

PHARMABRIDGE INDONESIA 2024

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The Pharmabridge Indonesia event, held from November 13 to November 18, 2024, at Airlangga University, Surabaya, was a remarkable program that brought together pharmacy students and professionals from diverse regions. Organised by the Students Representative Council (MPP) 2023/2024 session, Society of Pharmacy Students (SOPHYS) and Student Secretariat of Faculty of Pharmacy (SMF), the event offered a platform for academic learning, cultural appreciation, and meaningful community engagement. By combining professional development with immersive experiences, the initiative highlighted the importance of global collaboration in shaping future pharmacists. A major highlight of the program was the impactful community service conducted at Suroboyo Park, Surabaya, East Jawa, Indonesia. Participants engaged directly with the local community to raise awareness about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Through conversations and the distribution of informative brochures, the participants educated the community on preventive measures and management strategies for COPD. This activity showcased the commitment of pharmacy students to promoting public health and underscored the importance of pharmacists in addressing community health challenges.



The visit to Airlangga Hospital in Surabaya, which exposed participants to various hospital departments, was another key activity. This experience provided a comprehensive understanding of the healthcare system in Indonesia and highlighted the critical role of pharmacy professionals in multidisciplinary teams. By observing different departments, attendees gained valuable insights into hospital operations, patient care, and pharmaceutical practices, enriching their academic and professional perspectives.



The cultural exchange sessions added a unique dimension to the program. Participants from different backgrounds shared their traditions and values, fostering a sense of unity and mutual respect. Presentations by Airlangga University's student association, Student Executive Board (BEM), further enriched the experience, offering insights into leadership, academic initiatives, and organisational excellence.

Beyond academic and cultural pursuits, the program offered a chance for recreation and exploration. A memorable trip to the iconic Mount Bromo allowed participants to experience Indonesia's breathtaking landscapes and strengthen bonds with their peers. This excursion served as a perfect reminder of the beauty and diversity of the host country, leaving participants with lasting memories of their time in Indonesia.

Pharmabridge Indonesia stands out as a model program that seamlessly integrates professional insights, cultural understanding, and community impact. By fostering collaboration and building lasting connections, the event empowered participants to embrace their roles as future leaders in pharmacy. The success of this initiative reflects a shared vision for advancing pharmacy education and contributing to the well-being of communities worldwide.