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# SUNTROPIS

**Sunny Universality: Mulawarman University Tropical Studies Program in Summer**

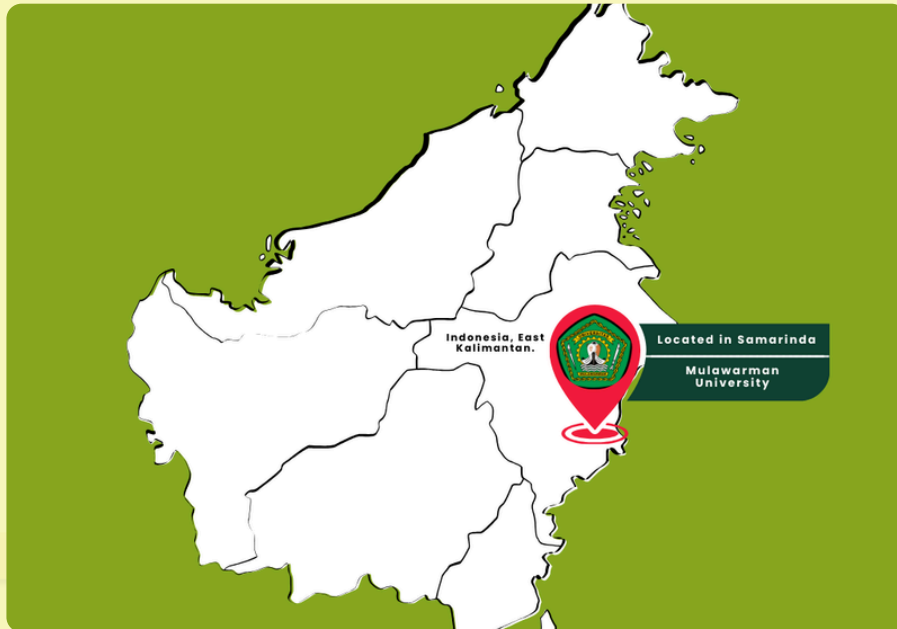
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**Guidebook**

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# Mulawarman University in Words



**Mulawarman University is Located in Samarinda, East Kalimantan**

We're so excited to introduce you to Unmul! Unmul stands for "Universitas Mulawarman", and it's the largest university in Kalimantan. With more than 37,000 students and staff members, it's a truly amazing place. The wonderful Universitas Mulawarman is an international-standard university that contributes to national development through education, research, and community service focused on natural resources, especially tropical rainforests and their environment.

# Mulawarman University in Words



**The building of the Faculty of Engineering, one of the 13 faculties at Mulawarman University.**

Unmul is home to 13 different faculties, with over 80 programs to explore. You'll find undergraduate, postgraduate, and vocational programs in a wide range of fascinating fields.



## What is SUNTROPiS

SUNTROPiS is the name of this year's annual Summer School Exchange held by The International Office of Mulawarman University. SUNTROPiS is an abbreviation of Sunny Universality: Mulawarman University's Tropical Studies Program in Summer, which in this program you will get a lot of knowledge from some faculties in our university. You will also have a chance to get close with Borneo's nature and culture through a field trip to our fascinating tourism destination.

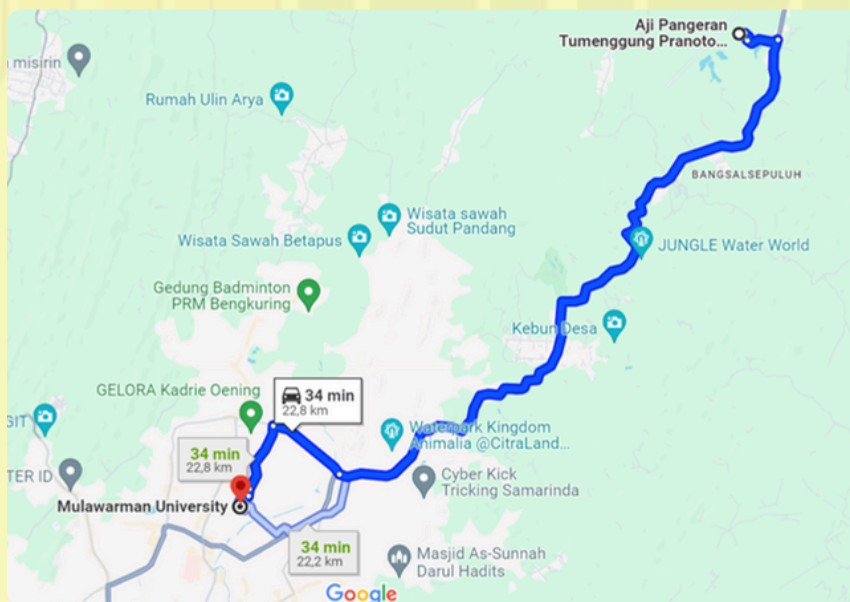
This year, you will get to learn various matters in 8 faculties of Mulawarman University with a huge range of knowledge from Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Faculty of Marine Sciences, Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Agriculture, and Faculty of Public Health.

