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## Welcoming Program 2025: A Milestone for Internationalization

On August 19, 2025, Universitas Pembangunan Nasional “Veteran” Jakarta (UPNVJ) warmly welcomed its new international students through the Welcoming Program for International Students 2025. The event, held at the Bhinneka Tunggal Ika Auditorium, Rectorate Building, was filled with vibrant cultural exchange, inspiring speeches, and a strong spirit of togetherness.



*Documentation session on stage*

This year, UPNVJ opened its doors to 12 scholarship awardees from seven different countries, like Pakistan, Yemen, Tanzania, Mozambique, Sudan, India, and Timor-Leste. Along with four exchange students from Ablai Khan University, Kazakhstan. Their arrival marked not only the beginning of their academic journey in Indonesia but also a meaningful step in UPNVJ’s commitment to building a diverse and inclusive campus environment.

The program was attended by more than 200 participants, including the Rector, vice-rectors, deans, and members of the academic community, as well as distinguished guests from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Immigration and Corrections, and representatives from the embassies of Pakistan, Sudan, and Mozambique.

The day unfolded with welcoming remarks, prayers, and inspiring speeches, before the spotlight turned to the students themselves. Several international students introduced their home cultures through short presentations, creating an atmosphere of curiosity and exchange. This was beautifully complemented by cultural performances from UPNVJ’s student organizations, including traditional Indonesian dance and a dynamic pencak silat showcase, which captivated both local and international audiences.

Beyond the ceremonial aspects, the event reflected UPNVJ’s deeper mission: to ensure that every international student feels at home, supported, and inspired throughout their academic journey. It also laid the foundation for long-term collaborations with ministries, embassies, and partner universities abroad.



*Opening remarks from UPNVJ Rector*

The Welcoming Program closed with a sense of joy and optimism. Smiles, photographs, and cultural exchanges marked the day as a milestone not just for the students, but also for UPNVJ’s ongoing journey toward internationalization. As the students embark on their studies, UPNVJ remains committed to providing continuous academic and non-academic support, strengthening faculty coordination, and creating more opportunities for cross-cultural dialogue.

UPNVJ at Diaspora Global Summit 2: Connecting Global Talent with Home

international forum organized by the Indonesian Diaspora Network (IDN). Carrying the theme “Connecting Global Talent with Home”, the summit was designed to bring together Indonesian diaspora talents from around the world with key stakeholders in Indonesia.

Strengthening Academic Diplomacy: UPNVJ Joins Technical Guidance on Overseas Official Travel

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## UPNVJ at Diaspora Global Summit 2: Connecting Global Talent with Home

On August 13, 2025, representatives from the Office of International Affairs (KUI) of Universitas Pembangunan Nasional “Veteran” Jakarta (UPNVJ) participated in the Diaspora Global Summit 2, an international forum organized by the Indonesian Diaspora Network (IDN). Carrying the theme “*Connecting Global Talent with Home*”, the summit was designed to bring together Indonesian diaspora talents from around the world with key stakeholders in Indonesia. The three-day event, held from August 11 to 13, 2025, featured discussions on pressing global issues such as human resource development, global health, artificial intelligence, migration, technology revolutions, and shifting geopolitical dynamics. UPNVJ joined the final day, focusing on strengthening connections, understanding international trends in education and diplomacy, and exploring future avenues of collaboration.



The Diaspora Global Summit 2 activity was attended by KUI staff, Rina Amelia Haryadi

Beyond the education panels, UPNVJ also engaged in strategic discussions on global geopolitics. A session by Admiral (Ret.) Prof. Dr. Marsetio examined the rise of China and the South China Sea conflict, underscoring its potential to reshape regional stability. Drawing from historical examples such as the U.S. “Good Neighbor Policy,” he highlighted the importance of peaceful diplomacy and mutual respect for sovereignty as strategies that Indonesia could continue to pursue. Other discussions broadened the perspective by covering conflicts such as Russia-Ukraine, Israel-Hamas, as well as the Indo-Pacific’s evolving security landscape and defense alliances including NATO, QUAD, and AUKUS.

For UPNVJ, attending the Diaspora Global Summit 2 was more than just participation in an international event—it was an opportunity to gain insights, build networks, and explore collaborations with global academic institutions and diaspora communities. The summit affirmed the role of diaspora as valuable connectors between Indonesia and the world, opening doors for new initiatives in education, research, and cultural exchange.

