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Petra Christian University, Indonesia

Partnership to the Global World

The following two great news from Petra Christian University, Surabaya, Indonesia, are shared with fellow members of ACUCA.

The Establishment of King Sejong Institute

In 2014, Petra set sail to the Republic of Korea and it was Dongseo University where Petra's partnership drifted into. We joined forces to form an international collaboration in opening the King Sejong Institute, an overseas educational institution of Korean language and cultures.

On 10 August 2015, Petra and Dongseo's long awaited institution, named the King Sejong Institute Surabaya, was officially opened at Petra Christian University, making Petra the first King Sejong Institute in East Java and second in Indonesia after Jakarta. Petra's voyage to the establishment of King Sejong Institute Surabaya was not an easy quest. Only 16 out of 70 proposals from all over the globe were accepted, one of which was Petra's, making Petra the only candidate chosen from Indonesia. Petra was so honored to welcome the Ambassador of Republic of Korea, His Excellency Mr. Cho Tai-Young, and the President of Dongseo University, Dr. Chang Jekuk, during the Opening Ceremony of King Sejong Institute Surabaya.

Establishing King Sejong Institute at Petra is a way to cater the interests of the students and the community around Petra to learn about Korea and at the same time to broaden the opportunity to have more partnerships with Korean institutions and government. Together, Petra Christian University and King Sejong Institute lead in an effort to spread the scent of Korean language and culture across the globe.

The Camp that Speaks Love

Work Camp 2015 takes place on 7 – 20 March 2015 at Terunyan Village, Bali – Indonesia. Petra is honored to welcome 12 Petra students and 9 students from the International Christian University, Japan. This year's "Work Camp" is themed "we love because He first loves us". Work Camp 2015 aims to reach out to others who are in need with the love of Jesus Christ through the fellowship and service. Participants have worked hard to motivate and support the transformation of the Terunyan people's perception to have a better understanding of their own prosperity, independence, and unique characters. This transformation will lead to the empowerment action for the Terunyan's people in creating integrated tourism village in Bali. In addition, this Work Camp also serves as a medium of delivery for the people to witness the love and care of Jesus Christ to those in need.

The participants were spread in 5 hamlets, namely Puse, Madya, Terunyan, Bunut, and Mukus. In Puse and Mukus, the participants helped the people to get clean water supply. In Madya the participants worked on the procurement of electricity, while in Terunyan the participants attended classes as teachers for 125 elementary school kids. Besides environmental and educational work, the participants also promoted personal hygiene and health. They absorbed all the information given throughout the program, their warm welcome and outright enthusiasm were expressed daily, changing the participants' tiredness into joyful vigor. Since Work Camp 2015 operated under the biblical basis, every day was started with morning devotion, followed by fellowship, and worship in the evening with the theme revolving around: "live to love, serve, and be the best living reflection of God".

The program was concluded by a closing worship where the participants and the villagers exchanged stories and evaluated their day-to-day activities throughout the Work Camp. Petra and Bangli together sent out prayers of gratitude to the Father in Heaven who has entrusted this chance of servitude and made the Work Camp 2015 possible.

"We love because He first loves us." (1John 4: 19)



The Handover Ceremony for Parahyangan Catholic University's Rector 2015-2019 Period



On Saturday (June 27) at the Auditorium of the School of Postgraduate Studies of Parahyangan Catholic University, an inaugural and handover ceremony for the Rector of Parahyangan Catholic University (2015-2019) was held. Mangadar Situmorang, Ph.D has been elected as the Rector of UNPAR after the selection process both at the university senate level and foundation level had been completed.

During the same event, the Vice Rectors who will aid and serve alongside the Rector in his day-to-day responsibilities as the Rector of UNPAR were also inaugurated. Unlike the previous period (when) there were only three Vice Rectors, the current Rector appointed four people as his Vice Rectors.

