



## President Jeffrey J. P. Tsai's Opening Remarks for Taiwan Education Fair

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*Dear representatives from 43 Taiwan universities, dear participants online, ladies and gentlemen, a hearty good morning!*

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Asia University, to extend my warmest welcome to all of you in Jakarta, Surabaya, Yogyakarta, and other places of Indonesia, who spare a good Saturday to attend this online education fair. Over the past years, we used to hold Taiwan Education Fair in Indonesia, working together with some renowned Indonesian universities, such as UNAIR, UNDIP, UNJ, UMY and UMM, but the rampage of Covid-19 now has made it impossible for us to gather together and to have face-to-face engagement. However, taking the advantage of modern technology, we can still meet on the air, regardless of the geographical distance between Indonesia and Taiwan. Last year, we had two education fairs online, drawing more than fourteen thousand prospective students to take part in the event. Based upon these experiences and practices, we launch this year's event today and hope it will become another satisfying and rewarding experience to all participants.

Indonesia is an important partner to Taiwan in many fields, including the academic cooperation in the higher education. Today, we have 13,804 Indonesian students studying in Taiwan, the 3rd largest group of international students. Taiwan, as you know, is a high-tech country and excels in quality teaching and innovative research. Taiwan is also a Muslim friendly country, with a free, democratic, and prosperous society, which creates further incentive for Indonesian students to choose Taiwan as their primary destination for studying abroad. There is a strong academic tie between Indonesia and Taiwan and, as a result, the number of Indonesian students in Taiwan is increasing every year. Many Indonesian students have expressed and shared their great education experience in Taiwan, saying they are all able to find good jobs after they return to Indonesia or to continue their further studies here in Taiwan or elsewhere.

As a host to this online education fair, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Education, Taiwan, for its strong support for the Indonesian Taiwan Education Center in Surabaya. For this special occasion, Dr. Nicole Yen-Yi Lee, Director General of the Department of International and Cross-strait Education, Ministry of Education, and Mr. John C. Chen, Representative of TETO, Jakarta, will deliver some important message to the prospective students, regarding Taiwan government's New South Bound Policy and Taiwan Scholarship opportunities.

We also invite three rectors from AU's partner universities in Indonesia to give remarks to encourage Indonesian students to study in Taiwan. They are Prof. Mohammad Nasih, Rector, UNAIR, Prof. Komarudin, Rector, UNJ, and Dr. Gunawan Budiyanto, Rector, UMY.

What's more, we have 43 Taiwan universities, both private and public, attending this fair today. They will take turns to introduce their universities to you. It is a rare opportunity to get to know so many good Taiwan universities at one time. Their willingness to join us, I truly believe, will help make this online education fair a fruitful and memorable event for you all.

Any good presentation cannot be complete without the audience's warm participation. You are most welcome to ask questions or to start a dialogue with any representatives from each university, and I think they are all prepared to answer your questions and inquiries on the site. Last but not least, I wish each of you can find your favorite university, and make your dream of studying in Taiwan come true. I am looking forward to seeing you all in Taiwan soon. Thank you.