Check out on previous event activity on **BYLC 2023- Post Event Report** and **<https://oia.unmul.ac.id/suntropis/>**

## How to get to Samarinda

There are two major international airports, one is in Samarinda, one in Balikpapan, and all of you will arrive in either of those airports.

- In Samarinda, A.P.T. Pranoto International Airport provides direct flights from major cities like Jakarta (CGK), Makassar (UPG), Surabaya (SUB), Yogyakarta (YIA), and Berau (BEJ). If you arrive in Samarinda, the Committees will pick you up at the Airport and take you to the Mulawarman University Dormitory, as long as you give fixed information about when you arrive.



**Route from A.P.T. Pranoto International Airport in Samarinda to Mulawarman University**

## How to get to Samarinda

- In Balikpapan, some international flights from Singapore (SIN) and Kuala Lumpur (KUL) would arrive in Balikpapan, Sepinggan Airport has more routes than Samarinda. But since Balikpapan is 2 hours drive from Samarinda, you will have to spend extra money to go to the Mulawarman University dormitory. But there's no need to worry! We are going to give you some handy tips if you want to do so.



**Route from Sepinggan Airport in Balikpapan to Mulawarman University**

## How to get to Samarinda

If you arrive at Sepinggan airport, you will have to take some extra steps to get to Samarinda as we can't pick you up there. You can choose whether you would like to use **a rented car** (the committees will arrange this for you if you have requested it) or use the '**Kangaroo**' **shuttle bus**. The Kangaroo Shuttle Bus would have their booth at the airport. This shuttle service provides a direct route to Samarinda for around Rp200,000, so make sure you have some cash on hand.



The booth may look like this

## How to get to Samarinda



**The bus should look like this (there might be a slight difference in livery or bus type)**

The shuttle will drop you off at Jalan Awang Long in Samarinda, where the committees will be there to take you to Mulawarman University Dormitory.

## How to get to Samarinda

Please note that we can only provide information for Balikpapan or Samarinda. If you are arriving from abroad, you might need to go through immigration in Jakarta, where you will have a layover. Make sure all your travel documents are easily accessible for a smooth transition.



## Handy Travel Tips

1. **Steer Clear of Unofficial Taxis:** You'll likely be approached by taxi drivers at Sepinggan Airport. We advise against using these services as they may not speak English and we can't vouch for their reliability.
2. **Seek Help from Security:** If you need assistance, look for airport security officers. They are usually in uniform and can help you, although they might have limited English.
3. **Stay in Contact:** Let us know your travel details before you depart and after you arrive, whether by plane or bus

## Useful Links

1. Soekarno-Hatta International Airport  
<https://soekarnohatta-airport.co.id/>
2. S.A.M.S. Sepinggan Airport  
<https://sepinggan-airport.com/id>
3. A.P.T. Pranoto International Airport  
<https://aptpranoto.id/>



## Cultural Advices

Indonesia is a vibrant nation with numerous ethnic groups, each with unique customs and traditions. Understanding basic cultural principles will help you integrate smoothly with the locals.

### Appearance

Modest dress is common in Indonesia, especially in East Kalimantan, due to its cultural and religious diversity. Comfortable attire is suitable for casual activities, but in traditional or formal settings, opt for clothing that covers shoulders and knees.

### Manner

Indonesians value politeness and respect, especially towards elders. Here are some key tips for interactions:

- **Smile:** Smiling is highly appreciated. Whether you make eye contact or engage in conversation, a warm smile goes a long way.



