

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

INSTITUT TEKNOLOGI SUMATERA



Itera Celebrates Graduates and a Legacy of Leadership

April 25, 2026

Institut Teknologi Sumatera graduated 1,288 students, but the moment carried more than celebration. It was also the final commencement led by Rector I Nyoman Pugeg Aryantha and Vice Rector Khairurrijal. After years of guiding a young institution into a growing force in science and technology, their farewell felt personal. In front of graduates and families, the rector spoke with quiet confidence, believing that Itera

will continue its path toward becoming a world-class university, carried forward by the very students it has nurtured.

Beyond achievements and numbers, what remains is something less visible but deeply felt. A culture of resilience, collaboration, and purpose has taken root across campus. Many in the community; students, alumni, even voices across social media expressed how this leadership will be remembered, not only for its performance, but for its presence. There is a sense that something meaningful will be missed. Yet, in that feeling, there is also continuity: the values they built now belong to the people who will carry Itera forward.

“We Fight Through Education”

Itera and Palestine Open a New Academic Bridge



On a quiet Wednesday morning, April 22, 2026, a different kind of conversation unfolded inside the main meeting room of Institut Teknologi Sumatera. The campus welcomed Abdalfatah A.K. Alsattari for his first official visit to Lampung, marking the start of a potential partnership in education, science, and technology. More than a diplomatic meeting, it was a moment where global issues met academic responsibility, setting the stage for future collaboration between Itera and Palestinian institutions.

Rector I Nyoman Pugeg Aryantha framed the meeting with a clear message: support for Palestine should go beyond solidarity. “Itera is a young university focused on science and technology. This meeting strengthens our commitment to collaborate through education,” he said, pointing to planned agreements such as joint programs and academic exchanges.



He emphasized that universities have a moral role, not only to educate, but also to contribute to global justice through knowledge and access.

For Ambassador Alsattari, the visit carried both gratitude and urgency. Standing before campus leaders, he spoke about the realities in Palestine, where conflict continues to affect basic access to education. “They may destroy our infrastructure, but they cannot destroy our dreams,” he said. He highlighted how partnerships with Indonesian universities could open opportunities for Palestinian youth, especially through scholarships and access to science and technology education.

The meeting closed with a simple but powerful message: “See you in Palestine.” Behind those words lies a shared understanding of why this collaboration matters. Not just to sign agreements, but to build pathways, where education becomes a form of resilience, and universities become bridges between hope and action.



Auditorium for The Future

April 25, 2026

As the campus continues to expand in scale and impact, the need for a proper, large-capacity auditorium has become increasingly urgent. Major academic events; including graduations and national forums are still held in open areas, limiting comfort, capacity, and the quality of experience. The proposed SUMMIT Auditorium is designed to answer that need. Envisioned to accommodate thousands of participants, it will serve as a central hub for academic gatherings, research forums, and cross-sector collaboration.

More importantly, it will position Itera to host national and international events at a higher standard, bringing together

government, industry, and academia in one place. This is not just infrastructure; it is an enabler of progress.

Efforts to realize this development are already underway through coordination with central stakeholders. “We aim to build a space where big ideas are born, collaborations take shape, and intellectual growth thrives,” said I Nyoman Pugeg Aryantha. “With its scale and integrated concept, the SUMMIT Auditorium is envisioned as a new landmark for Sumatra—one that supports education, innovation, and broader national progress.”



Itera Breaks Into Indonesia’s Top Patent Leaders

April 24, 2026

Innovation at Institut Teknologi Sumatera is no longer just about ideas but it is about ownership and impact. As of April 2026, ITERA officially ranked 4th nationally in the number of patent and simple patent applications in Indonesia, marking a significant leap in its innovation journey.

