

## **A Report on Six days International Tour to Bali- Indonesia organized by GAP**

GAP Organized six days International tour to Bali-Indonesia from 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. The main objective of this tour was to explore the possibilities and probabilities in Higher education of Asia by organizing an International Conference in collaboration with Universitas Hindu Indonesia. The secondary objective of this tour was to visit various places of Bali to explore the Culture of Bali- Indonesia.

### **UNHI-GAP India 2019 International Conference, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019.**

UNHI-GAP India 2019 International Conference was held at Universitas Hindu Indonesia, Denpasar, Bali- Indonesia on May 3, 2019 on the theme “Possibilities and Probabilities in Higher Education of Asia”. The inauguration session was compered by IB Purwa Sidemen, M.Si Faculty of Education and Arts, UNHI, Denpasar and began with Balinese welcoming dance followed by National Anthem of Indonesia. Doa-Invocation Prayer was a great attraction to the audience. Dr. I Made Damriyasa, Rector, Universitas Hindu Indonesia delivered the welcome speech. The session was graced by the presence and speech of honourable Governor of Bali , H. E. Dr. I Wayan Koster fled by the gong ceremony. An MOU was signed between Universitas Hindu Indonesia and Gujarat University of India during this conference.

Chief guest’s and keynote’s address session was chaired by Prof. Dr. I Ketut Ardhana, president of Yayasanana Pendidikan Widya Kerthi, Bali. Dicky Sofjan, Ph.D. Core Doctoral Faculty Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS) Graduate School, Universitas Gadjah Made (UGM), Yogyakarta, delivered chief guest address entitled “ The Closing of the Indonesian Mind: Anti- Intellectualism in the Age of Post Truth.” Prof. Dr. Susanto Zuhdi, Prof. Dept. Of History, Indonesia University, Jakarta, Indonesia delivered keynote speech on the subject “ Higher Education in the Era of Disruption and Indonesian Values: Historical Perspective”.

Plenary-I session, *Knowledge Society and Challenges in Higher Education* was chaired by Sindhu Gitananda, M. Hum, Faculty of Education, Unhi Denpasar. In this panel speaker Dr. Gurudatt Japee from Gujarat University, India spoke on “Predicament of Knowledge Society- An Inquiry”; Dr. Preeti Oza from St. Andrews College, Mumbai, India delivered her presentation on “Equity and Equality in Higher Education- An Indian

Perspective” and Ida Ayu Gde Yadnyawati from UNHI spoke on “Religiosity, Juvenile Delinquency and Multicultural Education”.

Plenary-II session- *Nature, Life Style and Ayurveda* was chaired by Dr. Abhishek Joshi, UNHI. There were three speakers in this panel. Dr. I G M Aryana Gusti Ayu Putu Diah Permata Sari, AR Universitas Pendidikan Ganesha spoke on “The Effects of Modern Life Style on the contemporary Cultural Society”. Dr. Ritesh Ashok Gujarathi presented his paper on “Positive Health through Ayurveda”. Dr. Jasmine Gujarathi, delivered her speech on “Designer Baby through Ayurveda”.

There were four Parallel technical sessions. Parallel session-I, *Education and Society*, was chaired by Dr. Dundin Zaenuddin, Indonesia Institute of Sciences and Research. Parallel session II, *Education and Culture*, was chaired by Dr. Made Indiani, UNHI. Parallel session III, *Education and Life Style*, was chaired by Ida Sadhu Gunawan UNHI Parallel session IV, *Education and Breaking Barriers*, was chaired by Sindhu Gitanandha, UNHI. Fifty delegates from different countries presented papers on various subjects in these four technical sessions. The conference ended with the closing remarks by Prof. Dr. phill. I Ketut Ardhana, President of Yayasan Pendidikan Widya Kerthi.

### **Exploring Bali:**

To explore Bali and its Culture, delegates were taken to various places like Tanjung Benoa Beach, Uluwatu Temple, Kechuck Dance, Ubud Village, Batik, Gold, Silver, Wood Carving workshops, Kintamani Volcano Site, Tanah Lot Temple, local markets etc.

The tour was a learning, enriching and memorable experience for all with connecting people, visiting famous places, enjoying Bali’s famous dance Ke-chuck, exploring Bali’s culture, relishing Indian food and visiting local markets.

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