## Cultural Advices

- **Handshakes:** A typical Indonesian handshake is gentle and often followed by placing the hand on the chest, signifying respect.
- **Eye Contact:** Extended eye contact can indicate curiosity. Respond with a smile and a nod.
- **Offering and Receiving with the Right Hand:** Use your right hand or both hands when giving or receiving items, as using the left hand is considered impolite.

## Useful Phrases

While many Indonesians understand English, learning a few phrases in Bahasa Indonesia shows respect and effort to engage with the local culture. Here are some useful phrases:

### Greetings:

- Apa kabar? (*How are you?*)
- Permisi (*Excuse me*)
- Sampai jumpa (*Goodbye*)

# Cultural Advices

## Introductions:

- Nama saya... (*My name is...*)
- Saya berasal dari... (*I'm come from...*)
- Saya tidak bisa Bahasa Indonesia (*I can't speak Indonesian*)

## Asking for Help:

- Tolong (Please/Help)
- Bisa bantu saya? (Can you help me?)
- Saya tidak mengerti (I don't understand)

## Shopping:

- Berapa harganya? (*How much does it cost?*)
- Saya ingin membeli ini... (*I would like to buy this...*)

## Directions:

- Di mana...? (*Where is...?*)
- Berapa lama? (*How long?*)
- Kanan (*Right*)
- Kiri (*Left*)

## Cultural Advices

### General Questions:

- Apa ini? (*What is this?*)
- Di mana kamar mandi? (*Where is the bathroom?*)

### Polite Expressions:

- Terima kasih (*Thank you*)
- Maaf (*Sorry/Excuse me*)

### Additional Tips - Respect for Nature

East Kalimantan's rainforests and wildlife are stunning. Practice eco-friendly behaviors, minimize waste, avoid single-use plastics, and respect wildlife habitats. Sustainable tourism helps preserve the environment and supports local communities.

By adhering to these advices, you will enhance your experience in East Kalimantan, fostering positive interactions and deeper cultural understanding.

## What Should I bring

Basically, there are essential items which are a MUST during the event. These includes:

### Traditional Attire

Culture is in the theme and what can show yours better than a fashion statement? Feel free to bring complementary accessories too!



### Outdoor Attire

Some of the activities will be done outdoors. Prepare some comfy clothes that will not restrict your movements during exercise or swimming.



# What Should I bring

## Semi - formal or Formal Attire

There will be ceremonies to attend too. Make sure to look great!

## Footwears for Each

Sporty one for exercise, flip-flops to go around the town, and a formal footwear. BUT, there is no pressure to bring all of them. If you feel like bringing just one for all, it is up to you!

Then there are also optional or advisable items to be included in your bag. They are!

## Powerbank

It is a lifesaver, believe me.

## Mini - Fan

Indonesia is a tropical country and Kalimantan can get TOO sunny. Mini-fan on the go can help you withstand the heat.

## What Should I bring

### Personal Medicine

We do have apothecaries here, but if you have some meds from your doctor's recipe that will be good.

### Additional Snack

Nothing wrong with having more socks in your arsenal.

