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Workshop Activities: How to Teach Foreign Students

On Friday, July 11, 2025, Universitas Pembangunan Nasional “Veteran” Jakarta (UPNVJ) conducted an international workshop entitled “*How to Teach Foreign Students*” at the Nusantara 1 Meeting Room, Rectorate Building, 2nd Floor. Organized by the Office of International Affairs (KUI), this event served as a pivotal moment in preparing the university to welcome 105 scholarship-awarded international students and 4 exchange students from Ablai Khan University, Kazakhstan, who are set to begin their academic journey in the upcoming semester.



Documentation of workshop participants

The workshop featured Prof. Joachim Voss, PhD, a Fulbright Specialist and Visiting Professor at UPNVJ, as the main speaker. Despite the limited number of attendees, the session offered invaluable insights and practical strategies for teaching international students. Prof. Voss shared his expertise on fostering an inclusive, collaborative, and responsive academic environment tailored to the needs of foreign students, emphasizing the role of effective communication between faculties and students, as well as the importance of cultural sensitivity in academic settings.

Throughout the session, Prof. Voss highlighted the need for comprehensive student support systems, including the appointment of Student Services Officers at each faculty, early dissemination of logistical information, and the development of orientation guides covering academic and cultural norms. He also emphasized the value of interactive, project-based learning models and recommended language and cultural preparation for both students and lecturers to bridge potential gaps in understanding.



opening remarks from prof. Joachim Voss

As a follow-up to the workshop, UPNVJ is undertaking several strategic efforts to enhance its institutional readiness in welcoming international students. These efforts include strengthening internal coordination mechanisms for student support, developing Bahasa Indonesia courses tailored for foreign students, and improving faculty capacity in English-language instruction and intercultural teaching approaches. At the same time, UPNVJ is actively collaborating with external authorities, such as the Directorate General of Immigration and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology (Kemdiktisainstek), to ensure smooth visa processing and student mobility. The workshop reflected UPNVJ's broader commitment to internationalization, as evidenced by the significant global interest in its scholarship program, which attracted over 1,100 applicants from 56 countries.

Substantive and Technical Coordination Meeting Activities for Foreign Student Admissions at UPNVJ

held a coordination meeting to discuss the substantive and technical preparations for welcoming international students. This meeting was part of the university's broader commitment to ensuring a smooth, well-organized academic experience for foreign students who will begin their studies in the upcoming semester.

Evaluation and Farewell Activities for IOUPNVJ Interns BATCH XIII

On Monday, July 7, 2025, the Office of International Affairs (KUI) at Universitas Pembangunan Nasional “Veteran” Jakarta (UPNVJ) hosted a farewell and evaluation session to mark the conclusion of the internship period for Batch XIII interns.

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Substantive and Technical Coordination Meeting Activities for Foreign Student Admissions at UPNVJ

On July 17, 2025, Universitas Pembangunan Nasional “Veteran” Jakarta (UPNVJ), through its Office of International Affairs (KUI), held a coordination meeting to discuss the substantive and technical preparations for welcoming international students. This meeting was part of the university’s broader commitment to ensuring a smooth, well-organized academic experience for foreign students who will begin their studies in the upcoming semester. A total of 78 international scholarship recipients and 4 exchange students from Ablai Khan University, Kazakhstan, are expected to join UPNVJ, marking a significant step forward in the university’s internationalization efforts.



The coordination meeting involved representatives from various units and faculties, aiming to align strategies across departments. Key topics of discussion included logistical arrangements such as airport pickup schedules, vehicle and driver assignments, and the reimbursement mechanism for flight tickets—particularly for fully funded students, who are eligible for a travel reimbursement of up to IDR 12 million. To ensure a cohesive living and learning environment, the university also plans to accommodate all international students in the same housing facility, preferably located in South Jakarta for accessibility and ease of monitoring.

UPNVJ also emphasized student well-being during the discussion, with the proposal to establish a Counselling Office under the university’s health clinic. This office will provide mental, psychological, and physical health support to international students throughout their academic journey. In addition, the orientation program was thoroughly discussed, with a multi-phase approach that includes welcoming events, campus tours coordinated by each faculty, and a full-day city tour to introduce students to Jakarta’s cultural landmarks and public transportation systems.



