

The History of Indonesia – Germany Student Exchange



I. Introduction

The Student Exchange program between Indonesia and Germany was first carried out in 2015 involving 18 high school students from SMA Negeri 1 Salatiga, Indonesia and 18 high school students from Gymnasium Ohlstedt Hamburg, Germany. Since then, the student exchange program is conducted in an annual basis.

This student exchange program was initiated by Mr. Harald Ploss who is a member of school committee of Gymnasium Ohlstedt Hamburg (GO), Germany. In a school committee meeting in the end of 2014 which discussed about student activity program, Mr. Harald Ploss proposed a student exchange program between Gymnasium Ohlstedt Hamburg and a school in Indonesia to give new insights to GO students who had only held student exchanges with schools in America and other European countries. Finally, the school committee approved Mr. Harald Ploss' proposal and asked him to look for partners in Indonesia to work with and implement the program.

In short, he appointed Mrs. Dyah Vollyati (Mrs. Yeti) and discussed how this program could be implemented as a part of Indonesia promotion. During intensive discussions, both agreed to hold the first student exchange program between GO and a school in Indonesia by sharing responsibilities. Mr. Harald Ploss took care of all permits and documents needed by the German government as well as became the sponsor for this student exchange while Mrs. Yeti prepared the required documents, choose the school who would become the partner for the student exchange, selected potential students, socialized and communicated this program to the school, students, and parents as well as provide intensive training to strengthen students' communication skill in supporting their visit in Germany. Eighteen students of SMA Negeri 1 Salatiga were finally selected to join this program in 2015 and YETI English Course Salatiga became the mediating partner between GO and SMA Negeri 1 Salatiga.

Until today, we have worked to promote 5 schools with total 89 participants joining this program. Most students graduated from Dream Team are currently studying in several countries such as: Germany, China and some are also accepted to study in prestigious University such as: Gajah Mada University; Bandung Institute Technology; Brawijaya University; and Diponegoro University. They are shaped to compete globally within returning to home country after joining this program.

All students who have been participating in the student exchange program between Indonesia and Germany are joining to **ASTU EXSA** which stands for Alumni of Student Exchange Indonesia.

II. The Sponsor's Profile

Name : Harald Ludwig Hugo Ploss
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Position : Sponsor



Mr. Harald Ploss is the owner and Managing Director of PT Ploss Asia, a furniture company which is located in Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia. He has been doing business in Indonesia for more than 30 years which makes him concern on issues happening all over Indonesia, especially education. His passion to support Indonesian students to obtain opportunities to have real life experience in Germany has led him to become the sponsor of Indonesia-Germany student exchange since 2015. Up till now, he has sponsored 89 student exchange and edutrip participants from Indonesia that include students, teachers, a team leader, and team leader assistants.

Mr. Harald Ploss invests great sources, energy, and time to help the participants obtain German visa. Mr. Harald Ploss also gives feedback and ideas about the program. Besides that, Mr. Harald Ploss funds the participants in the outdoor activities and trips to enrich their experiences during their stay in Germany; therefore this program will bring enormous impact to the participants' life, both academically and socially.

As a respected citizen who has broaden network both in Germany and Indonesia, Mr. Harald Ploss has helped the Indonesia-Germany student exchange participants to have a chance to meet dignitaries in Hamburg and Berlin, Germany in official visits to the Indonesian Embassy in Berlin, Germany, Consulate General and Rathaus (town hall) in Hamburg. In those visits, the participants perform Indonesian traditional music instrument and folklore songs.

Mr. Harald Ploss is actively supported by his Indonesian wife, Mrs. Febriana Wardani Ploss who is always willing to promote the Indonesia-Germany student exchange program to the German government, embassy, school, colleagues, and even parents to get more support toward this program. Her contribution and support to the participants before, during, and after the program is highly recognized and appreciated by all parties involving in the program.

III. Team Leader's Profile



Name : Dyah Vollyati
Place, Date of Birth : Jombang, February 16th, 1976
Address : Lembah Asri Housing Complex C 1,
Bugel, Salatiga
Position : Team Leader
Educational Background :

2011 - Hospitality Training Program held by Swiss Bell Hotel Asia - Singapore.

2008 - Business Interpreting Program held by RFID Asia – Singapore.

2003 - Long Distance Module for Public Relation and Marketing Short Course –
Blackhawk Technical College – Janesville, USA.

2001- Undergraduate of English for Second Language from Blackhawk Technical
College – Janesville, USA.

