

Important Notes on IJSO 2016:

1. We would again remind all delegation teams to make sure that they have submitted their detailed flight information so that we can properly arrange your delegation's pickup at the Airport.
2. After the arrival at Ngurah Rai International Airport Denpasar Bali, students and leaders would be picked up and separately go to the hotels by using separate buses.
3. The Local Organizing Committee will be starting to provide food and beverage by dinner time on December 2nd 2016. Should a team arrive before dinner time and wish to dine, all food expenses before the aforementioned dinner time will be of the liability of the team and will not be covered by the Local Organizing Committee.
4. Please make sure that every delegate has prepared the required health insurance for all members of the national delegate.
5. If your delegates plan to pay for the IJSO 2016 participation fee via bank transfer, the bank account details are as follow:

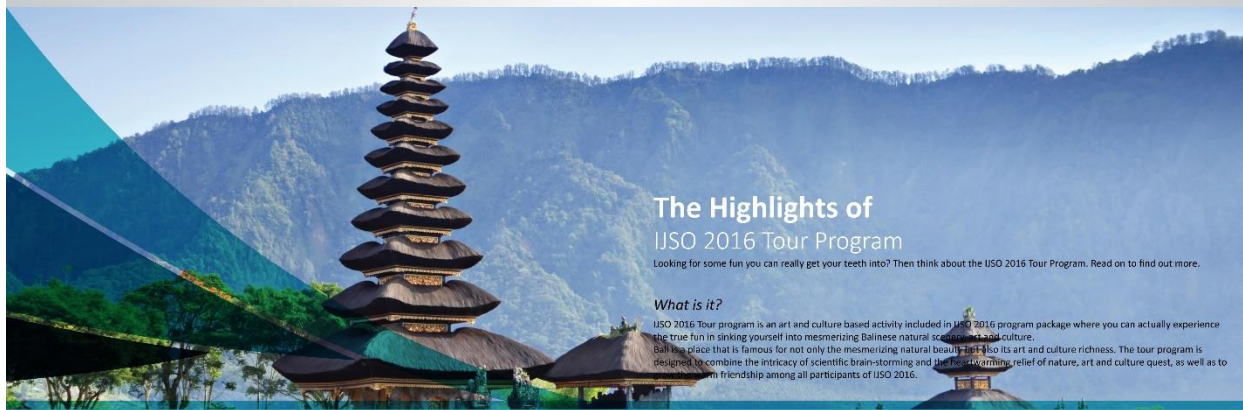
Bank name: Bank Negara Indonesia (BNI)
Bank account number: 2017 181 904
Bank account holder: Secretariat IJSO 2016

- Or you can still pay for it on the day of your arrival.
6. The organizing committee will provide one computer for each delegate in the board meeting room that can be used by the leaders during the whole competition. The default keyboard installed to the computer is in Latin alphabet, therefore should you feel more comfortable working with keyboard in certain alphabets, please bring your own desired keyboards.
 7. In regard to the safety of the experimental test in the upcoming competition, it is obligatory for each student of the country delegate who will perform in the experimental test to wear the standard White Lab Coat and Hand Gloves. Let us remind you that the organizing committee will not provide any white lab coats and hand gloves, therefore you have to bring it on your own.

IJSO 2016 Brief Program Schedule

The following is the finalized brief program of the 13th IJSO 2016: 2 – 11 December 2016

Date	Student	Leader, Observer
Friday, 2 Dec 2016	Arrival at Ngurah Rai International Airport Denpasar Bali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival at Ngurah Rai International Airport Denpasar Bali International Board Meeting (10-11 p.m)
Saturday, 3 Dec 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Ceremony Welcome Lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Ceremony Welcome Lunch Discussion & Translation of MCQ Problems
Sunday, 4 Dec 2016	Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour International Board Meeting
Monday, 5 Dec 2016	Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion & Translation of Theory Problems
Tuesday, 6 Dec 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory Test School visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour International Board Meeting
Wednesday, 7 Dec 2016	Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion & Translation of Experiment Problems
Thursday, 8 Dec 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiment Test Culture Night: National Delegate Showcase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour International Teacher Conference Culture Night: National Delegate Showcase
Friday, 9 Dec 2016	Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderation International Board Meeting & Award Decision
Saturday, 10 Dec 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing Ceremony & Medal Awards Farewell Lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing Ceremony & Medal Awards Farewell Lunch
Sunday, 11 Dec 2016	Departure from Ngurah Rai International Airport Denpasar Bali	Departure from Ngurah Rai International Airport Denpasar Bali



The Highlights of IJSO 2016 Tour Program

Looking for some fun you can really get your teeth into? Then think about the IJSO 2016 Tour Program. Read on to find out more.

What is it?

IJSO 2016 Tour program is an art and culture based activity included in IJSO 2016 program package where you can actually experience the true fun in sinking yourself into mesmerizing Balinese natural scenery and a culture. Bali is a place that is famous for not only the mesmerizing natural beauty but also its art and culture richness. The tour program is designed to combine the intricacy of scientific brain-storming and the heart-warming relief of nature, art and culture quest, as well as to strengthen friendship among all participants of IJSO 2016.