Recognizing the importance of integration and support at the faculty level, the meeting also proposed assigning a dedicated consultation space for each Sub-KUI representative and appointing local student buddies to assist international students in adapting to campus life. The meeting concluded with the drafting of a comprehensive mindmap that outlines all planned programs and anticipated student needs. This will serve as a reference tool for monitoring and evaluation throughout the semester.

Meeting with the Visa Sub Directorate, Ministry of Immigration and Corrections

As part of its commitment to internationalization, Universitas Pembangunan Nasional “Veteran” Jakarta (UPNVJ) continues to strengthen institutional readiness in supporting the academic participation of international students and visiting scholars. In pursuit of this goal, the Office of International Affairs (KUI) conducted a coordination visit to the Sub-Directorate of Visas under the Directorate General of Immigration and Correctional Affairs on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. This visit was aimed at clarifying technical matters concerning visa applications and residence permits, particularly for foreign students and adjunct professors participating in academic activities at UPNVJ.

During the meeting, attended by Dr. Bambang Susanto, MA, Head of the International Affairs Office, and staff member Ms. Rina Amelia Haryadi, UPNVJ had the opportunity to discuss visa-related procedures with representatives from the Sub-Directorate, Mr. Kuncara and Mr. Danang. Key topics included the scope and limitations of student visas, such as the prohibition on employment during study periods and regulations regarding marriage to Indonesian citizens. The officials also elaborated on procedures for reporting internships, visa sponsorship, and changes in institutional address, which must be recorded in the immigration system if the university relocates.

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UPNVJ is currently offering scholarships to foreign students, with 78 accepted from over 1,000 applicants and 13 having completed re-registration. The university, as the legal sponsor, bears the responsibility for handling visa processes, which typically cost IDR 8,500,000 per person for a two-year period. While there is an option to request fee exemptions through the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology, approval is not guaranteed and processing time is indefinite.

Visa procedures for foreign lecturers under the Adjunct Professor scheme were also addressed, including the requirement to secure a Foreign Manpower Utilization Plan (RPTKA) through the Ministry of Manpower. This process entails an expected waiting period of one month and associated costs of USD 100 per month. However, a fee waiver may be sought via the Cabinet Secretariat. Notably, the visa issuance for adjunct faculty can be completed within five working days following approval.



Head of KUI and staff with Visa Sub-Directorate, Ministry of Immigration and Corrections

Evaluation and Farewell Activities for IOUPNVJ Interns BATCH XIII

On Monday, July 7, 2025, the Office of International Affairs (KUI) at Universitas Pembangunan Nasional “Veteran” Jakarta (UPNVJ) hosted a farewell and evaluation session to mark the conclusion of the internship period for Batch XIII interns. Held at the Nusantara 3 Meeting Room, the event served as both a moment of reflection and celebration for the student interns who had actively contributed to internationalization programs at UPNVJ.

The internship program at KUI has long been recognized as a platform for students across disciplines to build practical experience in global engagement, cross-cultural communication, and international academic support services. During the farewell session, the interns were invited to share their impressions and feedback. Each intern reflected on the valuable insights they gained throughout the program — from engaging directly in international initiatives, supporting visiting partners, and working collaboratively in a multicultural office environment.



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Clarissa and Afra from the Department of Political Science expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to be involved in international programs and their pride in contributing positively to the team. Rheine from International Relations highlighted how the experience helped her expand her network and adapt to a culturally diverse workspace. Shelby from Communication Studies mentioned how her communication and organizational skills were enhanced through hands-on involvement in international activities. Faradiena from International Relations noted her growth in administrative tasks and language proficiency, while Zaky from Law emphasized the importance of student involvement in multicultural work settings.

The event concluded with an inspiring message encouraging interns to remain adaptive and visionary. Dr. Bambang also conveyed his gratitude and apologized for any shortcomings during the course of the internship program. As UPNVJ gears up for its next chapter in global engagement, the university remains committed to nurturing a generation of students who are globally minded and locally grounded.

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Photo Session for Certificate Awarding to KUI Batch XIII Interns



Souvenir giving by Head of KUI UPNVJ, dr. Bambang Susanto, M.A



Head of KUI and staff with Visa Sub-Directorate, Ministry of Immigration and Corrections



Discussion session between Head of KUI and Faculty of Health Sciences



Documentation Session in front of the Nusantara 1 Meeting Room



The documentation from all participation