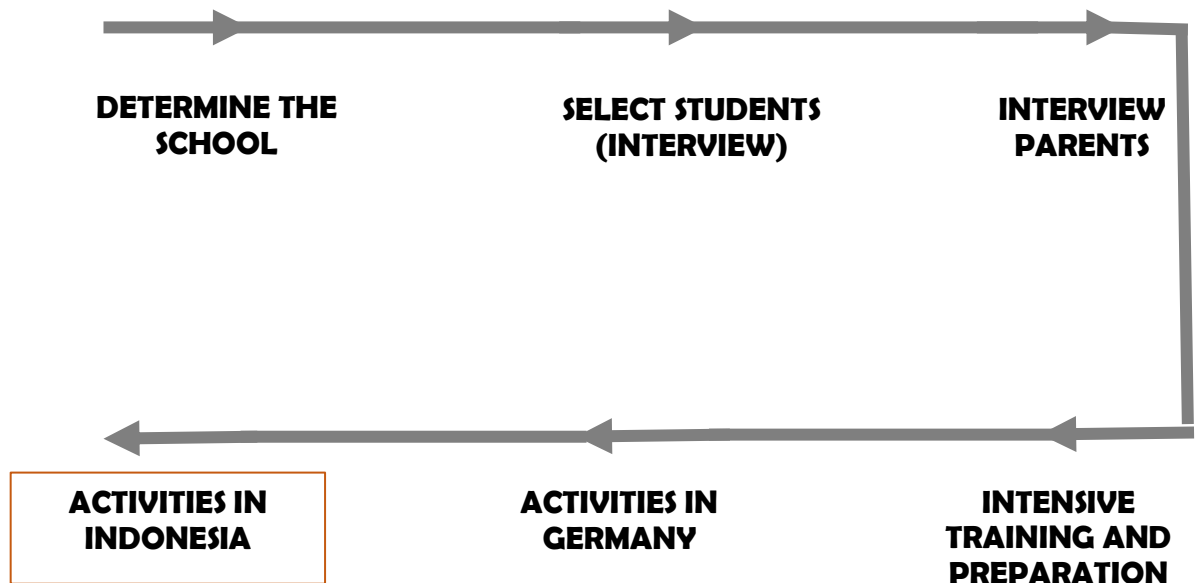
1996 – Undergraduate of Business Secretary Program Satya Wacana Christian University,
Salatiga

Achievements :

- 2003 Winner of the English Speech Competition in Central Java
- 2003-2010 Speaking Instructor for Basic-Advanced Class
- 2004-2010 Trainer for English Instructor in Central Java
- 2005 English Creative Trainer for English Instructors in Speaking Module Development
- 2005 Official Interpreting Business in Central Java
- 2006 Public Interpreting Trainer in Central Java
- 2007 Winner of the English Speaking Microteaching Competition in Central Java
- 2007 University Trainer for Toefl Preparation Class
- 2007 National Trainer of National Character Building at Jati Diri Bangsa Foundation
- 2008 Indonesia's Representative for RFID Asia in Singapore
- 2009 Winner of the English Speaking Microteaching Competition in National Level
- 2009-2014 English Instructor & Career Development Trainer for Laras Asri Resort
- 2009 English Instructor & Career Development Trainer for Java Banana Bromo Lodge
- 2010 Interpreter for Indonesian Banking Team for Asia Pacific Conference in Hanoi
- 2010-2017 High School Speaking Trainer for Regional & National Competition
- 2011-2013 English and Presentation Trainer for Sucofindo Jakarta
- 2011-2013 National University Trainer for Toefl Preparation Class
- 2011-2013 English and Presentation Trainer for Connoco Philips Jakarta

- 2014 National Hospitality Trainer for Jiwa Jawa Resort Bromo and Ijen
- 2014 National University Trainer for Advanced Speaking & iBT Toefl Preparation Class
- 2015 Team Leader for Indonesia – Germany Student Exchange Program
- 2015 National University Trainer for Advanced Speaking & iBT Toefl Preparation Class
- 2015 National Hospitality Trainer for Jiwa Jawa Resort Bromo and Ijen
- 2016 National University Trainer for Advanced Speaking & iBT Toefl Preparation Class
- 2016 National Hospitality Trainer for Jiwa Jawa Resort Bromo and Ijen
- 2016 Team Leader for Indonesia – Germany Student Exchange Program
- 2017 National University Trainer for Advanced Speaking & iBT Toefl Preparation Class
- 2017 National Hospitality Trainer for Jiwa Jawa Resort Bromo and Ijen
- 2017 Team Leader for Indonesia – Germany Student Exchange Program
- 2018 Team Leader for Indonesia – Germany Edu Trip Program
- 2018 National Hospitality Trainer for Jiwa Jawa Resort Bromo and Ijen
- 2018 Team Leader for Indonesia – Germany Student Exchange Program

IV. Stages of Indonesia – Germany Student Exchange



V. Regular Program Activities in Germany and Indonesia

Activities in Germany	Activities in Indonesia
1. School Welcoming Ceremony.	School Welcoming Ceremony
2. KJRI Welcoming Ceremony.	City Major Welcoming Ceremony
3. Hamburg Rathaus Tour.	Greet and Meet with Central Java Governor/Vice Governor
4. Chocoversum Tour	Sido Muncul/Herbal Medicine Tour
5. Miniatur Wunderland Tour	Herboris Cosmetic Tour
6. City Rally	Borobudur Temple Tour
7. Haven Museum Tour	Elo River Rafting Adventure
8. Der Spiegel Discussion & Tour	Edi Mancoro Interfaith Dialogue
9. UKE Ependorf Anatomy & Dentistry Tour	Traditional Games Outdoor Learning
10. Lubeck City Tour	Ramayana Dance Tour
11. KBRI Meet & Greet	Coffee Plantation Outdoor Learning
12. Bundestag Tour	Batik making at school
13. University Tour	Yogyakarta Museum & Palace Visit
14. Class Presentation	City Tour
15. Summer Festival (Music, Dance & Cullinary Exposés)	Bilingual Class
16. Mini Drama Performances	Class Presentation

VI. Stages of Indonesia – Germany Student Exchange 2015

In preparing this program, there were several stages that had to be accomplished. The following table shows the detailed stages and activities to prepare the program.

