

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

CUPT-CRISU Conference 2025

Council of University Presidents of Thailand - Council of Rectors of Indonesia State University
The New National Capital City (IKN), Nusantara, Indonesia

25-26 August 2025

Hosted By: Institut Teknologi Kalimantan

**Co-hosted by: Universitas Mulawarman, Universitas Borneo Tarakan,
Universitas Tanjungpura, Universitas Palangkaraya, Universitas Lambung
Mangkurat**



Background

The CUPT-CRISU Conference is a joint conference between the Council of University Presidents of Thailand (CUPT) and the Council of Rectors of Indonesia State Universities (CRISU-MRPTNI). The conference has been held 15 times on a rotational basis between the two countries since 2005. In 2005, Prof. Dr. Satriyo Soemantri Brodjonegoro, then Director General for Higher Education at Indonesia's Ministry of National Education, initiated the establishment of the Thai-Indonesia Rector Conference by collaborating with Dr. Ninnat Olanvoravuth of Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning (ASAIHL) to organize its first meeting in Bangkok. Dr. Prasert Chitpong, President of the Council of University Presidents of Thailand (CUPT) and Prince of Songkhla University (PSU), agreed to the conference on the condition that Dr. Ninnat would fully represent him and preside over the closing ceremony. Prof. Satriyo led a delegation from the Council of Rectors of Indonesian State Universities (CRISU), but had to depart early, leaving Dr. Ninnat to close the event alongside H.E. Ambassador Ibrahim Yusuf, who hosted the farewell dinner.

Since then, the conference has been held 15 times on a rotational basis between Thailand and Indonesia, with the 14th hosted by Udayana University in Bali in 2019. After a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 15th CUPT-CRISU Conference resumed in 2024, hosted by Prince of Songkla University in Thailand. Continuing this important tradition of academic collaboration, Institut Teknologi Kalimantan is now tasked with hosting the 16th CUPT-CRISU Conference in 2025, to be held in Indonesia's new capital city, Nusantara.

With the theme *“Collaborative Innovation for Impact: Strengthening Food Security and Industrial Downstreaming through Higher Education Partnerships,”* the conference reflects Indonesia's renewed higher education focus on inclusive progress and sustainable development. It emphasizes the role of universities in advancing food sovereignty, agro-industrial downstreaming, and innovation-led transformation, especially in alignment with the vision for Nusantara as a sustainable and inclusive capital.

Objectives of the Event

1. Promote collaborative innovation between higher education institutions, industries, and stakeholders to address food security and industrial challenges.
2. Strengthen food security efforts through research, technology, and community engagement led by academic institutions.
3. Support industrial downstreaming by enhancing university contributions in value-added processing, technology transfer, and innovation.
4. Build sustainable partnerships that drive inclusive progress and long-term development through knowledge exchange and joint initiatives.

Date of Implementation

August 25–26, 2025

Location

The New National Capital City (IKN), East Kalimantan, Indonesia

Theme of the Event

“Green and Inclusive Campuses: A Governance Approach to Sustainability and Social Responsibility”

Organizers

- **Host:** Institut Teknologi Kalimantan (ITK)
- **Co-Hosts:** Universitas Mulawarman (UNMUL), Universitas Lambung Mangkurat (ULM), Universitas Palangka Raya (UPR), Universitas Tanjungpura (UNTAN), Universitas Borneo Tarakan (UBT)

Conference Activity Specifications

1. **Rector/Director Forum:** A dissemination forum attended by Rectors/Directors/Vice Rectors of Higher Education Institutions aimed at establishing a framework for university-to-university (U-to-U) cooperation between the two countries, marked by the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) or Agreements (MoAs).
2. **Dean Forum:** A dissemination forum attended by Deans and Heads of Study Programs to build realistic collaborations in specific fields—short, medium, and long term—that are mutually beneficial for both parties, also formalized through the signing of MoUs or MoAs.
3. **Student Forum:** A dissemination forum attended by students to discuss student activities related to reasoning, talent development, student organizations, and fostering environmental awareness and love for nature in pursuit of a better future.
4. **Cultural Performance during the Gala Dinner:** Cultural performances by representatives or combined groups from participating universities, such as traditional dances, folklore songs, and other artistic displays. State universities interested in presenting a student art team should register their team with the MRPTNI Secretariat for selection and verification.
5. **Environmental Excursion:** Includes symbolic tree planting at IKN, a visit to (New Capital Authority), and exploration of Mentawir Plantation as part of the Nusantara green.

