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Editor's Note

Welcome to all new students who have joined us in the first trimester of 2011. You should by now have started settling into your classes at MIBTi and making lots of new friends. If you need any help at all, please feel free to speak to me or any MIBTi staff member.

Remember to focus on the big picture as you start working on your first assignment or preparing for your first test at MIBTi. The big picture is that studying at MIBTi is a pathway to Deakin University or possibly another overseas destination.

During the first few weeks of the trimester it is only perfectly natural that you might be experiencing some difficulties making the transition from Indonesian high school or learning all subjects through the medium of the English language. If you find that you require extra help from us, then please read the section below in the Newsletter about the 'Academic Skills Advisor' and make an appointment.

Are you feeling creative? Do you have any suggestions, ideas or even better - would you actually like to contribute something to the MIBTi newsletter? Anyone interested please feel free to drop by my office for a chat.

Mike Wildblood



Calendar

MIBT Indonesia Calendar 2011: Trimester 1

22 Feb	Last day for payment of fees without penalty
23 Feb	Late fee payment penalties apply
3 Mar	Orientation day
7 Mar	Trimester starts
11 Mar	Last day to apply for exemptions
11 Mar	Last day to change unit selections without penalty
18 Mar	Last day to change unit selections with penalty
1 Apr	Last day to withdraw from a unit without penalties
22 - 28 Apr	Easter Break
6 - 10 Jun	Exams
22 Jun	Results issued
11 Jun - 10 Jul	Trimester Break

Academic Skills Advisor

In addition to the Academic Writing Support programs available, please remember that we also have an Academic Skills Advisor, James Ross, who is available to help students with any academic or English problems. James provides one-on-one tuition and academic workshops including help with:

- Any English language problems
- Various academic skills, e.g. time management, how to avoid plagiarism, advice on how to structure assignments, etc.
- Exam preparation and revision tips

James is available by appointment via email on james@mibt.or.id or mobile 081389989689. Alternatively, please feel free to just drop in to the Learning Support Room (between the computer lab and the staff room) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 09.30 to 12.30.

Recent Events

Results Day

For the final trimester of 2011 there were lots of very happy students finding out that they had just graduated from MIBTi. Good luck to everyone in your future studies!



Highest Achievers

Congratulations to all the top performing MIBTi students in Trimester 1, 2011 as follows:

ALC102	Monica Angelina Gunawan
ALC102	James Michael Widjaja
ALJ112	I Gusti Ngurah Adhiwijananda
ALR103	I Gusti Ngurah Adhiwijananda
ASC160	I Gusti Ngurah Adhiwijananda
BUS103	Margaret Oei
BUS107	Yosefina Dwi Anugerah Naomi
BUS108	Angga Praharsa Adhyatmika
BUS109	Arlene Guntur
COM105	Silvia Lokajaya
COM201	Sharon Moniaga
COM202	Angga Praharsa Adhyatmika
MAA103	Stephanie Adelia
MAE101	Sheira Narita
MAE102	Darwinder Singh
MLC101	Francis Ray Leonard Po
MLC101	Putri Tanidjaja
MME101	Putri Tanidjaja
MMK277	Michael Bernard Rast
MMM132	Michael Bernard Rast
MSC120	Maria Carissa
MSQ171	Maria Carissa
SIT104	Elissa Gondosiswanto
SIT104	Santoso
SIT105	Anthony Roberto
SIT151	Anthony Roberto



Recent Events

MIBTi Outing

The outing was held at Taman Budaya, Sentul City, Bogor on Friday 26 November 2010. It was definitely a case of back to nature as after arriving at Sentul we all went on a beautiful walk through rice fields with quite stunning views of the countryside.

Eventually we arrived at the Curung Luhur waterfall where we all had a well deserved break and a swim. After a tasty lunch by the waterfall we hiked back to camp and took part in various activities including the flying fox.



MIBTi Beauty Class

The Staff Student Committee (SSC) organized a beauty class at MIBTi on Friday 21 January 2011 that was run by La Tuilp Cosmetic Beauty Consultants. The class of 20 was made up of MIBTi students and staff alike. They were taught various make-up techniques while one of the students, i.e. Rebecca Budianto, deserves a vote of thanks for being the model for the day. Everyone had a really enjoyable time and learnt some top beauty tips.



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MIBTi Charity

MIBT Indonesia in the form of its SSC is continuously collecting charitable donations. This trimester was no exception as the coffers swelled and we were fortunate enough to be able to donate approximately AUD800 to our chosen charity, i.e. Panti Asuhan Balita Tunas Bangsa (in Cipayung Jakarta) which is an orphanage for children under 5 years old – including babies; quite unbelievably it is the only government run orphanage of its kind in Jakarta as all the others are privately run and funded!

MIBTi donations included foodstuff, clothes, diapers, milk, toys, and medicine. A party of about 20 MIBTi students and staff visited the orphanage on Tuesday 8 February. In addition to giving our donations we looked around the orphanage and entertained the children with a clown and Sponge Bob Square Pants and some sing songs with one of our ex MIBTi students (now Deakin) playing guitar.

Although it brought a tear or two to our eyes, it was great to see the kids smiling and laughing and getting some cuddles from the students. There was a premature end to proceedings when all the boys decided to try to beat up poor Sponge Bob and he had to do a runner.



Staff Profile

Name:	Sia Dixit
Background:	Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) MBA
Position:	MIBT Lecturer
Strangest Travel Experience:	On our first trip to Bali a Balinese family invited us for lunch at their house. During the meal itself various Balinese traditions were explained to us. One of these was to preserve the corpse of family members in a designated place in the house while waiting for the cremation. We later learnt that the grandmother the family lost three months ago was in the next room awaiting final rituals.
Thoughts on Life:	To have the right attitude is a prerequisite for success.
Hobbies/Interests:	Lately just one - spending as much time as possible with my daughter to see her grow up.
Advice for Students:	It takes very little intelligence to see differences but it takes a whole lot of courage to accept them.

