

Summer Program 1-5 February 2021

The 2021 Ubaya Online Summer Program attracted hundreds of International participants

Doing something uncommon to be something innovative making it extraordinary. The phrase deserves to be pinned to Ubaya, which continues to innovate during the pandemic. Ubaya is committed to always doing something innovative to enable students to learn without having to be physically present on campus. The university once again proves its innovation through its mobility without movement learning method. It is proven by the implementation of the Ubaya Online Summer Program on 1-5 February 2021. As the name implies, the event was conducted virtually with the title is "Dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic: Best Practices from Indonesia". This time the event attracted 426 participants from nine (9) countries in Asia and Africa from India, Vietnam, the Philippines, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Kenya, and the United Arab Emirates.

Adi Tedjakusuma, as the head of the organizing committee of this event, said that the event is entering its second year of implementation. Previously, the Ubaya Summer Program was held offline once or twice a year. The series of activities is getting to know about Indonesian arts and culture at the Ubaya campus. Adi said that currently, Ubaya is implementing mobility without movement, which allows students to move without physical movement coming to the Ubaya campus by utilizing technology.

"This event is implemented to provide an atmosphere of learning and new experiences for foreign students who want to get to know the Indonesian arts and culture and not to forget specific scientific knowledge. The Ubaya Summer Program can still be held online, and students from various countries can participate without having to attend campus physically," explained Adi.

The 2021 Ubaya Online Summer Program was specially implemented to provide a better understanding of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Ubaya scholars who are experts in their respective fields were present as resource persons. The activities were also packaged more pleasantly by utilizing various virtual applications in delivering material to make classes more interactive, and students did not get bored quickly by the speakers' explanations. The classes deliver various exciting and useful materials, starting from introducing themselves and participating in the Ubaya virtual campus, discussing the importance of vaccination, cybercrime, the economic impact during the pandemic, to Indonesian language class for international students.

The session that was fun and attracted the attention of participants was the Indonesian language class delivered by Ferry Christian, an instructor of the Indonesian language for foreign speakers (BIPA) course at the Ubaya Language Center. The Indonesian language class aims to introduce Indonesia to be more global as a unifying language that can unite various languages and many ethnic groups in Indonesia and abroad. International students learn Indonesian, which is often used in daily conversation. "Hopefully, foreign students will be more enthusiastic in learning the Indonesian language after this class session. We are also ready to help facilitate the needs of foreign students who are interested in learning Indonesian," said Ferry.

The participants really enjoyed the 2021 Ubaya Online Summer Program. It is seen from Hellen Nkirote Rukunga's from Meru University of Science and Technology, Kenya comment as she expressed her joy and interest in joining the Indonesian language class session. "Interesting class. Thank you, sir," wrote Hellen in the chat section of the Zoom application used for this event.

Summer Program 20-25 September 2020

Learning the Indonesian Language on the Ubaya Online Summer Program 2020

On 20-25 September 2020, Ubaya organized the first Ubaya Online Summer Program titled "All You Need to Know About Covid-19" via Zoom application. For five days, 140 participants from 10 countries of the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, India, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Bangladesh, Iran, and Timor Leste learn about various perspectives of Covid-19 ranging from medical, scientific knowledge, psychological, and economic impact. Not to forget, to introduce Indonesia, participants also learned the Indonesian language and various famous tourist objects in Indonesia. In the opening session, Adi Tedjakusuma (Head of International Office) thanked all participants for joining the program. "Thank you all for joining this event, and this time we conduct this program virtually as the pandemic is still there. However, we will do our best to make this virtual program as good as the offline one.

On the second day, Johan Sukweenadhi, Ph.D. (Ubaya Faculty of Biotechnology lecturer), talked about Covid-19 from scientific knowledge perspective where he explained key phases of disease progression. He said, " Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) binds to angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE 2). Initial infection of cells in the upper respiratory tract may be asymptomatic, but these patients can still transmit the virus. For those who develop symptoms, up to 90% will have pneumonitis, caused by infection of cells in the lower respiratory tract. Some of these patients will progress to severe disease with disruption of the epithelial-endothelial barrier and multi-organ involvement."

Moreover, he also discussed three types of coronavirus testing. According to Johan, " There are three coronaviruses testing where the first, molecular test that detects material from the virus. The sample is collected through a nasal or throat swab that collects infected cells. Second, antibody test that detects antibodies: Y-shaped molecules made by the immune response to disable a virus or mark it for destruction. The sample is collected through a blood draw that collects antibodies produced by immune cells. Lastly, antigen test that detects antigens: pieces of a virus that the immune system recognizes. A single virus has many antigens. The sample is collected through a nasal that collects infected cells."

On the third day, Adi Tedjakusuma delivered about Wonderful Indonesia, where he virtually shows various famous tourist objects in Indonesia: Borobudur Temple, Mount Bromo, Raja Ampat, and Ijen Crater, and Toba Lake. In his presentation, Adi described that the Wonderful Indonesia campaign was initiated by the Indonesian Ministry of Culture and Tourism in January 2011 that aims to promote Indonesian tourism. The campaign replaced the previous "Visit Indonesia Year" campaign, which had been used since 1991. The "Wonderful Indonesia" signifies Indonesia's "wonderful" nature, people, cultures, and value for the money.

On the fourth day, participants were pleased with the Indonesian language learning course, where they interactively learn the Indonesian language like greetings, self-introduction, and numbers. In his session, Mr. Ferry Christian (an instructor who is Ubaya Language Center teacher) invited all participants always to repeat what he said. "To greet people in the Indonesian language: *Selamat Pagi* (Good morning), *Selamat Siang* (good afternoon), *Selamat Sore* (good evening), and *Selamat Malam* (good night) *Bapak* (Mr.)/*Ibu*(Ms)," said Mr. Christian to participants, then all participants try to say what he just said.

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“To introduce ourselves: *Kenalkan* (Hi), *Nama Saya* (my name is...), *Saya Berasal dari*..... (I am from), and *Saya Mahasiswa berusia* (I am a ... years old student) dan *berusia*,” he said. Then one of the participants namely: Teoh Jialyn from Malaysia says “*Kenalkan, nama saya*, *saya berasal dari*.....,, *saya mahasiswa berusia*.” After greetings and introduction, Mr. Christian invited participants to say numbers of one until ten in the Indonesian language.