



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

INSTITUT TEKNOLOGI SUMATERA

Students from Nine Countries Join COSTROP-ID

June 29, 2026

On June 29, 2026, students from nine countries arrived at Institut Teknologi Sumatera for the Coastal and Tropical Infrastructure Development International Course (COSTROP-ID). The 11 day program brought together 42 students from Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Tanzania, Afghanistan, South Korea, Egypt, Zimbabwe, and Rwanda to explore coastal and tropical infrastructure.

The program went beyond classroom discussions. Students joined lectures, group activities, and field visits to coastal areas in Lampung, where they explored real challenges related to climate change, coastal risks, disaster prevention, and sustainable development.



For Itera, COSTROP-ID was more than an international course. It created a space where students from different countries and academic backgrounds could exchange ideas, learn from local conditions, and build connections that may lead to future academic and research collaboration..



Global Community Engagement Expands Through KKN Internasional

27 June 2026



International collaboration also continued through the 3rd International Community Service Program (KKN Internasional III) of Badan Kerja Sama Perguruan Tinggi Negeri (BKS PTN) Barat. From June 22 to 25, representatives from 54 universities gathered at Universitas Siliwangi to discuss plans for the program and its work with local communities. The program brought students and international partners together through communitybased activities that encouraged cultural exchange, collaboration, and shared learning.

Through this initiative, students gained experience working in an international setting while contributing to communities. The program demonstrated how cross-border collaboration can create meaningful learning opportunities while addressing social and environmental challenges.



Mandarin Summer Course Prepares Itera Students For Global Mobility



19 June 2026

For three ITERA students from Tourism, Civil Engineering, and Architecture, preparing for an exchange program meant more than getting ready for academic activities. Before leaving for Da Yeh University in Taiwan, they joined the Mandarin Summer Course organized by UPA Bahasa Itera on June 19, 2026.



The course introduced basic Mandarin, Taiwanese culture, and communication etiquette. These preparations are designed to help students communicate, adapt, and take part more confidently in academic and daily activities while living in a new country.

This program reflects a simple but important part of international mobility, students need not only academic knowledge, but also the language and cultural understanding to connect with people in a different environment. This initiative reflects Itera's commitment to expanding opportunities for students to participate in academic exchange and build international experience.





Itera Turns Research Into Innovation

Research collaboration take another step forward through a partnership between Itera and PT Nose Herbal Indo. The collaboration focuses on research and the downstream development of cosmetic products, creating a pathway for academic research to be transformed into products with practical and commercial value.



With Lampung's rich natural resources, the collaboration creates opportunities to turn local materials into research-based products. It also opens a space for students, researchers, and industry to work together, bringing ideas from the laboratory closer to products that can be used by society.

This partnership demonstrates how research can move beyond academic settings and contribute to industry and society. It also strengthens the connection between researchers and industry in developing innovations based on local research potential.

Taman Cendawan As A New Home For Biodiversity Research

19 June 2026

On June 19 2026, a new home for fungal research opened at the Kebun Raya Itera. Taman Cendawan was established as a space for research, education, and conservation, bringing Indonesia's rich fungal diversity closer to students, researchers, and visitors.

The park currently houses dozens of fungal species collected from different parts of Sumatra, especially Lampung. Among them are wood ear mushrooms, Ganoderma, and King Alfred's Cake, also known as Jamur Batu Bara, each with different characteristics and uses.



Beyond the collection, Taman Cendawan offers a closer look at the important role fungi play in nature. They help break down organic material and return nutrients to the soil, while some form relationships with plants that help their roots absorb water and nutrients. The new facility therefore creates room for future research and collaboration in tropical biodiversity and conservation.





LPH Itera Strengthens Indonesia's Halal Ecosystem

11 June 2026

Another milestone came from Lembaga Pemeriksa Halal (LPH) Itera, which received Pratama Accreditation from Indonesia's Halal Product Assurance Organizing Agency (BPJPH) in June 2026. The accreditation is valid until May 29, 2030, allowing LPH Itera to provide halal inspection services and support businesses seeking halal certification.



Behind the accreditation is a team of halal auditors and experts from fields including food, pharmaceutical technology, and Islamic law. Their different areas of expertise allow LPH Itera to support halal inspection across various types of products.

The achievement also places Itera closer to Indonesia's growing halal industry. Through services, research, and partnerships with businesses and institutions, LPH Itera can contribute to a halal product system that supports both local businesses and wider market opportunities..

June Reflection

June showed how global engagement can take many forms, from bringing international students together and preparing students for overseas experiences to transforming research into innovation and strengthening services for society.

Together, these initiatives reflect a university that continues to connect people, knowledge, research, and innovation across borders and disciplines. By strengthening partnerships while creating practical opportunities for students and researchers, Itera continues to build its role in supporting science, education, and sustainable development.

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