



# MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

## INSTITUT TEKNOLOGI SUMATERA



### UAS Inspires Ramadan at Itera

February 14, 2026

Ustadz Abdul Somad (UAS) delivered an inspiring pre-Ramadan lecture at Institut Teknologi Sumatera, sharing three powerful messages on integrity, discipline, and responsibility before hundreds of students. The event marked the opening of the Ramadan atmosphere on campus and became a meaningful moment of reflection and renewal. He reminded students that true knowledge is not only about intelligence, but also about strong moral character. His words encouraged young people to prepare themselves academically while strengthening their values.



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# Saudi–Itera Astronomy Partnership Expands Global Research Impact

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February 9, 2026

Institut Teknologi Sumatera reinforced its global research profile by hosting a delegation from the Royal Commission for Makkah City and Holy Sites (RCMC) on 9–10 February 2026 to advance cooperation in astronomy. The visit centered on optimizing the OZT-ALTS robotic lunar telescope—one of only 14 worldwide—installed under the International Moon Sighting Station Program. Discussions covered joint research development, scientific data exchange, and capacity building for researchers and students. The engagement reflects international confidence in Itera’s facilities and expertise in space science.

At the Observatorium Astronomi Itera Lampung (OAIL), delegates reviewed telescope operations and explored long-term collaboration frameworks. Beyond supporting lunar observation, the facility serves as a hands-on learning hub that strengthens Indonesia’s STEM ecosystem. With limited advanced observatories nationally, OAIL plays a strategic role in expanding research and education capacity. The strengthened Saudi–Indonesian partnership positions Itera as an emerging center for astronomy innovation in the region.





# More Than a Dormitory: Where Itera Students Grow Together

February 23, 2026



The student dormitory at Institut Teknologi Sumatera is designed not only as a place to live, but as a space for character development and independence. Its environment is closely connected to academic life, encouraging interaction among students from different study programs and helping them build networks early in their university journey.

Through mentoring programs and shared activities, students develop teamwork, leadership, and social skills that prepare them for professional life. This concept supports a holistic and sustainable education ecosystem, where academic learning is strengthened by personal growth and community experience.



## 13 Rector Candidates Enter Selection Process at Itera



February 14, 2026

A total of thirteen academics have registered to compete in the rector selection process at Institut Teknologi Sumatera for the 2026–2030 term, representing a diverse range of top universities across Indonesia. The candidates include Prof. Dr. Aswan, S.T., M.T. (Institut Teknologi Bandung); Dr. Baginda Parsaulian, S.E., S.H., M.E. (Universitas Islam Negeri Sjech M. Djamil Djambek Bukittinggi); Dewi Larasati, S.T., M.T., Ph.D. (Institut Teknologi Bandung); Prof. Dr. Elfahmi, S.Si., M.Si. (Institut Teknologi Bandung); Prof. Ir. Emir Mauludi Husni, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Institut Teknologi Bandung); Prof. Dr. Ir. Fahmi, S.T., M.Sc., IPU (Universitas Sumatera Utara); Hadi Teguh Yudistira, S.T., Ph.D. (Itera); Dr. Ikah N. P. Permanasari, S.Si., M.Si. (Itera); Prof. Ismunandar, Ph.D. (Institut Teknologi Bandung); Ir. M. Bobby Rahman, S.T., M.Si. (Han), Ph.D. (Itera); Prof. Dr. Ir. M. Faiz Syuaib, M.Agr (Institut Pertanian Bogor); Ar. Roy Candra P. Sigalingging, S.T., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Itera); and Dr. Hj. Sunarsih, S.S., M.A. (Itera).

The selection follows national regulations governing public universities and is designed to be open, transparent, and accountable. Each candidate is expected to present a strategic vision focused on advancing research, enhancing academic quality, and strengthening institutional governance. The competitive field reflects strong engagement from both internal faculty and scholars from leading Indonesian institutions, with the final appointment shaping ITERA's development direction over the next four years.

## 83 Student Leaders Begin New Term at Itera



Institut Teknologi Sumatera (Itera) inaugurated 83 student organization leaders to strengthen student leadership and campus engagement. The ceremony marked the start of a new term for representatives from the student senate, executive bodies, study program associations, activity units, and regional organizations. University leaders emphasized that student organizations are key platforms for developing leadership, teamwork, and responsibility beyond the classroom. With institutional support and structured guidance, Itera continues to empower students to grow as active, ethical, and competitive future leaders.

*Peaceful February*

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*February reminds us that as we welcome Ramadan with reflection and integrity, we also strengthen leadership, collaboration, and global partnerships. At ITERA, progress is not only about achievement — it is about growing with purpose and values.”*

- HUMAS ITERA -

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