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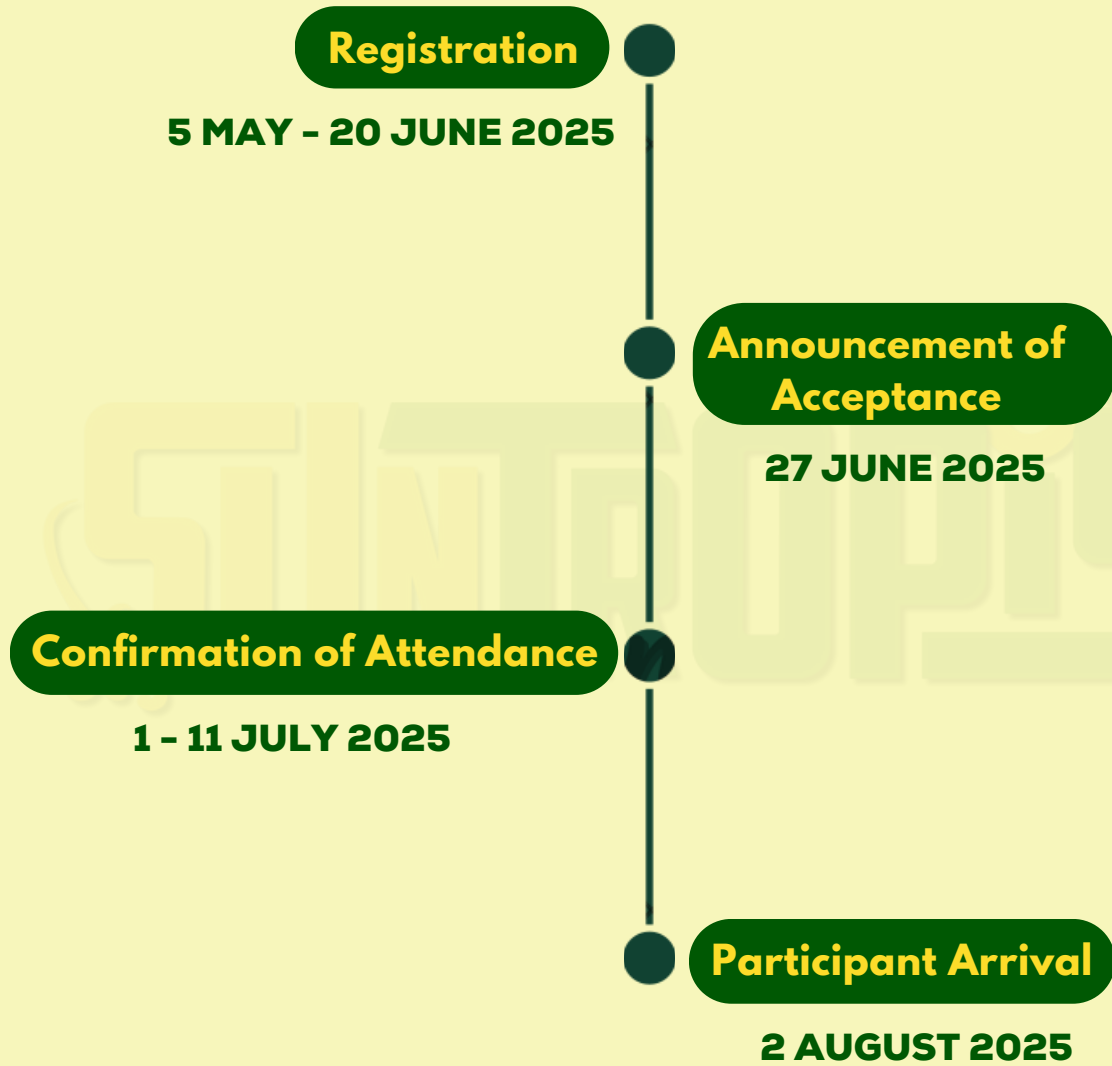
## Activity Details

TIME	TIMETABLE	ACTIVITY
2 August 2025		Participant Arrival
3 August 2025	08.00 - 20.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program orientation</li> <li>• Trip to Pampang Village</li> <li>• City Tour</li> </ul>
4 August 2025	08.00 - 16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AgriFun activities</li> <li>• Ecoprint</li> </ul>
5 August 2025	07.00 - 19.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip to The Sun Bear Education and Conservation Centre</li> <li>• Explore mangrove with boat</li> <li>• Trip to Sungai Wain</li> <li>• Trip to Bangkirai Hill</li> </ul>
6 August 2025	05.30 - 15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bangkirai Hill Tour, Canopy Bridge</li> <li>• Trip to the New Capital City Nusantara (IKN)</li> </ul>

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7 August 2025	06.00 - 16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip to Panrita Lopi beach</li> <li>• Snorkling at Batu Lampe coral reef</li> </ul>
8 August 2025	08.30 - 16.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional medicine &amp; drink (Faculty of Pharmacy)</li> <li>• Traditional food (Faculty of Public Health)</li> <li>• Traditional games and music of East Kalimantan (Faculty of Cultural Sciences)</li> </ul>
9 August 2025	08.30 - 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Ceremony and Award Announcement</li> <li>• Departure of participants to hometown (optional)</li> </ul>
10 August 2025		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure of participants to hometown</li> </ul>



## Timeline





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**Registration Link :**



<https://tinyurl.com/SunTropis2025>

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