

International Training Program (ITP)

## On-Site Education of Practical Languages for Area Studies

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#### On My Research Theme

My research focuses on an educated unemployment in Jakarta, Indonesian capital city. Generally, in developing countries, this phenomenon is caused by a shortage of job opportunities against a rapid popularization of higher education. There is not enough job opportunities which suitable for a high educational background. On the other hand, this imbalance raises the qualification to enter the labor market, so it also urges the demand of higher education more and more. In addition, the huge qualitative difference of job opportunities furthers this phenomenon.

Indonesia also has maintained an about 10% high unemployment rate, and owing to the increase in the number of the middle classes, the higher education has spread in public. The Jabotabek metropolitan area has proceeded to expand its economic bloc and functional specialization with a series of deregulation after 1980's. This change of industrial structure bore a lot of job opportunities. Jakarta located in center of Jabotabek, so become the hub of management function and needed more educated talents.

However, most of companies recruit fundamentally based on a demand of vacant posts. They recruit new graduates from opened labor market which including job hoppers. In fact, they accept an applicant's academic background as a screening function, but not evaluate it as a labor productivity. Therefore, they often employ an applicant with working experience, and a number of recruited graduates are unstable in economic trend. As a result, this employment practice causes new graduates underemployment, prolonged job hunting and high unemployment rate.

From the above, this research traces the job hunting of new graduates and compare with companies' employment activity. Such an approach will be able to elucidate detailed causes of the educated unemployment in Jakarta, Indonesia.

## Language Training

My research's main methods are interview and literature search in Indonesian language in the suburbs of Jakarta. Therefore I attended this program with a target; 1)enrich my vocabulary on my research, 2)improve my speaking ability and reading ability.

The most important fruit is the success to explain the outline of my research through 3months duration. However, I was short of study time on the desk throughout program, so I could not improve my reading ability well. Especially during stay at Jakarta, I could not compatible fieldwork with a language study, therefore I reflect on that I could not use efficiently ITP Program as a opportunity to learn language intensively.

I will make use of this reflection and look for how to compatible a language study with a research activity like a fieldwork.