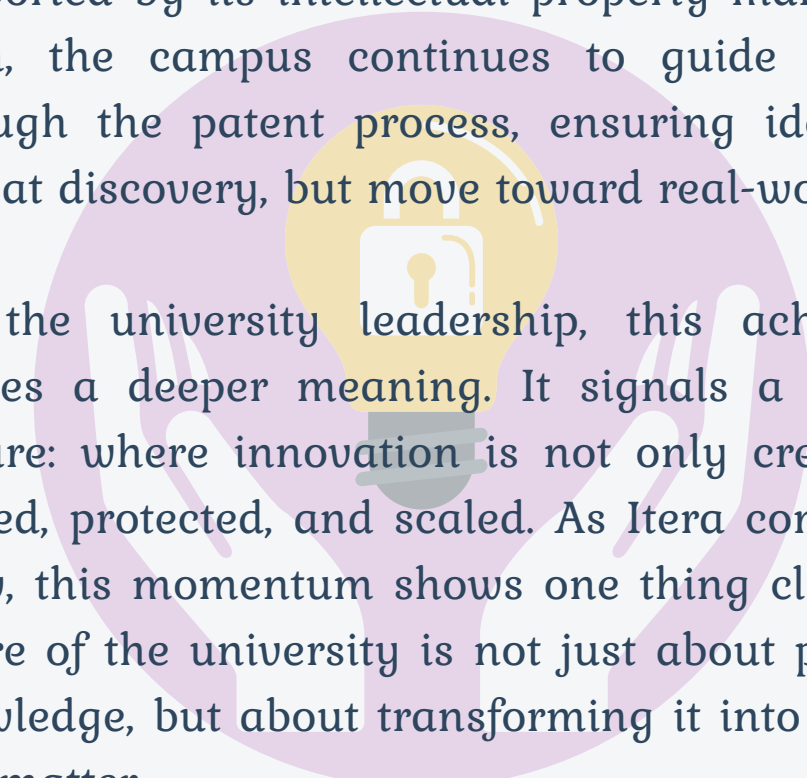
Behind this milestone is a clear number: 122 patent applications submitted by December 2025, consisting of 17 patents and 105 simple patents.

This places ITERA among the country’s top contributors to intellectual property, standing alongside major institutions like BRIN and leading universities.

More importantly, it reflects a shift—from research that stays in journals to innovation that is protected, developed, and ready to be applied.

This growth did not happen overnight. Just a year earlier, Itera was still in the top 10. Today, it has climbed into the top 4, driven by a stronger ecosystem that encourages lecturers and students to turn research into protected innovations. Supported by its intellectual property management team, the campus continues to guide inventors through the patent process, ensuring ideas don’t stop at discovery, but move toward real-world use.

For the university leadership, this achievement carries a deeper meaning. It signals a maturing culture: where innovation is not only created, but valued, protected, and scaled. As Itera continues to grow, this momentum shows one thing clearly: the future of the university is not just about producing knowledge, but about transforming it into solutions that matter.



Itera Narrows Down Its Next Rector

April 21, 2026

Institut Teknologi Sumatera officially announced three final candidates for its 2026–2030 rector election, marking a decisive step in a month-long selection process. The announcement came after a closed senate meeting at the campus, following a series of public presentations and evaluations. The three selected candidates are Prof. Aswan and Prof. Elfahmi from Institut Teknologi Bandung, and Prof. M. Faiz Syaib from IPB University.

These names emerged from a competitive process that began with 13 applicants, narrowed to five candidates, and finally filtered into three through voting by 17 senate members. Each stage, from administrative screening to public vision presentations, was designed to test not only credentials, but also ideas and leadership readiness. The voting results were notably close, reflecting a dynamic and competitive selection.

The university leadership acknowledged that all candidates brought strong potential to lead Itera forward. The rector emphasized that the process was conducted professionally and transparently, ensuring that the final names represent the best possible leadership options. Appreciation was also extended to all candidates who participated with integrity throughout the process.

With the three finalists confirmed, the process now moves beyond campus. Their names will be submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology for the final selection stage, scheduled around May 2026.



April Transition

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April feels like a relay moment at Institut Teknologi Sumatera; when one runner finishes a strong lap and passes the baton with trust.

There is quiet gratitude for the rector and vice rector, whose leadership has set the pace, built the track, and kept the direction steady. What they leave behind is not just achievements, but a rhythm of working...

focused, consistent, and grounded in shared values.

At the same time, the baton is not passed in silence. It carries momentum, seen in how ideas become patents, discussions become decisions, and plans move forward. April shows that productivity here is not rushed, but continuous. And as the next runner takes hold, the race doesn't restart...

It continues, with the same purpose, just a longer horizon ahead.

- HUMAS ITERA -

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