Those who were appointed as Vice Rectors are: Paulus Cahyono Tjiang, Ph.D (as Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, Dr. Orpha Jane (as Vice Rector of Financial Affairs), Dr. Paulus Sukapto (as Vice Rector of Human Capital and Student Affairs), and Dr. Budi Husodo Bisowarno (as Vice Rector of Research, Community Service and Cooperation Affairs).

Before elected as a Rector, Mangadar Situmorang, Ph.D. served as the Dean of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences as well as a lecturer in the International Relations Study Program. His ideal is to transform current 'good' UNPAR into 'great' UNPAR.

The Hall of the School of Postgraduate Studies of Parahyangan Catholic University was filled by invited guests not only from within Parahyangan Catholic University, but also local officials of the area around campus, government officials, military, police, co-operation partners, as well as partner schools and universities.

Before the inauguration and handover ceremony, a thanksgiving Mass was held at St. Peter's Cathedral presided by Mgr. Antonius Subianto B., OSC (The Bishop of Bandung Diocese), Mgr. Martinus D. Situmorang, OFMCap. (The Bishop of Padang Diocese) and Father Basilius Hendra Kimawan, OSC (the secretary of UNPAR Foundation). In his homily, Mgr. Antonius reminded the leaders of UNPAR to maintain UNPAR's basic values and spirituality. It is also hoped that he leaders will hold on to the humility and hospitality principles during their tenure as leaders of Parahyangan Catholic University.

Interactive Digital Learning Environment



The development of information and communication technology (ICT) has brought changes in a wide range of aspects of human life. The world is now flooded by so much information which boost rapidly from time to time. This situation has created the young generations with good ability to master the sophisticated technology also selecting and sorting the information well.

An education expert from the University of Minnesota, John Moravec says, our education world today is in the paradigm of Education 3.0 - a learning process which is strongly influenced by the disclosure of information combined with the finesse of ICT. The Education 3.0 is a multi-directional learning process centered on students which utilizing a variety of learning resources that can be done at any place and time.

The disclosure of information and the ICT development has also generated the wave of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). Nowadays, the world top universities compete to offer an open and massive online courses. It is open because the lecture can be accessible by anyone, anywhere, and anytime through the internet. It is massive because it can simultaneously accommodate the large number of participants for each course. MOOCs aimed at providing high quality education that can be easily accessed by public for free. Parahyangan Catholic University meets this challenge and opportunity by developing IDE-UNPAR (can be read as the ideas of UNPAR). According to its name, IDE-UNPAR (Interactive Digital Learning Environment) is a learning management system based ICT aimed at helping the interactive learning process centered on the students either take place inside or outside the classroom.

Each course held in face-to-face class is automatically provided by IDE-UNPAR in the form of virtual class which is freely accessed by the participants. It helps lecturers to plan, implement, monitor, and evaluate the learning process. Students can transparently find out the learning objectives and process in one full semester. Besides, students can access learning resources prepared by the lecturers or any kind of information related to them, interact with other students and lecturers via chatting / discussion group, and submit the assignments in the digital format (text/image/video). The lecturers can directly monitor the student's activities that are automatically recorded. Furthermore, IDE-UNPAR also provides a lot of facilities to support those activities. The effective learning process supported by IDE-UNPAR requires the readiness of lecturers in mastering ICT. Through UNPAR's Learning Innovation Center, the lecturers are systematically and continuously provided with various knowledge and skills regarding methodologies and the use of ICT for supporting learning process. It is accessible through <http://ide.unpar.ac.id>.

The presence of IDE-UNPAR strongly supports the use of MOOCs at UNPAR. Hopefully, in the future, UNPAR will become not only an educational institution for students but also a place of learning for wider community. It can greet people in different parts of the Indonesian archipelago and the world to devote science for the improvement of human dignity in accordance with its aphorism, "Bakuning Hyang Mrih Guna Santyaya Bhakti" which means "Based on the belief in God, pursuing knowledge in devotion to the community".