Participant Requirements

1. Each CUPT or CRISU-MRPTNI member university may send a complete delegation consisting of 3 people: one Rector/President/Vice Rector/Vice President, one Dean, and one student. Alternatively, they may send only part of or fewer than these three components.
2. The maximum participant quota is 80 delegates for CRISU-MRPTNI and 70 delegates for CUPT, comprising the three categories. Registration will be closed once the respective quotas are fulfilled.
3. Each participant must register through the online form at <https://cupt-crisu.itk.ac.id/registration>, where each delegate is required to provide their name and position in accordance with the conference specifications.
4. Participants who register earlier and submit their delegation will be confirmed as participants (priority basis), until the quota of 80 MRPTNI participants and 70 CUPT Participants is reached.
5. Accompanying people (spouse/children/etc.) who are not actively involved in the conference may attend the evening gala dinner by paying a consumption fee of **4,000 baht or Rp 2,000,000** per person.
6. Registration will be closed on **July 31, 2025**, or earlier if the quota of 80 MRPTNI participants and 70 CUPT Participants is reached.
7. All costs related to airfare, local transportation, and hotel accommodation are borne by each participating institution. The MRPTNI committee will cover meals during the conference.
8. Participants are required to make their own hotel reservations at Qubika Boutique Hotel Kota Nusantara or Swissôtel Nusantara or another preferred or recommended hotel listed on the official conference website.

Accommodation

The following table outlines the tentative schedule, including key activities, locations, and accommodations for participants during the visit. Please pay attention to the dates and hotel information, participants are responsible for your own accommodation and travel arrangements.

Date	Activity	Location	Accommodation*
24/08/25	Arrival of participants at Sepinggan Airport	Balikpapan	Hotel in Nusantara
	Traveling from Balikpapan to Nusantara	Nusantara	
25/08/25	Day 1 Program	New Capital City, Nusantara	Hotel in Nusantara
26/08/25	Day 2 Program	Mentawir	Hotel in Balikpapan
	Return to Balikpapan	Balikpapan	
27/08/25	Departure of participants	Sepinggan Airport, Balikpapan	-

**Participants are highly advised to follow the arrangement*

Transportation

Departure Schedule from Institut Teknologi Kalimantan to the New Capital City – **24 August 2025**.

Time (WITA / UTC+8)	Departure Location	Bus Assignment
13.00 WITA / 12.00 (UTC+8)	Institut Teknologi Kalimantan	Bus A-C
16.00 WITA / 15.00 (UTC+8)	Institut Teknologi Kalimantan	Bus D-E
18.00 WITA / 17.00 (UTC+8)	Institut Teknologi Kalimantan	Bus F

Note: Please be advised that the committee will only provide transportation on the dates and times listed above. Outside of this schedule, participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation to Nusantara. Participants arriving earlier than the scheduled time will be transported to ITK to wait for the next available shuttle. Those arriving after the scheduled times should proceed directly from the airport to IKN. **Airport taxis to IKN are readily available.**

Additional Information

I. MoU and MoA Preparation

Participants are encouraged to prepare MoU/MoA documents in advance with their prospective partner universities in Thailand, and to have the agreement finalized prior to the conference.

II. Accompanying/Additional Participants

Universities may send accompanying or additional participants beyond the Rector/Director (or their representatives), Deans/Vice Deans, and student leaders. These may include staff, international office personnel, or other support members who are not actively involved in the conference sessions, but who participate to support the delegation. All related costs shall be covered by the respective institutions, and these participants will be considered as observer participants.

III. Outdoor Essentials for Mentawir Visits

For the outdoor visit to Mentawir Plantation, please bring essential items to ensure comfort and protection, including sunscreen or sunblock (SPF 30+), sunglasses, insect repellent. Wear breathable, long-sleeve clothing and long pants to protect against sun and insects, along with comfortable outdoor shoes. It's also recommended to carry a raincoat or poncho.

This Technical Instruction has been prepared as a guideline for university delegations participating in the 16th CUPT-CRISU Conference in Ibu Kota Nusantara, East Kalimantan, Indonesia, hosted by Institut Teknologi Kalimantan, Indonesia.

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