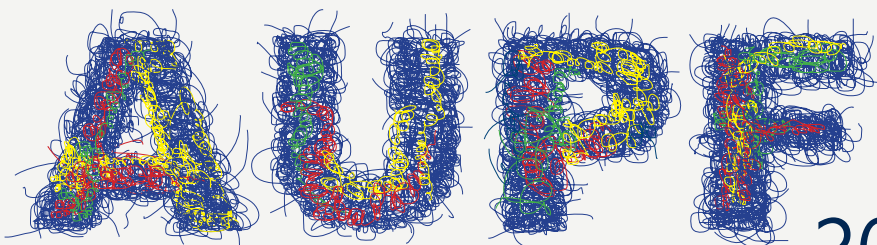




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17th Asian University Presidents Forum 2018

Surabaya Warmly Welcomed Participants of Asian University Presidents Forum 2018



This year, the 17th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) was held in Surabaya, Indonesia. This time, Petra Christian University (PCU) received the honor of hosting the forum, which brought together university presidents and rectors from all over Asia. For three days (6-8 November), 122 participants from 62 higher education institutions from 14 Asian countries met together to join the event. The Mayor of Surabaya and her city officials also supported this event by sponsoring the City Tour and hosting the Welcome Dinner, both of which took place on the first day of the meeting.

Dr. (H.C.). Ir. Tri Rismaharini, M.T., the Mayor of Surabaya, personally hand-picked the City Tour locations. During the City Tour, the participants were guided by a team from the Department of Culture and Tourism of Surabaya. The first destination was Taman Harmoni, which, prior to becoming one of the most beautiful city parks in Surabaya, was one of the biggest landfills. This city park has facilities such as Creative Public Room (*Ruang Publik Kreatif/RPF*), sport facilities, and an area for reflexology foot massage.

The second location visited during the City Tour was the House of Sampoerna. As one of the historical sites in Surabaya, the House of Sampoerna provides a trip down memory lane where participants could revisit the history of one of the

biggest cigarette manufacturers in Indonesia. "This is my second visit to Indonesia, previously I went to Bali and Yogyakarta. To me, Surabaya is a unique city with a distinguished lady as the leader," Fernold Guadilla Denna, the President of Saint Louis College of Cebu, the Philippines, mentioned.

The next stop was the Surabaya Command Center, which is located in the Siola Building. Inaugurated on July 26, 2018 by Dr. (H.C.). Ir. Tri Rismaharini, M.T., the Command Center is a control room dedicated to dealing with emergencies from around Surabaya. The center operates 24 hours to respond to emergency phone calls. Moreover, to date, there are 600 closed circuit television (CCTV) installed all over Surabaya. "We want to show the participants that Surabaya is a safe city and is under surveillance of the city government, so that visitors who are not from Surabaya do not have to worry when visiting," Luqman Yusuf Ramadhan, or also known as Cak Man, mentioned. He was one of the tour guides leading the tour groups.

In the evening, participants were warmly welcomed in the Welcome Dinner, which took place at the front yard of the Mayor of Surabaya's official residence. Directly upon arriving, the delegates and PCU's officials were saluted by the Reog Ponorogo dance and its dynamic traditional music. Regrettably, the Mayor of Surabaya herself could

not attend the Welcome Dinner as she was attending a meeting in Spain. "We are pleased to welcome you as a part of our big family in Surabaya. We truly hope that during your stay in Surabaya, you feel safe, relaxed, and can enjoy the warmth of the people of Surabaya," Dr. (H.C.) Tri Rismaharini, M.T. mentioned in her speech, which was delivered on her behalf by Mr. M. Taswin, S.E., M.M., the Assistant of Economy and Development of the City Government of Surabaya.

The Rector of PCU, Prof. Dr. Ir. Djwantoro Hardjito, M.Eng., expressed his gratitude towards the City Government of Surabaya for its tremendous support for PCU. "We are beyond thankful to Mrs. Tri Rismaharini for her support during the AUPF 2018. It is truly an honor for us," he said.

During the Welcome Dinner, participants were also entertained by cultural performances, such as the Remo dance by children from Sanggar Putra Bima Respati. Moreover, children with visual disabilities from Yayasan Pendidikan Anak Buta (YPAB) also delivered a lively angklung performance. "It is my hope that this event can strengthen the bond among the members and will result in positive future collaborations that bring together institutions and communities," Dr. Venus Grace Kanongkong Fagyan, the Vice Rector of Mountain Province State Polytechnic College, Philippine, stated. (rut/dit/nat)

The Opening of Asian University Presidents Forum 2018



On the second day of the 17th Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) meeting on 7 November 2018, participants attended the plenary session, talk show, and parallel sessions. The Opening Ceremony was held in the auditorium of PCU's East Campus. Traditional music was accompanying the 30 dancers welcoming the arrival of the participants at PCU campus. Mira Pote ethnic dance, which is a Madurese welcome dance for honored guests, was performed alongside the traditional music performed using tong-tong, a traditional musical instrument from Madura. This dance depicts the hospitality of Madurese people in welcoming their guests, or also known as nyaleser.