WISSEMU Successfully Reached Mount Elbrus and Kilimanjaro

A team of Women of Indonesia's Seven Summits Expedition Mahitala UNPAR (WISSEMU) successfully climbed the highest peak in Europe, Mount Elbrus in Russia, Friday (15/5) at 12:35 p.m. local time. WISSEMU team consists of Fransiska Dmitri Inkiriwang (21), Matilda Dwi Lestari (21), and Dian Indah Carolina (19).

Elbrus is the second peak of the seven highest summits in seven continents which was successfully reached by the team who previously conquered the Summit Carstensz Pyramid in Papua, Indonesia, last August. Mount Elbrus is known for its twin peaks that have a height of over 5,600 meters above sea level (mdpl), and the West Peak (5642 mdpl) is higher than the East Peak (5621 mdpl). Mount Elbrus has two climbing lanes, the north and south.

Just like when it reaches the peak of Elbrus, Russia, these three heroines of UNPAR rang the angklung – a traditional music instrument made from bamboo, in the peak of Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, on Sunday (25/5), at 7:30 a.m. local time. WISSEMU start climbing at 00:25 local time and dropped from the top at 08:00. Team climbed through Machame lane by passing four camps namely Machame Camp, Shira Camp, Barranco Valley, and Barafu Hut. Ascending via this lane also required to pass through the Great Barranco Wall, a challenging climb with the increase reaching 257 m. According to Alfons Yoshio through forumhijau.com, they just thirty minutes on the highest peak in Africa due to the misty condition.

Mount Kilimanjaro that is part of Tanzania National Park is a volcano which has three peaks: Kibo, Mawenzi, and Shira with Kibo as its highest peak. It is unique because it has five different climate zones namely Bushland (tropical), Rain Forest (tropical), Heath (semi-alpine), Alpine Desert (desert climate), and arctic (snow). Due to its climate differences though it is located in the tropical climate area, there is ice cap on the top of the mountain.

Once released officially by UNPAR Rector, Prof. Robertus Wahyudi Triweko, Ph.D., on May 6, 2015, at Wind Tunnel, UNPAR, they departed to Moscow on May 8, 2015. They moved to Mineralnye Vody two days later by using local airlines. WISSEMU team conducted acclimatization program for three days and snow exercise for one day then they started climbing on May 15, 2015. The ascending was done by taking south lane to the top of the west for 7 hours 35 minutes.

"The weather is very sunny, thank you to all friends for your prayers and supports", said Team of Publication of WISSEMU, Alfons Yusio in his statement to AntaraNews.

Prof. Triweko expressed his sense of pride and gratitude to the team. "Proficiat! Greetings to all three heroines of MAHITALA. I am very proud ! You successfully reached and put the flags of MAHITALA, UNPAR, and Indonesia on the top of the Mount Elbrus and Kilimanjaro", he said to MAHITALA. Nadine Gabrielle as the Chairman of the Board of MAHITALA XXVII revealed this success as a great pride for all the families of MAHITALA UNPAR.

Courtesy:

<http://www.antaranews.com/berita/496506/pendaki-putri-unpar-taklukkan-puncak-elbrus>
<http://forumhijau.com/pendaki-wanita-mahitala-capai-puncak-kilimanjaro/>



“PS MIS” UNPAR Establishes a Learning Center of Excellence for Social Sciences



Master Program in Social Sciences (“PS MIS”) is one of the study programs of the School of Postgraduate Studies, Parahyangan Catholic University, Bandung, Indonesia. Established in 2000, it has recently reaccredited (B) by the Institution of National Accreditation for Higher Education, Indonesia (“BAN-PT”), that is valid until 2020. PS MIS organizes a learning process that focuses on the integration of knowledge and interdisciplinary competence in the field of social sciences. It implements a curriculum aimed at creating the graduates as social engineers who have integrity, quality, professionalism, dedication, and high-competences in conducting and offering research, analysis, and solutions for social issues. The social issues in Indonesia, whether they are local, national, and regional, require comprehensive studies from a broad range perspective of several disciplines, covering Development Studies, Policy, Gender, Economics, International Relations, Culture, Law, Area Studies, History, Political Sciences, and Social Psychology.