## Strengthening Partnerships: Walailak University Visits UPNVJ

On August 28, 2025, Universitas Pembangunan Nasional “Veteran” Jakarta (UPNVJ) welcomed a delegation from Walailak University, Thailand, led by its President, Prof. Dr. Sombat Thanrongthanyawong, accompanied by Dr. Patnarin Supakorn, Assistant to the President. The visit marked an important milestone in the long-standing partnership between the two universities, which began in 2021, and served as an opportunity to renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) while exploring new areas of collaboration.



Photo session

The visit began with a courtesy call between the rectors, followed by the MoU signing ceremony. In his welcoming speech, the Rector of UPNVJ expressed appreciation for the strong cooperation that has already brought significant benefits for students and faculty, highlighting initiatives such as summer courses, guest lectures, and joint international community service programs. He emphasized that extending the MoU would enable further expansion of collaborative programs, including summer camps, student exchanges, and cross-faculty research projects, thereby strengthening academic ties and fostering closer bilateral relations between Indonesia and Thailand in higher education.

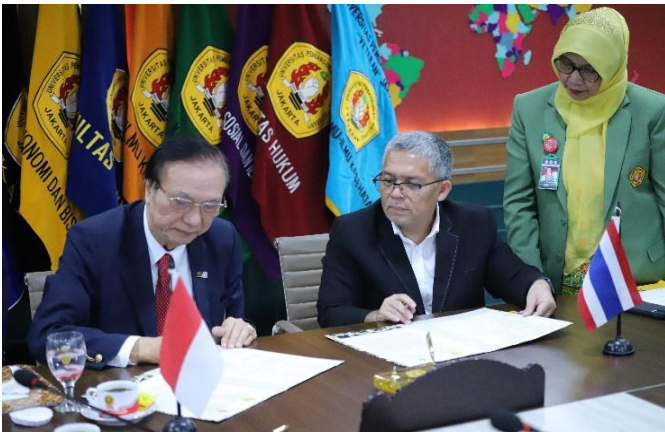
After the MoU signing, the event proceeded with a collaborative discussion session involving faculty leaders from both universities. Key areas of focus included



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potential cooperation in computer science research and technology-based academic programs, joint degree initiatives between the Faculty of Law of UPNVJ and Walailak University, and broader academic exchanges that emphasize joint publications, faculty mobility, and cross-border learning opportunities.

Looking ahead, both institutions agreed to develop concrete agendas based on the collaborative discussions, particularly in research, publications, and academic exchanges. They also emphasized the importance of establishing a joint evaluation mechanism to monitor the effective implementation of the MoU and to ensure the sustainability of ongoing cooperation. Furthermore, plans were made for a reciprocal visit of UPNVJ's Rector to Walailak University in November 2025, which is expected to further strengthen the bond and expand the scope of collaboration between the two universities.



MoU signing between UPNVJ and Walailak University

This visit not only renewed a formal partnership but also strengthened mutual trust and opened doors for future innovation in research, teaching, and academic cooperation between Indonesia and Thailand.

## Strengthening Academic Diplomacy: UPNVJ Joins Technical Guidance on Overseas Official Travel

On July 14, 2025, representatives from the Office of International Affairs (KUI) of Universitas Pembangunan Nasional "Veteran" Jakarta (UPNVJ) took part in the Technical Guidance on Overseas Official Travel (Bimtek PDLN), organized by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology (Kemendikisainstek). The event was attended by more than 130 participants, including senior officials from ministries, higher education institutions across Indonesia, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the technical session, participants were introduced to the legal framework of PDLN, including Government Regulation No. 18 of 1955, Presidential Decree No. 38 of 1980, and subsequent ministerial regulations. The Ministry also elaborated on the new guidelines under the Circular Letter of the State Secretariat (No. B-32/MSN/LN.00/12/2024), highlighting the importance of effectiveness, efficiency, selectivity, and accountability in conducting overseas official travel.



Key requirements for PDLN applications were also presented, such as Terms of Reference (ToR), official invitations, financing statements, and coordination with Indonesian embassies abroad. In addition, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs introduced facilities for issuing official passports (paspor dinas), supported by visa-free agreements with 103 countries across Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas.



The discussion session gave participants the chance to address challenges and clarify procedures, especially regarding travel approvals, delegation limits, and reporting obligations. Universities also shared updates on their international visits and cooperation agendas.



## News on Views



The Diaspora Global Summit 2 activity was attended by KUI staff, Aditya Arhammar



Discussion space from all dean of each faculties with the president of Walailak University



Leading prayer before event started  
Rectors giving a warm welcoming to all participants



After lunch with Walailak University



Welcoming remarks from Act Head of KUI



Courtesy call President of Walailak University and Rector UPNVJ