



WHAT I DID?

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For many college students in my country, after graduation means work. Some student finds a job and starts a work. They hope about good benefits, a friendly and challenge working environment and salary. They startup their job right now. The others want to travel after studying hard 4 years in university. They want to spend their time pool-side, soaking up the sun and perfecting their tans. Ever since I was a little girl, I have known the importance of focusing on my future. My experiences as started as a high school student. I joined many social activities when I am 16 years old. But, my limited world is in my hometown. After the first time, I have gone to Malaysia, I dream more, I wanted more for going to many country, exploring many cultures.

You know the life style, food and drink, culture, religions in other country is not easy for everyone. Short-time internship is good when you worry about that. I applied for International Internship Scholarship (IIS) at IBI Darmajaya in Indonesia after I received invitation letters from some companies and banks. One of them was my dream working place when I was a student. Actually, It's very difficult for me that I accepted them or I should be waiting for IIS and refused those invitations. I felt a strange sense of guilt about what I had spent so long to grow during 4 years for my job, and for that I had a thought struggle, and finally convinced myself *"The future waits for no one"*. I'm fascinated by different culture, different languages, different life style. With a plethora of career interests, I decided that internships were necessary to hone my skills and explore my varied career interests. It's not only opportunities but also challenges for me.

First challenge to me is VISA. Because of internship, I need to have Visa one month in Indonesia. I live in Danang city, in middle of Vietnam but both of Embassy of Indonesia and Consulate

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General of Republic Indonesia in other city and is so far from my hometown. They also need me to submit the documents directly. I contacted the organizers and knew other girl in Ho Chi Minh city who could help me with the Visa.

I saved a lot of money by booking air tickets early, and used Visa card to buy domestic airfare in Indonesia. Moreover, distance of Danang city, Vietnam to Bandar Lampung city, Indonesia is far. My journey is fun because of Ju ii and Maria who accompanied me. Don't forget to make Visa/Master card and find partners if you don't want to feel lonely.

The first experience can leave a permanent impression on any beginner. Some people who choose to try the martial arts will love that experience forever, while others might be discouraged. I think I was the most eager in the martial art class, curious and excited to learn new things. For your best martial arts class, you should prepare yourself a spacious and comfortable outfit. Like Pencak Silat class, you need to prepare the comfortable clothes for traditional dance. I think those class is easy for the people who knew Yoga or Aerobic before. I am constantly pushing ourselves to the limit both physically and mentally during training Pencak Silat and Traditional dance. My friends and I performed them on Cultural Parade. And i get a little emotional knowing that the class has come to an end. My friends and i do feel a great sense of accomplishment when the class is over because we know that we've moved one step closer to improvement.



I have 4 weeks with Bahasa Indonesia. I have a good feeling of learning Indonesian as my own language. Indonesian like Vietnamese uses the Roman alphabet, and has much simpler grammar and vocabulary than many languages. In general, Indonesian is easy to learn. It only differs in

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some words like "c" and "ch" (when you speak Cambodia). Sometime, I don't know how I can speak, Should I say "ka-mu" or "kam-u" for the word "kamu". At my conclusion for Bahasa Indonesia: Once you learn to read, you will be free.

I had many experience with outside activities like International Outbound, visiting Pahawang island, School of Elephant, and Community Services. There was always something happening —



and the chance to start something of your own. For example, International Outbound instead of saying I was a leader in my group, I think I was a bridge between the members, the members and the organizers. For Community services, I shared my smile with many children without lucky when they was born. We cut, pasted and painted pictures of dreams together. I got a lot from this: good knowledge about natural and globalization, friends from different places and backgrounds, a wider view of the world.

With 60 or 70 years of life, you will not be able to experience everything in the world. If you spend time to sharing and learning from the experiences of those around you, you will get great lesson through their stories. We have Study club every Wednesday and Friday to create the place where participants talk and share their ideas, stories and points of view as well as problem about religions, regions, ethnic groups, the world, globalization,... Moreover, I also brought my stories "Lost the way every country" to club and shared my ideas as well as viewpoint about the war, conflict, some problem in history, religions... I can improve my English, communication skill, and get more knowledge and experience from them. I was meeting lots of people and forming friendships that would probably last a lifetime, I think so.

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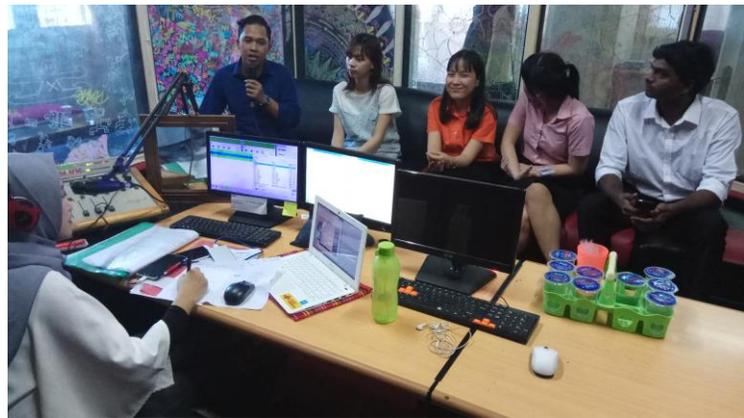
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On firsts day in my internship time, I visited class and introduced about myself to many IBI Darmajaya students. A few days later, I also visited 4 high school, including: SMK Yadika Natar, SMA Negeri 1 Bandar Lampung, Sekolah Tunas Mekar Indonesia, and SMK Negeri 4 Bandar Lampung. I met smart and friendly students from these schools. I told to them about my culture and language, also we had some discussion. The students are very kind and active during the discussion. In SMA Negeri 1 Bandar Lampung, the students presented local musical performance that called "Gamolan Music". Gamolan is local music instrument from Lampung made from bamboo and sounded by beating the bamboo, it is so cool. After the music performance, we took selfie with the students. I think it's not only me, all of us had good memory with them. Moreover, some of them visited us at campus through study club, the others contacted and asked why they want to have good English skill and how they can do it. You will not know that how your feeling will be when you really help someone.

Do you usually listen the radio?, In Lampung, almost people move by car, that's reason they are listening music by radio. Radio is important and famous here. I appeared in Radio local channel. John, Maria, Juii and me introduced and shared something about the few day we stayed at Lampung, Indonesia. It made us famous when we went away



by go car, and went around campus, many people knew us. From this Radio channel, I knew about "Janci Suci" song. It started my the series of singing lessons and performed it with my family and friends in Cultural Parade. Radio channel was started many events for me, for us continued. So, everyone need to prepare everything for future, we don't really know what the future holds.

All of us, John, Francis, Maria, Juii, Malaysian students and I come from other country so we need to prepare many things with our culture in Cultural Parade. A nation's culture resides in the hearts

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and in the soul of its people. I brought my culture to here. Always everyone is proud of their national culture and traditions, me too. I feel happy because I can bring my culture to here and help Indonesia students know about my country. I also know more about culture and music of Kenya, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia. John F. Kennedy said that If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. And in Darmajaya, we make the world safe for diversity.



On the last day of the internship, we went to local industry where the people make traditional costume. The place where we visited like a village on mountain with many beautiful and colorful wall with many pretty children and friendly people. Craft woman talked about how they do it and why they maintain it although they don't have well-paid from this job.

My a month at IBI Darmajaya have been an amazing experience, and as corny as it sounds, going to Lampung, Indonesia has had a huge impact on who I am now.

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