“Joint Degree”

PS MIS graduates will have the competence to become social engineers with a spirit of transformative leadership based on an integral character. In 2013, UNPAR and Jiangsu University established a joint degree program. Through this program, the graduates will earn a double degree, namely Magister Sains (M.Si) from UNPAR and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Jiangsu University. It comprises four (4) semesters of study: the 1st semester at UNPAR, the 2nd and the 3rd semesters at Jiangsu University. In the final semester, students return to UNPAR for completing their theses.

Activity

Educational activities at PS MIS are not only filled with lecturers and discussions, but also with guest lectures, community services, and research, which are arranged during the study period. Guest lectures are organized by inviting qualified and experienced keynote speakers, such as the Indonesian Ambassadors for Asian and African countries, Indonesian Vice-President (Drs. H.M. Jusuf Kalla), business actors, and scholars from top universities in the country.

Community service is held once a year. In 2013-2014, this activity was focused on the empowerment of prospective Indonesian migrant workers who were sent to Taiwan and the Middle East countries.

Conducting research is part of a lecturer’s activity involving the students’ participation. UNPAR organized several research activities on “The Role of the Indonesian Migrant Workers in the National Economy” and “The Credit Policy Analysis on Cattle Breeding (KUPS)”. These were carried out within the financing scheme of UNPAR’s Research and Community Service Institute (LPPM) and with the competitive grant from the Indonesian Directorate General for Higher Education (DIKTI).

National Seminar and Study Visit

PS MIS also organizes national seminars. The themes of the national seminars are related to the topics of public policy and administration, business, and international relations. The seminar is held once a year by inviting nationally and internationally recognized speakers. The research outcomes of the students are also presented in the seminars. The latest national seminar was focused on the theme “The World Maritime Axis: Asian-African Golden Bridge”, organized in April 2015, in collaboration with the Asia Africa Museum during the 60th Commemoration of the Asia Africa Conference in Bandung.

This study program also conducts study visit as an enrichment program aimed at knowing and learning the practical aspects of theories acquired during the lectures.

Cooperation and Partnership

As a response to the global development, PS MIS welcomes foreign students from neighboring countries, such as Asia and Africa. Some of them received scholarships from DIKTI through “Developing Countries Partnership Program on Scholarship (KNB Program)”. The students may complete their master studies by selecting one of the three (3) concentration areas of study at PS MIS, namely public policy and administration, business policy and administration, or international relations.

This year, in cooperation with the National Agency for Disaster Management (BNPB), this study program has established a Master’s Degree program with concentration on the “Disaster Recovery and Empowerment”. It has an objective to build effective cooperation and partnership with far-reaching impacts. Until recently, PS MIS has actively organized several activities in collaboration with the Foundation of Wadah Titian Harapan Bangsa, BNPB, Asia Africa Museum Bandung, Vietnam National University (Ho Chi Minh City), and Jiangsu University (China).

Courtesy: KOMPAS – Griya Ilmu (Tuesday, September 22, 2015), “PS MIS UNPAR Establishes a Learning Center of Excellence for Social Sciences”.

Experiencing Glass World 2015 with Duta Wacana Christian University & Namseoul University

Product Design Department of Duta Wacana Christian University (DWCU), Yogyakarta, Indonesia, together with Glass and Art Design of Namseoul University, Korea, held Seminar and Workshop entitled "Experiencing Glass World". The seminar and workshop were held in three days (14 – 16 September 2015) and took place at the DWCU campus. The seminar and workshop were delivered by Prof. Koh Seong-hee, the Director of Glass and Art Design, and Prof. Lee Yongphil from Namseoul University, Korea. Some students from Namseoul University also participated in the workshop.