The Rector of Petra Christian University, Prof. Dr. Ir. Djwantoro Hardjito, M.Eng., warmly welcomed the arrival of more than one hundred participants coming from 62 higher education institutions from 14 countries across Asia at PCU campus. This year, the theme for the meeting is "Disruption at The Cross Roads: Innovative Engagement and Future Challenges for Higher Education." This theme was chosen because today, the world has significantly changed, and this change has caught many by surprise. This era of change is also known as the era of disruption, affecting a lot of sectors and areas, including education. The issue of disruption

becomes a challenge that needs to be collectively solved, especially in a developing Asia. "We hope that the conference can be a medium where the participants, especially the leaders of higher education, can exchange ideas, get inputs, and build relations," Djwantoro Hardjito mentioned.

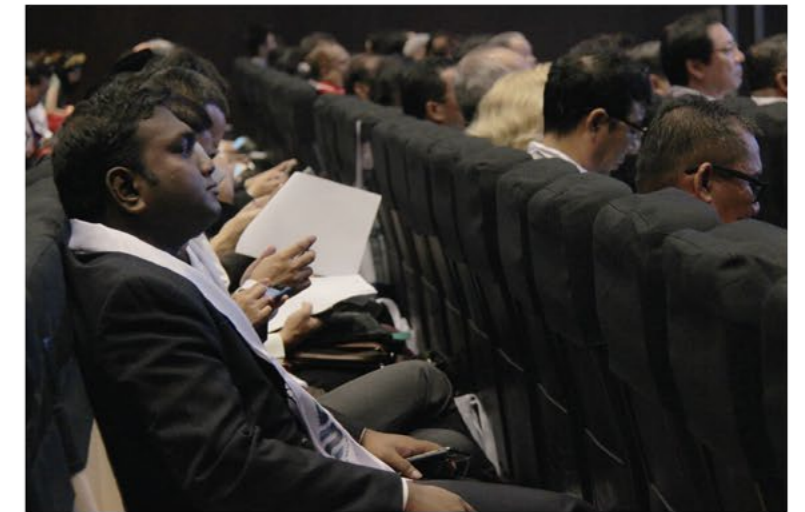
Dr. Jiao Fangtai, on the behalf of AUPF Secretariat, mentioned that AUPF began as a collaboration among four universities in China and Thailand. Today, AUPF has become a forum and medium to increase cooperation among universities in Asia. "One of the fruits of the collaborations among AUPF members is the Asian Summer Program (ASP) which was proposed by Dongseo University in 2012. Since then, ASP has become an annual event which is joined by around 200 students," Jiao Fangtai, who is also the Vice Rector of Guangdong University of Foreign Studies.

In this occasion, Prof. Ainun Na'im, Ph.D., the Secretary General of Indonesia's Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education, delivered his speech as the keynote speaker. The countries in Asia are growing, and when talking about growth, including the quality of life, education becomes the most important factor, particularly higher education. "The Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher

Education totally supports events like Asian University Presidents Forum, including other similar events that this forum may organize in the future," Ainun Na'im stated.

Higher education in Indonesia has its own authority to freely offer new study programs that are relevant for the community and for the industry. The Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education also facilitates and supports universities to find new ways to conduct research, develop new technology, and to improve the quality of education. Moreover, the government also facilitates higher education institutions to collaborate with the industry, such as through internship programs for the students so that they are well prepared to enter the workforce. Moving forward, the Indonesian government will continue to provide support for universities to face globalization and to improve international cooperation in increasing the quality of academic publications from lecturers and students. (rut/dit/nat)

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Aspiring to Expand Your Network? AUPF 2018 is the Answer!



Originating from the collaboration among several higher education institutions in Asia, the Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF) was officially founded in 2002. Since then, AUPF members have routinely met every year, with the opportunity to host the meeting rotated among participating universities. In 2018, the 17th AUPF meeting will take place in Indonesia, particularly at Petra Christian University (PCU), in Surabaya. In the previous year, the 16th AUPF meeting was held in the Philippines Normal University, the Philippines. The 17th meeting this year will highlight the theme of "Disruption at the Cross Roads: Innovative Engagement and Future Challenges for Higher Education."

Joining AUPF has brought numerous benefits for its participants, one of them being the opportunity to build a network with higher education institutions across Asia. This is of course in line with AUPF's mission, which is to "increase communication, exchange information, share experience, and seek common development." In the 17th AUPF Meeting at PCU, the cooperation among members will be formalized with the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which is scheduled on the last day of the meeting. Participating institutions will have a vast opportunity to cooperate with other institutions, such as through co-organizing con-

ferences, student exchange programs, faculty research programs, summer programs, and many more.

