In the spirit of the 15th anniversary of YES Program, Indonesian YES Alumni Association (IYAA) along with Bina Antarbudaya organized a “Domestic Exchange Program” in Bangli, Bali. Twenty students, from 20 Chapters, who did not make it to the YES National Selection Process were invited to join the Program.

The theme of the Program is “Harmony in Diversity” and aimed to provide an opportunity for these youth from several regions in Indonesia to learn and understand different cultures and faiths. Participants stayed with host families and they visited school, engaged in social activities as well as attended workshop and dialogues with YES Alumni, Community Leaders, Change-makers and Influencers, in the hopes to learn about the Balinese society and values, acquire leadership skills, and educate themselves and others about the differences - even within Indonesia – and how we could create understanding.

The seven YES Abroad students also took part in this activity by sharing about American daily life as well as their exchange experience in Indonesia. The YES Abroad Students and the Domestic Exchange participants also learned traditional Balinese Dance with the help of local volunteers, which they then performed during the Farewell Dinner.
Though it was only for 1 week, the Domestic Exchange Program was a big success. Both participants and Host Families bonded well and reached the objectives of learning about different cultures and bridging understanding to create peace.
Febriani (YES returnee 2013-2014) from Chapter Bandung, joined the Training of Trainers Workshop, which was conducted by AFS Egypt in Cairo. During the workshop she learned about “visual description and magic wand introduction”, “get to know you icebreaker”, “group check-in” etc.

She was also introduced to methods of identifying problems, analyzing, and giving feedback, as well as conducting group discussion.

At the end of the training, the participants visited Pyramids in Giza.
A workshop about sexual issues was organized by Kak Nabila Musri (YES alumni) and CIMSKA FK Unpad. This workshop aimed to introduce Jatinangor citizen to know sexual issues in their surroundings. With the theme “Sexual Risk Avoidance For Better Young Life”, they campaigned to prevent sexual harassment in their neighborhood.

Senior High School students from SMK Darul Fatwa were invited to join the session. There were 2 speakers: Dr. Irma Ruslina and Dr. Zahrotur Rusyda. They discussed how to prevent the sexual harassment and educated participants to have good sexual behaviors.
Bina Antarbudaya held IT Training which was facilitated by Stijn Van den Bergh from AFS International. During 3 days of training, Stijn gave many lessons about the functions and usage of Global Link, guidelines to World Cafe, also he introduced us to the new platform of AFS International which is called WoCa Workplace. We got a chance to explore more experience with AFS tools. Thanks and gratitude to Stijn for the valuable experiences and learnings from the workshop.
Marcello Ascani (AFS Italy) visited Indonesia
(September 29 – October 3, 2018)

For seven days, Marcello Ascani from AFS Italy visited several towns in Indonesia and recorded all of his activities here. He visited Jakarta as his first destination to know more about the capital city of Indonesia accompanied by Bina Antarbudaya volunteers & staff. Then, he visited Bandung to find another intercultural experience. In Bandung, he met our volunteers and went to Lembang to enjoy the scenery, and eat some local delicacies as well as visited Salman Mosque, to see how Moslem people perform Friday prayer. His trip continued to Semarang and Surabaya, where he was invited by several schools for talk shows and met our Hosting students who lived there, as well as visited the famous temple in Surabaya. Medan was his last destination in Indonesia, and there he visited a school in Binjai.

All moments and activities of his journey in Indonesia, could be watched here:

YouTube: Marcello Ascani
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dwp3dk6rhC8
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ju0Rhgfu3dI
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At the end of September 2018, a large earthquake followed by a tsunami struck an Indonesian island of Sulawesi. The disaster caused tremendous damage; people lost their families, houses, and all valuables. Bina Antarbudaya raised funding to help our brothers & sisters in Sulawesi. In addition to that, Edwin Rasid (YES YP 18-19) and his school friends, helped to raise fund by selling cakes in his school, West Michigan Aviation High School.

Thank you to all the donors for the donations, especially to Edwin & students from West Michigan Aviation High School.
All the donations were channelled through the Medical team from Medicine Faculty, Universitas Hasanuddin of which one of our returnees, dr. Udin Malik went to the affected areas to provide medical serving including helping deliver a twin only with light from a handphone.

Thank you to all the team of TBM (*Tim Bantuan Medis*) Calcaneus, University of Hassanudin
Zoey Stonehouse, a YES Abroad student got an opportunity to invite 45 friends from her school, SMAN 34 Jakarta to attend a Halloween event at the @america where they watched Zoey presented the history of Halloween and carved a pumpkin. This event was sponsored by U.S. Embassy. Zoey and her friends also took part in Pumpkin Carving and several Games and Trivia quiz.
UPCOMING Events!

NOVEMBER
- TOLERASEAN
- International Education Week
- YES Alumni Fresh Returnee Project
- AFS 2019-2020 National Selection

DECEMBER
- International Volunteer Day

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