Prof. Koh said that Glass Laboratory in Namseoul University has complete glass processing facilities with high technology. He also said that he chose Indonesia as partner in developing glass based material art and design, since Indonesia has long history and varied cultures in processing glass. Ivan Bastari, one of the alumni of Product Design Department DWCU and a professional glass artist, also contributed in the workshop. Ivan said that until today, internationally recognized glass artists and designers from Indonesia are only few. That is one of the reasons why Ivan has an interest to explore glass art and design. Some of his renowned works have been exhibited in Asia and Europe.

The students were also trained to produce glass-based artworks with a technique called 'framework' or 'lampwork'. Kristian Oentoro, M.Ds, the coordinator of this joint program who is also a lecturer at Product Design Department of DWCU, further explained that there were about six LPG gas and oxygen

cylinders used to accommodate 60 participants of this program. The workshops were held in two consecutive days at DWCU studio. The artworks produced would be documented for exhibition and some could be brought home.



30 Years of Architecture and 10 Years of Product Design Departments of DWCU

In May 2015, the Faculty of Architecture and Design of Duta Wacana Christian University (DWCU), Yogyakarta, Indonesia, celebrated the anniversary of its two departments. The Department of Architecture was 30 years on May 2, meanwhile the Department of Product Design was 10 years on May 10, this year.

A series of activities and events has been organized since the early of 2015. On the opening of the new semester, a public lecture entitled "InterAction" was held. The speakers were not only from Indonesia, but also from overseas.

The activities in February were started with Workshop and Lantern Design Competition. This event was held at Ambarukmo Plaza.

The next event in the same month was a Lecture Series & Workshop about "Creativity & Locality in Diversity". This event invited Andre Liem, a lecturer of Product Design from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. He conducted a workshop and gave lectures to the DWCU students and lecturers for five days. Some of the topics are Methods and Processes for Strategic Design, Teaching for Real Learning, Form DNA, Branding, and Identity Building, Presentation and Representation of Form and Meaning, and Industrial Design Processes Methods and Tools.

Andre Liem was accompanied by Fumikazu Masuda, a professor from Tokyo Zokey University's Department of Design. Masuda is an industrial designer and a member of Japan Design Consultant Association (JDCA). Together with Andre Liem, Singgih Susilo, and Haryanto, Masuda presented topics such as Linking Strategic Design, Service System Design, and Industrial Design within the Overarching Context of Business Strategies.

Some local lecturers and practitioners also gave presentations in this series of lecture and workshop, including Eko Prawoto, a national architect and a DWCU lecturer, and Henry Feriadi, the president of DWCU.

In March, the Faculty of Architecture and Design, DWCU, together with LOTTE Mart organized a Kiosk Design Competition. This event was followed by a lecture series. It was a collaboration between DWCU's Department of Architecture and the Association of Indonesian Architects (IAI). They also held book roadshow and workshop with other universities. The activities in March were concluded by the Product Design Lecture Series.

In April, there were Hotel Design Workshop and 3D Modelling training for highschool students. Afterwards, in May, when DWCU's Department of Architecture and Product Design were celebrating their anniversary, there were also Architecture and Product Design Exhibition, Business Night, and Grand Reunion.



Soochow Law School Celebrates 100 Years of Excellence: Unveils Centennial Statue, Inaugurates Exhibit of School History

The Law School of Soochow University has turned 100! On June 20th, a Centennial Statue was unveiled in front of the law school building to commemorate the 100th anniversary. Standing at nearly 280 centimeters tall (base height 95cm, statue height 178.5cm), the statue was made by renowned sculptor Wang Xiu Qi out of bronze and depicts a woman holding two balls with her arms stretched out toward the sides. The event was officiated by President Wei-Ta Pan and Dean Jia-Yin Hong, guests of honor included Deputy Minister of Justice Ming-Tang Cheng, former Supreme Court Justice Sen-Yan Sun and lawyer Nian-Zu Li.