IJSO 2016 IT-Support System for Academic Meeting

In the 13th IJSO 2016 we aim to promote the value of efficiency in advanced technology, one of our way to resemble that is in the IT-support system for academic meeting that will be applied during the whole competition. As a result of a collaboration with Microsoft Indonesia we will incorporate OneNote and Windows 10, creating a more efficient and effective way in assisting you during the International Board Meeting, including the discussion and translation of the competition problems as well as the voting process during the meeting.

In a moment we will release the tutorial video and the printable manual in this website's latest news, let us remind you that it is important for all respected leaders to be familiar with the IJSO 2016 IT-support system for academic meeting. We sincerely hope that it will be helpful towards your academic quest in the upcoming IJSO 2016.

Hopefully this IT-support system will be a modified tool that help you complete the whole tasks during the competition.

IJSO 2016 Culture Night: National Delegates Showcase

On December 8th 2016 evening, there will be a culture night for the national delegation showcase. For 3 minutes each of a country delegate is invited to perform a local cultural performance, such as dancing, singing, musical act, art exhibition, etc. Please be prepared with all supporting instruments needed in the showcase and let us know the detail of your performance so we will know what to do when you need our assistance during the culture night showcase. Please download the form, fill it in and then submit it to us NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25th 2016. We can't wait to see your beautiful and inspiring local culture masterpiece!

What's in it?

BAJRA SANDHI MONUMENT

It is a monument of Balinese People Struggle. Located in the center of Denpasar City. This Monument is recognized by the name of Bajra Sandhi because it's form is looking like Bajra or Genta or bell used by all Hindu Priest in reading off Weda holy sentence (mantra) at religious ceremony. This monument is built in the year 1987 and it is opened by president of Megawati Sukarno Putri on 14 June 2003. The purpose of Bajra Sandhi Monument is to immortalize the soul and spirit of Balinese People struggle, at one blow dig, looking after, developing, and also preserve the culture of Bali to be bequeathed to a router generation as advancing capital stroke tread a world of loaded progressively with the challenge and resistance.

GARUDA WISNU KENCANA (GWK) CULTURAL PARK

An epic adventure becomes a reality for people of all ages at GWK Cultural Park. A view of a breathtaking monument, classic attractions, fantasy experience and modern technology blends in and transpire as you explore this unique cultural park.

From the classic epic of the adventure of Garuda, to another excitement of watching series of Balinese dances. Take an unforgettable journey through the unique themed area of GWK Cultural Park, when one of the world's largest monuments, one stop tourist spot with beautiful panoramic view, one of the best Kecak Dance performances in Ungasan Bali, and various cultural vendors, not to mention the complete selection of local souvenir shops to complement your modern cultural experience are ready for you. Bring home impressive moments along, all these await you and your family.

JENDELA BALI PANORAMIC RESTAURANT

Take pleasure in the highlight of your visit to Jendela Bali Panoramic Restaurant. It is the best place to enjoy authentic Balinese cuisine while overlooking the stunning panorama of Bali Island. As suggested by the name, Jendela (window) Bali is designed as a viewing cliff. It is a suitable place to spend the day for enjoying sunset time as the pinnacle of a visit at GWK Cultural Park.

Situated 300 meters above the sea level, you will be spoiled with the view of both sides of the ocean that flank the Bali Island, with the Jimbaran and Kuta Beach on the west coast, and Tanjung Benoa and Sanur Beach on the east coast. With Mount Agung and Mount Batur as the background, even the busy traffic aircraft at Ngurah Rai Airport will be engraved in your mind. Time will fly as you are witnessing the sunset on Jimbaran Beach side, and enjoying the beautiful twinkling lights that adorn Jimbaran, Kuta, Tanjung Benoa and Denpasar City Area. Witnessing those magnificent panoramic views, while enjoying special cuisine, in admiring vast open sky and beautiful city light at night, will be a lifetime moment of enjoyment, a complete and unforgettable dining experience.

PANGLIPURAN TRADITIONAL VILLAGE

Panglipuran Village is home to 200 traditional-style houses in the village, lined asymmetrically along the streets and up the hill. The streets are made of natural stones. There are plenty of colorful flowers growing around the village. Motorcycles and cars are banned from entering to ensure that the village will not suffer from air pollution. Peaceful Panglipuran is unique in that it has managed to retain much of its traditional charm.

This Bali's very own Village located in Bangli in East Bali was recently named as one of the top three cleanest villages in the world. Famous for its bamboo shingled roofs and ancient Balinese architecture, the village is a model town with its clean streets, well-kept gardens, dogs on leashes, trash bins every 30 meters or so.

Chief Manager of Panglipuran's Village Tourism, I Nengah Moneng said that the award will strengthen the villagers' sense of responsibility and pride. It will help to ensure that they continuously safeguard the beauty and environment of the village while creating green and sustainable surroundings that will benefit future generations.

He also said that the habits of keeping the village clean were inherited from their ancestors. "It's ingrained in our personalities and beliefs," he added. "It is our responsibility to preserve and continue with the teachings of our ancestors. The present generation has a responsibility in which we must uphold for all future generations."

