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Higher Vocational Education Presidents' Forum held at Ming
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2018 Taiwan-Indonesia Higher Vocational Education Presidents' Forum held in November 14, 2018 at Ming Chi University of Technology, New Taipei City. With the attendance of 20 Indonesia universities delegated by Prof. Dr. Herri SE, MBA, the coordinator of LL Dikti Wilayah X and representatives from Taiwan's Higher Vocational Education, the forum offered the opportunity for both sides to exchange values, ideas and practice aimed to integrate and build collaborations between Taiwan and Indonesia for cultivating the talents for better future.

As the grand beginning of the forum, the Deputy Counselor of Ministry of Education, Taiwan (R. O. C.), Chia-Lin Chang, presented opening remarks to welcome the distinguished guest from Indonesia. In addition, she also acted as one of the keynote speakers along with Prof. Herri, both demonstrating the features of higher vocational education in the respective countries and showing the possibilities of achieving multiple types of collaborations in the future. On the afternoon of the forum, a special panel session was planned, on the topic of the roles of universities in enhancing social and economic improvements with 6 university presidents from Taiwan and Indonesia in total as speakers to share and exchange practical ideas to create more values from higher vocational education. The panel was further followed by a joint MoU-signing ceremony between seventeen Taiwanese universities and LL Dikti Wilayah X, showing great prospect of enormous cooperative academic and research projects following afterwards.

In March, 2018, the President of MCUT, Dr. Thu-Hua Liu, led a delegation to pay a visit to Padang, West Sumatra, Indonesia. During the visit, the delegation of MCUT not only obtained a rare opportunity to present an extensive school introduction to over 100 representatives from colleges and universities in the region, but also signed the agreement with LL Dikti Wilayah X as well as 75 Indonesian higher educational schools. As a friendly gesture to return the favor, President Liu invited the group of Indonesian rectors delegation to visit Taiwan. The back-to-back mutual visits in 2018 have paved a solid and long-term collaborative foundation for the two sides. As the most important and loyal academic and research partner to each other, both Taiwan and Indonesia expect to go further beyond merely bilateral cooperation and elevate this good interaction to a higher level of involving more governmental and educational partners. Hand in hand, a better future of collaboration between the two countries can be easily foreseen.



Group photo at the beginning of the 2018
Taiwan-Indonesia Higher Vocational
Education Presidents' Forum