On the Centennial Anniversary, Soochow Law held a series of events, beginning with the exhibition of School History on May 18th till June 13th. In his inauguration remarks on the 20th, President Pan stated that, "Making it to the century milestone certainly hasn't been easy. If it weren't for the hard work of the distinguished alumni who came before us, we wouldn't have the academic recognition in Taiwan that we enjoy today. On this moment of historic significance, from this exhibition, it becomes even clearer that the success we've had is due to our amazing alumni."

In Dean Hong's address, he informed us that the unveiling of the statue and the opening ceremony signified remembering the past while embracing the future. The statue, holding two balls in her hands with arms outstretched, signifies the pursuit of justice and equality. Noticeably absent is a codex or sword in the hands of most ladies of liberty, a clear indication of Soochow Law's uniqueness, and a symbol of innovation and justice.

Even though the statue bears an eastern face, her western-style gown signifies a fusion of Chinese and Western learnings, a case of East meets West just like the way Soochow Law incorporates both Common Law and Civil Law into the curriculum in order to educate bright legal minds that seek justice and progress. This is Soochow Law's legacy, one that she hopes to continue for many years to come.

Soochow University was established by the American United Methodist Church in Soochow in the year 1900. In 1915, the law department was established in Shanghai, the first comparative law school of law in all of Asia. Following the Nationalists' relocation to Taiwan, Soochow Law was reinstated in Taiwan by the Ministry of Education in 1954, continuing its tradition of educating legal minds proficient in comparative laws and international laws. Many years of academic excellence as well as a liberal campus have produced nearly 9,000 graduates.

Symposia on legal education and "A Recollection of legal education in the field of Comparative Law and Common Law," were held on June 5th and 6th to mark Soochow Law's 100th anniversary together with a campus tour for alumni on the 6th, and on the 8th a centennial celebration and the annual alumni convention. Legal scholars from various schools all over the island and even from abroad were in attendance of this very special event. Students, teachers, alumni and esteemed guest gathered together to celebrate the past century of excellence and look forward to another amazing century.



Developing Talent in the Age of Big Data Viktor Mayer-Schönberger on Soochow Campus

On 16th September, 2015 Professor Viktor Mayer Schönberger, a most authoritative scholar in Big Data, gave a lecture at Soochow University under the co-sponsorship with Global News magazine. The speech was followed by a panel discussion with Economic Minister Chen-Chung Deng and Soochow Vice President Wei-Liang Chao.

Big data is a new revolution, not just tools and technology, but also brand new way of thinking. To conform to the new trend of the age, Soochow University established the School of Big Data Management, the first and only in Taiwan.

Predicting the future has always been the ultimate dream of human beings, however, lack of scientific knowledge in the past often turned prophecies into superstitions. With the approaching smart computing, and the help of big data management we are now enabled to do new kind of prophesy. As Professor Mayer Schönberger pointed out, by collecting and analyzing big data we can gain more perspectives to view the world, accelerate process of exploring science. Big Data is based on science but changes science at the same time. When quantitative change leads to qualitative change, we are able to find out what we couldn't see and understand in the past.

He took coin-tossing as an example to explain that 50 percent of heads and tails is only an idealized outcome in science. A more precise analysis would be to toss the coin ten thousand times and see which side comes down more often. Big data is an on-going discovery of the world. We have to continue gathering and analyzing sufficient amount of data to be closer to reality, and to find true value. Moreover, he said, the world is more than just one and nil.

So far, we are creating more than two million and five hundred thousand trillion bits of data per day globally with rapid growth in scale, speed, complexity. Faced with the new age, our society

needs talents able to decipher data with greater demands in instantaneity, accuracy, and more advanced analysis. Mayer-Schönberger said that with the ever increasing data, we need to replace the old with creativity. We cannot stop, but instead try to find the trend through diverse data. He declared that the emerging revolution of big data is the only assurance for our employability.