KERTALANGU

Kertalangu cultural village: Desa Budaya is situated in the middle of an 80-hectare rice field and is the perfect one-stop location for experiencing shopping and culture in Bali. Here you can enjoy Balinese cuisine, watch cultural performances, observe locals make handicrafts, and even plant rice paddies with your own hands. The cultural village also has loads of facilities to accommodate and entice visitors, such as running tracks in lush surroundings, fresh fruit and vegetables available for purchase, fishing ponds, and a restaurant and beauty salon.

KRISNA SHOPPING CENTER

For those of you looking for cheap souvenirs in Bali, look no further! Krisna Shopping Center is the place to go. You'll find almost everything here in the convenience of a massive air conditioned store. Inability to speak fluent Bahasa (with the correct accent) can be a disadvantage for shopping in Bali, as the price mostly ends up higher. Therefore shopping in places like Krisna where the prices are fixed and lower than the more touristy markets, is a bliss.

TANAH LOT

When you visit Tanah Lot, you might be told a story about a snake, a holy snake. The legends say that all the sea snakes in this area with the black and white colouring on their skin are the beings that guard this religious site. These snakes are known to protect the area and its people from evil – and in return the people respect, protect and leave the snakes to exist in their natural habitat.

According to the local priest, the Holy Snake at Tanah Lot can only be found on the religious site and nowhere else in the world. Over the years, ancient mythology on this has been analysed and the findings are very interesting. They can prove through the texts that the nests of these holy snakes only exist in Tanah Lot and they are not in danger of becoming extinct.

As far as we know there have never been any incidents where a holy snake has ever bitten a visitor or a local at Tanah Lot Temple. You can see the snakes around the area if you know where to look but you must enter the caves on the site to be able to see them and not many people are keen to do so. There are guards at the front of the caves and they will show you where to look if you fancy staring a snake in the face in the dark. You are able to touch the snakes if you feel inclined to but the priest at Tanah Lot suggests you get a blessing from someone at the site before you do so.

PANDAWA BEACH

Pandawa Beach, locally referred to as 'Pantai Pandawa', is a great addition to Bali's collection of gorgeous beaches, located on Bali's southern Bukit Peninsula. The fine, one-kilometre coastal stretch is located in the village of Kutuh. 'Hidden' behind large carved limestone cliffs that reveal wide views to the Indian Ocean, Pandawa Beach was once also dubbed as 'Secret Beach' and it was officially opened in 2012, fast-gaining popularity among local weekenders and international visitors.



UC SILVER

Based in Batubulan - Bali, UC Silver is one legendary sterling silver company with operations starting back in 1989 and has been the leader in luxurious handmade jewelry with unique designs inspired by the essence of every living thing.

The dragonfly is the symbol of UC Silver, as the four wings of the dragonfly represent the four brothers from Gianyar who founded the company: I Wayan Suledja, I Made Dharmawan, I Nyoman Eriawan and I Ketut Sudiansana. The dragonfly is also a symbol of prosperity in Bali, because if a farmer sees many dragonflies in his rice field, it means his rice is fertile, and the air, land and water are clean. The company also has four pillars: preserving Balinese culture, uniting all in kinship, having the courage to take risks, and sharing happiness and love with all.

UC Silver's products are divided into three collections; Sweet Dragonfly as its premium offering, the UC Silver Collection for the middle, and the Blink-Blink Collection as more affordable and trendy, mostly for younger customers. Their products have two main functions, as accessories for daily use and as luxury jewellery. It runs the gamut from earrings to larger pieces. Many feature a dragonfly motif. In keeping with the firm's logo. While silver is part of the name, the company has diversified into other metals, especially gold and brass. On the company's website, the word "gold" is placed directly underneath the word "silver" in the name, letting customers know gold is also available. The prices for its products can range from Rp 300,000 for a bracelet all the way up to Rp 1.2 billion for a handbag incorporating gold metalwork.

GUWANG MARKET

The village of Guwang is home to the Guwang Art Market, referred to locally as 'Pasar Seni Guwang', is Bali's most distinguished and long-standing art market. It is where visitors can seek and purchase distinctly Balinese art items such as paintings and sculpted wooden figures, curios, handicrafts and traditional handmade products. The Art Market was established in the 80s and is located on the main road in Gianyar, approximately 20km northeast from the main tourism hubs of Kuta and Denpasar.

The art market's main building is often packed with shopping holidaymakers and locals sourcing household and daily necessities. It is an alternative, inexpensive and complete shopping destination conveniently situated along most tour itineraries to the central and northern regions of the island.

BATU BULAN

Batubulan is an artistic countryside in west part of Gianyar regency. The identity and image as an art village, Batubulan has been famous in Indonesia and all over the world which has been built based on an artistic blessing dance of Barong (Barong and Keris dance). Barong Dance is traditional dance daily performed at five different stages in this countryside, like Puseh Temple Stage, Tegal Tamu Stage, Denjolan Stage, Sahadewa Stage and Sila Budaya Stage. The fascination of this Tourism Cultural Object is from variety of quality artistic potency.

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