Table 1: Stages of Indonesia – Germany Student Exchange 2015 – 2018

No.	Month	Week				
		1	2	3	4	5
1	January		Contacting via email between Gymnasium Ohlstedt Hamburg, Germany and YEC Salatiga.	Sending YEC Profile and activity plan for Student Exchange Program.	Agreement for cooperation via email.	Selecting Student Exchange Participants from selected school.
2	February	Selecting Student Exchange Participants through integrated selection stages: communication and global interaction skills (personal and interpersonal skills).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating Student Exchange Participants' Profiles and Activity Proposal in detail. • Parents Agreement to involve in all Student Exchange process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making profile and promotion video about personal skill and ability of the participants. • Publishing participants' video over youtube private link to share with all sponsors in Germany. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Exchange Agreement Discussion between Gymnasium Ohlstedt and selected school in Indonesia via email. • KJRI Hamburg contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Education Indonesia to support the activity. 	
3	March	School observation by the Committee of Gymnasium Ohlstedt at selected school in Indonesia.	Student Exchange's legal agreement between both parties supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Education Indonesia by the School MOU signing.	Legal assignation letter for student exchange's team leader to conduct preparation and intensive training for the participants.	Arranging schedule for intensive training for student exchange participants.	Conducting intensive training for student exchange participants by YEC Salatiga team.
4	April	Determining presentation task to each participant on interesting tourism and culinary places in Indonesia and surrounding areas.	Submission and correction of participants' presentation draft.	Video making about interesting tourism and culinary places in Indonesia and surrounding areas.	Determining presentation task about Indonesian regions' potential in detail.	Submission and correction of participants' presentation draft.

5	May	Performance and evaluation of student exchange participants' presentation about Indonesian regions' potential.	Determining presentation task to each participant on various traditions in Indonesia.	Determining presentation task to each participant on Indonesian traditional food.	Performance and evaluation of student exchange participants' presentation about Indonesian traditional food.	Submission and correction of participants' presentation draft on various traditions in Indonesia.
6	June	Performance and evaluation of student exchange participants' presentation on various traditions in Indonesia.	Determining task for campaign about Speeding, Abortion, Sexual Harassment, Racism, and Bullying.	Performance and evaluation of student exchange participants' campaign about Speeding, Abortion, Sexual Harassment, Racism, and Bullying.	Determining groups and topics for mini drama about Indonesian traditional culture (Traditional Wedding Ceremony, Circumcision, and Baby Shower) that will be performed at the <i>Summer Festival</i> in Gymnasium Ohlstedt during the student exchange program.	Mini Drama First Rehearsal
7	July	Mini Drama Second Rehearsal	EID MUBARAK HOLIDAY		Determining groups and topics for presentation about Natural Disasters, Technology, and Invention & Research.	Preparation for the presentation about Natural Disasters, Technology, Invention & Research.
8	August	Performance and evaluation of student exchange participants' presentation on Natural Disasters, Technology, and Inventions & Research.	First Evaluation on All Activities for Student Exchange Program	Second Evaluation on All Activities for Student Exchange	Third Evaluation on All Activities for Student Exchange	Final Preparation before Departure
9	September	Departure to Hamburg Germany	STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT GYMNASIUM OHLSTEDT HAMBURG			Group's Arrival to home country.
10	October	Preparation for welcoming the student exchange participants from Hamburg Germany	STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT SELECTED SCHOOL IN INDONESIA			Arranging Final Report for Student Exchange Program

VII. Gallery of the Student Exchange 2015 Program



VIII. Gallery of Student Exchange Program 2016



IX. Gallery of Student Exchange Program 2017



X. Gallery of Edu Trip 2018



XI. Gallery of Student Exchange Program 2018



XII. Summary of Student Exchange and Edutrip Indonesia – Germany Participants

Year	Participants	Period	Origin School	Destination School
2015	20	September 7 th – 27 th , 2015	SMA Negeri 1 Salatiga	Gymnasium Ohlstedt Hamburg
2016	16	September 3 rd – 24 th , 2016	SMA Negeri 1 Salatiga	Gymnasium Ohlstedt Hamburg
2017	22	September 2 nd - 23 rd , 2017	SMA Negeri 3 Salatiga	Gymnasium Ohlstedt Hamburg
2018	7	June 1 st – 20 th , 2018	SMA Kristen 1 Salatiga	Gymnasium Ohlstedt Hamburg
2018	24	August 22 nd - September 11 th , 2018	SMA Negeri 5 Semarang	Heinrich Heine Gymnasium Hamburg