With the coming of big data, Mayer-Schönberger reminded young people not to do what has already been done, but keep challenging new horizons through data analysis. We need to be ambitious so that we will believe we are talented and confident. He encouraged students to break away from the past, to keep trying, and to master the big data age with creativity.



Voice of Nation for a Better Nation

It was to commemorate the 70th year of Indonesian independence day and the 60th year of Sanata Dharma University (SDU) Dies Natalis that an event entitled "Pidato Kebangsaan" (Voice of Nation) was held on August the 21st, 2015, at "Beringin Soekarno" (Soekarno's Banyan Tree), Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The event, organized by Pusdema in cooperation with Dies Natalis SDU 60 and DIAN/Interfidei, invited Prof. Dr. H. Ahmad Syafii Maarif, MA as keynote speaker. The event was opened by Pendet Dance performance and followed with speeches by F.X. Baskara Tulus Wardaya, S.J., head of the committee, and J. Eka Priyatma, M.Sc., Ph.D., the rector of SDU.

Sanata Dharma University as an educational institution in Indonesia that carries the obligations not only to teach but also to educate, puts a big concern on the development of the people. It believes in the adage that the older a country is, the more challenges it has. One of the challenges is that people sometimes cannot value the independence that they have. Sometimes they want simply to act freely, regardless of the other people. Therefore the SDU invited Prof. Dr. H. Ahmad Syafii Maarif, MA., to help all see this lovely country better and see what they can do for this beloved country.

Prof. Dr. H. Ahmad Syafii Maarif, MA., or also known as "Buya Maarif" greeted the audience with a smile in the opening of his speech. As a person living before and after the independence of this country, he is a man with lifelong dreams for this nation. Being 10 years older than this country, he presented the audience with some evaluations about this country. "It was not the aged that matters in a country; it was the maturity of the people in valuing the independence of a country that mattered," said Maarif. In his speech, he mentioned that nowadays people are colonizing their own nation with their colonialistic minds and actions. The government creates a depending society with its education

system. The old age of the country does not make the minds of the people mature, because discriminations are still everywhere.

Underlining the fact that Indonesia is well-known with its diversity including in religion, he shared his insight that in the reality of different religions we have, there is a huge number of similarity, but people really love to see its differences as if they want to monopolize heaven just for themselves. Further, he invited young people to give their very best contributions for this lovely nation by upholding the values of tolerance and respect toward each human being, regardless of their faiths or beliefs and other backgrounds. The recipient of "Bintang Mahaputra Utama" award inspired the audience of this event not only to criticize or to blame the government, but to act as a good citizen. When age is not in line with maturity, harmony is still far from being true.

Liliana – Sanata Dharma University



Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

(Haimen) Institute of Science and Technology officially opens

Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBK) Institute of Science and Technology (IST) was officially opened on 17 April 2015. Located in Haimen Biotech and Pharmaceutical Park, Riverside New District, Jiangsu Province, it covers an area of about 20,000 square metres.

At the opening ceremony, Mrs Pamela Chan, Deputy Chairman of the Council and the Court of Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBK), expressed sincere thanks to the Haimen Municipal People's Government for its generous support to HKBK for establishing IST, which included land provision, campus construction, equipment funding and its operational costs for the initial three years. She said the economic growth of Jiangsu Province is vigorous and HKBK seized the opportune moment to build a bridgehead in Haimen.

The city's geographical advantage and impressive infrastructure will further enhance research space and strength of HKBK, while the University, through the newly established institute, will promote academic excellence and research development in the Yangtze River Delta region as well as across the nation.

IST, a joint venture of HKBK and the Haimen Municipal Government, was established to further enhance the collaboration in education between Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland. It also aims to promote HKBK's vision of "Innovative Research" and lift the soft power of Haimen to spur its economic development. The institute will nurture high-calibre talents,

conduct innovative research and engage in technology transfer.

Currently, IST has formed six research groups comprising more than 30 HKBK academics from Biology, Chemistry and Chinese Medicine to conduct interdisciplinary projects mainly on drug discovery. Other research themes include Bone and Joint Diseases, Tumour Diseases, Neurodegenerative Diseases, Development of Anti-cancer Drugs, and more.

