructures in enhancing the academic process.

The symbolic handover of the buses was held at Amerta Hall, 4th floor UNAIR Management Office on Friday, April 5. Attended the event were high officials from UNAIR and PT Bank Mandiri such as, among

others, UNAIR Rector Prof. Dr. Moh. Nasih, SE., MT., Ak., (CMA)., and his entourage as well as Bank Mandiri Senior Vice President for Government and Institutional Group Diana Hady.

"We expect this to be a process for stronger cooperation between Universitas Airlangga and Bank Mandiri; since facilities and infrastructures which support the students' learning process will definitely produce better human resources," said UNAIR Rector Prof. Nasih. (\*)



Prof Badri (with a microphone) when in Malaysia.

#### FEB PROFESSOR SPEAKS IN AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM

On Thursday, March 28, a Professor at Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB) Badri Munir Sukoco, PhD, was invited to deliver his ideas on strategic management for higher education towards World Class University (WCU) at Kuala Lumpur Convention Center, Malaysia.

Prof. Badri remarked that at the moment Indonesia had been a country in Asian region with a high interest in research. The growth of research made by academics even reached 52.44 per cent in 2017. During his presentation, Prof. Badri suggested universities to collaborate with researchers who had high citations if they were to be an international university.

"If our lecturers work on research and publications with lecturers from foreign universities, it will show that our internationalization is good," he explained.

Besides Prof. Badri, a couple of cross university academics were also present as speakers at the discussion panel; namely Prof. Downing Thomas, Associate Provost and Dean of International Programs, University of Iowa, USA as well as Prof. Ai Xin, Deputy Director, Office of International Exchange and Cooperation, Beijing Normal University, China. (\*)



A few participants of The 10th International Nursing Conference, Faculty of Nursing UNAIR

#### FKP HOLDS INTERNATIONAL **CONFERENCE**

Faculty of Nursing (FKp) Universitas Airlangga held The 10th International Nursing Conference (INC) from April 6 to 7 at Grand Mercure Hotel Surabaya. The conference was titled Tropical Health Coastal Region Development. The conference was collaboration with a number of national and international nursing institutions, namely Sultan Agung Islamic University Semarang, Institute of Health Science (STIKES) Jombang Regional Government, Muhammadiyah University Surabaya (UMS), La Trobe University (Australia), Malaya University (Malaysia), Cheng Kung National University (Taiwan) and Edinburgh University (Scotland). (\*)



Prof. Nasih (three from right) with ASIC representatives and deans of humanities and social sciences faculties at UNAIR.

#### INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION FOR UNIVERSITY QUALITY

International accreditation from ASIC (Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges, and Universities) which had been held for five days at UNAIR was officially ended on Friday, March 29. The closing ceremony was attended by Rector Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nasih SE., MT., Ak., at 301 Kahuripan Hall Management Office UNAIR. As many as fourteen humanities and social sciences programs have undergone this

international accreditation. ASIC CEO Lee Hammond promises that the assessment result will be delivered next month. The result itself is an accumulation of all predetermined categories.

Furthermore Prof. Nasih said that currently UNAIR is in constant effort to improve the university's quality. The effort is emphasized on the progression of instructors' quality particularly the deans and lecturers who must be professional in their respective scholarly field. UNAIR, Prof. Nasih added, has made a commitment to education received by its students. (\*)



#### A CHANCE TO STUDY ABROAD FOR STUDENTS

enjoyed the experience of student exchanges, short courses, or other kinds of foreign academic programs.

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One of the students is Joshua Aji Nimpuna, a Management major at Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB) Universitas Airlangga. Joshua is currently studying in Romania after receiving a student exchange scholarship of "European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Student", also known as Erasmus+.

He flew to Rumania on February 22. Not only represents UNAIR, he even becomes the only admitted student from Indonesia this year. Joshua has a chance to study at Universitatea Lucian Blaga din Sibiu together with students from European Union countries. The student exchange program that he joins lasts from February to June 2019. sität Hamburg. (\*)

**Joshua Aji Nimpuna** (four from right) with students from European Union when in Romania