

TESTIMONI DARMASISWA 2015-2016

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My name is Murzagaliyeva Aigerim Kenzhegaliyevna, I am from Kazakhstan, darmasiswa student in UNILA in Bandar Lampung. I am studying here about 9 months. My first expression was not the best, because the food in Lampung is really spicy, and the weather is really hot.

Our first days began from the trip to Kiluan beach. It is really beautiful place, and that trip was very informative for us, because it included learning about marine life of Indonesia and how to protect marine life from pollution and how to prevent extinction of inhabitants.

We have classes from the beginning of the September, from Monday till Friday. From Monday till Wednesday we study bahasa Indonesia, on Thursday we have outing class and on Friday we learnt playing traditional music Gamelan. During the lessons we learnt a lot about culture, history, traditions of the region province Lampung and Indonesia. UNILA provided us with features such as learning to make batik, tapis and topeng (lampungese masks). UNILA gave us tickets to visit swimming pool for free. Also we were given the opportunity to learn traditional dance of Lampung "Sigeh Penguten".

In the beginning of the year I was really confused because of cockroaches and a lot of ants in our dormitory. But soon we had to get used to it. In the middle of the year in the dormitory the water supply was broken, so we did not have water for about 2 months, but UNILA tried provided us with it, bringing water with a big machine.

International office tried to help us to get in touch with every part of Lampung and Indonesian culture, and I am really thankful for it. With them we visited batik fashion show Lampung 2015 and other events. International office tried to provide us with the information about cultural events in Bandar Lampung city in purpose we could join it and learn about culture of Lampung among local people.

I should say that one of the unpleasant surprises for me was waiting for our KITAS. In the beginning we were told that we would be given KITAS in 2 or maximum 3 months, but unfortunately we had to wait until January, so it took about 5 months. Because of that it was difficult for us to go out of Bandar Lampung without our passports and KITAS. International office tried to provide us with another documents, however during our travelling several times we faced up with some problems. So my suggestion is to reconsider procedure of giving KITAS.

I want to say that international office tried to solve our problems as soon as possible, but sometimes it took really long time to fix it, anyway I am really grateful for all their help, attention and patience.

Recently we had closing ceremony in our university, it went great. We could show what we learnt during the year. I and my friends performed traditional dance Lampung Sigeh Penguten and Gamelan with Gamolan. It was really interesting experience for me.

My wish for Darmasiswa program in UNILA is to give more attention to their dormitory, because students spend the most of their time there.

Soon we will have another trip to Way Kambas and I hope program will be as previous one, because it will be the last our trip as darmasiswa students with UNILA. Thank you for your attention.