With a view to fostering the scientific and technological advancement of Hong Kong, Haimen and China as a whole, IST capitalises on the advantages created by the research platform established in the area and works closely with the region's research institutes and high-tech corporations to promote high-quality research.

In nurturing talents, IST, backed by HKBK, has joined hands with The Ohio State University, USA, and other internationally renowned universities to offer high-quality dual PhD programmes, ranging from Drug Discovery/Biomedical Science to Media and Communication Studies. Students will undergo training and do research at either IST or HKBK during the first part of the programme and then complete their studies at the partner university upon passing a qualifying examination. Throughout their PhD studies, they will be jointly supervised by professors from both HKBK and the partner university. Graduates will be awarded two PhD degrees from the two universities respectively. The first cohort of students admitted in 2014 have now completed their first year of the studies.

Hong Kong Baptist University commended for its care for community, employees, and environment

Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) has recently been awarded the Caring Organisation Logo by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) in recognition of its dedication to caring for the community, employees, and the environment. The University was nominated for the award by the Hong Kong S.K.H. Lok Man Alice Kwok Integrated Service Centre, a partner of the Faculty of Social Sciences' pioneering inter-generational Community of Practice project "Building Learning Community through a Transdisciplinary Multi-layered Approach" that is supported by the University's Strategic Development Fund. "This award stands as testament to the hard work of our students, staff, administrators and partners who helped the University realise an important aspect of its Vision 2020 by underscoring the key role of caring leaders," said Professor Adrian Bailey, Dean of Social Sciences of HKBU.

The project leader, Professor Atara Sivan, the University's Associate Dean of Social Sciences, said, "This is indeed a significant achievement which I am proud of and I feel obliged to our dedicated team and students who made it happen. It is another great contribution of the Faculty of Social Sciences to HKBU's mission of delivering progressive whole person education." Other project members came from the departments of Education Studies, Physical Education, Social Work and Sociology. The project participants included HKBU students, secondary school students and older adults from two elderly centres.

The University takes pride in receiving the award, which represents public recognition of HKBU's caring spirit and commendable corporate citizenship. Nominated organisations are judged according to 18 criteria under three adjudication scopes, namely, Caring for the Community, Caring for the Employees, and Caring for the Environment. The Caring Company Scheme was launched by HKCSS in 2002 with the goal of creating a more cohesive society through cultivating good corporate citizenship as well as building strategic partnerships among businesses and non-profit organisations.

In 2014/15, about 3,000 companies and organisations were awarded the Caring Company/Organisation logo, highlighting the high value accorded by Hong Kong people to corporate social responsibility and that an increasing number of local companies and organisations, including HKBU, are willing to champion the values of good corporate citizenship.

Payap University, Thailand

5th ASEAN Traditional Textiles Symposium Chiang Mai, Thailand

Payap University hosted the 5th ASEAN Traditional Textile Symposium during the period 18-20 January, 2015. The ASEAN Traditional Textile Symposium takes place every two years and it offers researchers, industry experts, aficionados, and all those who are dedicated to the craft, to come together and share ideas and experiences. The previous four Symposiums were held in ASEAN countries, but this is the first time that it was being held in Thailand. All ten countries within ASEAN—as well as Japan—sent representatives to participate. Members from the Royal families of both Malaysia and Thailand were also in attendance.

The 5th ASEAN Traditional Textile Symposium included a wide range of activities at several venues. There was a Thai Culture and Arts show, lectures from keynote speakers, research presentations and demonstrations, fashion shows, workshops, and a study tour. There were also exhibitions at two different locations, providing extensive examples of traditional textile from all over ASEAN. The Symposium itself covered three days, from 18 – 20 January, 2015. There was also an optional two-day Study Tour from 21-22 January, 2015, which included a visit up to one of Thailand's most famous national landmarks.



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