

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Pic. 1.1. Farewell Party KJRI HCMC & Interns



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1.1 Background Information

The journey during the university period is a long process which is not only a place for someone to seek theoretical knowledge, but also a time to prepare for the next career stage, namely the world of professional work. Nowadays, a student not only needs theories in science, but also capital or abilities for the world of work. There are several ways to accumulate the ability and skills needed in the world of work. This ability and skill can be obtained from joining organizations or associations, attending soft and hard skills training, learning to maintain academic grades, doing internships, participating in social events, and other activities.

One of the most profitable options for preparing ability and skill for the world of work is doing an internship. The author provide the pictures 1.1 as the farewell party between KJRI HCMC and the interns. During an internship, students can learn many things, starting from soft skills such as communication skills, negotiation, building relationships through

social activities at the internship site, learning time management, and acting professionally in the world of work.

Opportunities internships for students can be found in various ways, one of which is collaboration established by the student's department. In the Department of International Relations at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta, internship opportunities are widely available, both within the country and abroad. This opportunity came with the establishment of collaboration between the UMY Department of International Relations with various institutions and agencies. In the field of International Relations itself, International Relations UMY has succeeded in establishing cooperation with Indonesian Consulates and Foreign Embassies in various countries. This opportunity is very beneficial for international relations students, because students can learn and directly observe conditions in the world of international relations.

1.2 Goals of the Internship Program

The objectives of providing this internship can be described as follows:

1. Find out more about Indonesia's public diplomacy efforts in Vietnam in the field of education in the working area of the Indonesian Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City in 2023.
2. Directly observe various diplomatic processes carried out by the Indonesian Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City.
3. Contribute to the number of academic writing and research regarding Indonesia's public diplomacy efforts through education abroad, especially in Vietnam.
4. Study and understand problem solving for problems that occur in international relations
5. Understand the process and assessment criteria in providing Indonesian education scholarships for foreigners, especially for Vietnamese.

1.3 Benefits of the Internship Program

a. Benefits for Students

- Students can use the Working Report from this internship as a final assignment in lieu of a thesis in the Department of International Relations at UMY.
- Students understand more than just theory in international relations, but also see its application in the work process in the Indonesian Consulate General.

- Students have the opportunity to see more broadly Indonesia's public diplomacy efforts in Vietnam in the field of education in the working area of the Indonesian Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City in 2023.
- Students can build wider collaboration and relationships, with the opportunity to meet a variety of people, both in the workplace and non-formally settings.

b. For Institutions

- Participation in routine tasks: Interns can assist with routine tasks in the Indonesian Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City, such as document management, translating official documents, preparing reports, and supporting other administrative functions. This helps reduce the workload of Indonesian Consulate General staff and ensures daily operations run smoothly.
- Research and analysis: Interns often provide the opportunity to conduct research and analysis on specific issues related to the missions that carried by the Indonesian Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City. This can help gain a deeper understanding of the issues discussed and help develop better reports, processes, or strategies.
- Relationships and networks: This internship program can strengthen relationships between organizations and universities, which will strengthen networks and lead to further collaborations in the future.

c. For Department of International Relations

- Increase the existing collaboration between the Department of International Relations and the internship recipient institution.
- Receive input and suggestions regarding things that can be improved in student skills based on feedback from the internship recipient institution.
- Add competent graduates who already have work experience in related institutions.
- Increase the exposure of the department of international relations and Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta as an embodiment of the tagline "Muda Mendunia"