To facilitate this, the AUPF Committee will share the list of participating institutions with all participants who attend the meeting so that they can start exploring the possibilities for establishing cooperation with the other institutions. For PCU, joining AUPF has brought significant impact, particularly in terms of international cooperation. "AUPF members include many universities which means a bigger network. Networking and cooperating with international universities become easier for us because we have known each other as AUPF members," Monika Kristanti, S.E., M.A., the Head of the Bureau for Cooperation and Institutional Development, said.

PCU has been an AUPF member since 2012, and since then it has worked together with numerous international institutions. Some of PCU's major programs are the outcome of its collaboration with other AUPF members. Asian Summer Program (ASP), for example, is a collaborative effort between PCU and four other universities, namely Dongseo University, Korea, Bangkok University, Thailand, Josai University, Japan, and Universiti Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia. Today, ASP has also included other AUPF

members. "This is a positive thing for PCU, since PCU students who join the ASP program have more opportunities to meet and interact with students from many different countries," Meilinda, S.S., M.A., AUPF 2018's Steering Committee, mentioned.

This year, PCU initiated the publication of Asian Higher Education Chronicles, AUPF's first publication. This bulletin will feature ideas from the Rectors or Presidents of higher education institutions from all over Asia to develop the higher education field in Asia. "As the host for the 17th AUPF meeting, PCU also becomes the member of AUPF Standing Committee, and this will enable PCU to contribute strategic thoughts and ideas for AUPF in its effort to develop higher education institutions in Asia," Meilinda, S.S., M.A., said.

Moving forward, AUPF members can work together to seek international funding and grants for development purposes. At the moment, there are many international grants which make consortium as one of their requirements. Therefore, AUPF is definitely the right place for higher education institutions in Asia to start seeking partners to work together for the betterment of education in Asia. (rut/Aj/nat)

Fostering Cooperation to Accomplish Petra Christian University's Vision



Since its founding on 22 September 1961, Petra Christian University (PCU) has put quality education as its first and foremost priority. PCU has succeeded to achieve the title of the Best Private University in Indonesia from the Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education for three consecutive years (2015-2017), an A accreditation from the National Accreditation Body for Higher Education Institution (BAN-PT), a title of Leading University from Kopertis Area VII, and Five-Star University from Global Accreditation Association. PCU has seven faculties, 28 study programs / bachelor degrees, five magister programs, one doctoral program, and two vocational programs.

In line with its vision, "A caring and global university with commitment to Christian values," PCU strives to foster cooperation with various international higher education institutions by prioritizing on the benefits for students and by continuously increasing the competitive edge of the graduates. In order to achieve this, PCU has offered many international programs to prepare its graduates to actively and competitively take part in the global work place. Thus far, PCU has partnered with approximately 60 foreign institutions from 16 countries.

Collaborations with these institutions is

realized through scholarship programs, student exchange programs, joint-degree and dual-degree programs, internships, and summer programs abroad, both in Asia and outside of Asia. Some international programs that PCU offers are student exchange programs, Indonesian Spectrum, and Community Outreach Program. In fact, PCU is home to some international study program that can facilitate foreign students participating in exchange programs. "We have some study programs that are fully taught in English, such as the International Business Management Program, the English Department, and the International Business Accounting Program. Foreign students can also choose courses that are offered by other departments as well," PCU's Head of the Bureau for Cooperation and Institutional Development, Monika Kristanti, S.E., M.A. said.

Indonesian Spectrum is an extension of the Indonesian government's Darmasiswa program. This program is aimed at foreign students who are interested in learning the Indonesian language and culture. On the other hand, the Community Outreach Program (COP) is PCU's annual event which allows foreign students to live and work alongside Indonesians living in small villages for three weeks, in order to develop the area by applying all the theories they

have learned in class. "COP is a medium where students from different countries come together to serve, learn, engage in multicultural interactions, share knowledge of science and technology and also art," Prof. Dr. Ir. Djwantoro Hardjito, M.Eng., the Rector of PCU, mentioned.

PCU also offered a collaborative program that can be customized to suit the needs and interest of its partner universities, most commonly in the form of study excursions. Moreover, to support its international collaborations, PCU has also formed a student organization called Petra Mate, whose purpose is to provide support to foreign students who are enrolled in the international programs at PCU. Petra Mate often hold social events to encourage friendship between Indonesian students and foreign students and to introduce the Indonesian culture to them.

"Not only does PCU emphasize on academic excellence, but it also focuses on the development of spiritual and emotional excellence for its students. Students are equipped with various hard skills and soft skills competencies to cultivate leadership skills, to build character and maturity in thought and action," Prof. Dr. Ir. Djwantoro Hardjito, M.Eng. concluded. (rut/nat)

Thank you for coming to
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at Petra Christian University
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See you again next year in
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at Daffodil International University
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