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WELCOME, DEAR ALUMNI!

From the Handong International Alumni Office

The Handong International Alumni Office is beyond excited to officially establish the Handong International Alumni Association! We look forward to connecting with our international alumni and creating bonds that will go beyond time in Handong.

While you read this newsletter, sitting on your favorite chair, drinking a nice cup of coffee, we hope it will take you back to the wonderful memories you created while in Handong.

Each newsletter will also feature an alumnus! Through this, we hope to share in the joys and struggles as one body!



Greetings from OIA

by Professor Scott Lincoln

Welcome to the Handong Alumni Community. This is a centralized location to keep track of our growing Handong family. We want to know how you are doing and share in your joys and triumphs as well as your pain and sorrows. We want to know your praises and your prayer requests. We want to continue to do life together with you. Even though we may be on opposite sides of the planet now, we want to feel close to each other in spirit. The Handong community spirit is one of the things that make Handong really special and that doesn't need to end when you leave campus. Let's keep the community spirit alive and well even among our distant alumni. We're really looking forward to hearing from you.

What is a Founding Member?

Handong International Alumni Association®

The role of the Founding Member will mainly be to support the HIAO by connecting us with other alumni. This may entail but is not limited to the following:

- Actively promote the association to other Handong international alumni.
- Actively promote and participate in events related to the HIAA.



Alumni Spotlight:
Keniko Roostanto

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- **Year of Graduation:** 2019
- **Majors:** Global Management, Christian Studies
- **Works As:** Founder & CEO, Grams Coffee Lab

A little about myself:

Hi guys, I'm Ken from Indonesia! I entered Handong as a freshman in 2015 and graduated in 2019. Very few of you may know me but I was pretty active in the Carmichael community and organizations such as ISU, CPT, EPT, RA team and many I-HanSTs! My Handong season was probably the most significant time in my life where I got so many breakthroughs and insights on my personal life.

What I am currently doing:

Right now, I'm doing my thesis for my MBA degree that hopefully finishes this semester. I'm also building a new startup that focuses on advancing Indonesia's economy through the specialty coffee industry (*@gramscoffee.lab*). It's a new startup that is currently under the supervision of Founder's Institute, the biggest business incubator in the world from Silicon Valley and we are currently in the process of getting 'A' series funding from venture capitals. As a founder and CEO, I'm building 6 different brands that focus on reaching the vision above.



MBA Degree
Magister Manajemen, Universitas Gadjah Mada

What I have been up to since graduation:

Handong has done a great job in shaping my perspective of the world and how I fit it. But, even on my day of graduation, that vision wasn't crystal clear. One thing that I knew was that I had a strong desire to return to Indonesia and to make a change. Coming home, I enrolled in an MBA program because I didn't feel fully ready to face the world or know what industry I wanted to dive in.

But here's how I got my vision. One of many things that Handong taught was to drink coffee (yes, Iced Americano from AINTT). I started to brew my own coffee at home, got to know the industry, and worked full time as a barista for 2 years. I eventually got promoted to become a Trainer-Recruiter, and then Product Supply Manager, and got numerous certifications in coffee. These 2 years confirmed my personal vision to dive into the coffee industry.

I hit rock bottom when I started to see a clash between my personal vision and my employer's vision. So, I made one of the hardest decisions in my life - resign and create a start-up.



Gramscoffee Lab

Keniko's coffee start-up





"I made one of the hardest decisions in my life: resign and create a start-up."

KENIKO ROOSTANTO



Tim & Keniko
Fall iHanST 2018



Keniko's Graduation
Class of 2019

What I miss most about HGU:

Definitely the circle of friends. Handong has a way to curate/filter the people that go there. I have never had friends that just totally clicked in many ways besides in Handong.

How HGU influenced my work:

Too many to list here. But for my company, Handong has definitely been the main reason for me to have my vision.

My hope for the HIAA:

To be a living community that connects and supports each other. I hope this is not just another program that comes and goes quickly.

Words to Handong Alumni:

Despite all of the good philosophies that Handong gave, Handong was a safe bubble and gave us a lot of pressure to change the world. Us alumnis out of all people know this in our heart. Let's support each other beyond our time in Handong!





Handong News:

Seminar on 'Innovation and Community Efforts for Regional Development' with Kathmandu University in Nepal



From 15 to 16 April 2022, Handong Global University (President Choi Do-Sung) with the UNESCO UNITWIN Project Group held a seminar on innovation and community efforts for regional development with 40 students from Kathmandu University of Technology. The seminar discussed the importance of establishing a community based on economic, socio-cultural, sustainable, and entrepreneur endeavors as well as regional development by utilizing image technology and smart city development plans. Handong Global University is currently promoting the development of higher education in countries globally by conducting joint education online seminars such as the “Nepal Joint Curriculum” project.



Handong University Graduate School of International Law, 21 U.S. Bar Examinations Pass

21 students from the Handong International Law School (HILS) have passed the U.S bar examinations in Washington, D.C., in February. With the COVID-19 pandemic, preparing for the exams was harder than expected. However, they overcame this challenge.

HILS was first established in 2002 with the purpose of fostering international legal professionals to lead the global era. It has become a prestigious law school in the field of international law, with more than 100 U.S. lawyers over the past three years. Since then, a total of 536 lawyers have graduated from HILS, and 70% of the graduates have passed the U.S. bar examinations.

Handong International Law School follows the U.S. law school curriculum, and all classes are taught in English by U.S. professors. HILS also provides internship opportunities at law firms, corporate legal teams, government agencies, as well as NGOs and cultivates the ability to practically apply theoretical knowledge.

Handong University Parents' Prayer Club Daegu Team Holds 'Love Feast' Event for Foreign Students



17 May 2022, Handong Global University, President Choi Do-Sung with the Daegu Parents' Prayer Association team held a 'Love Feast' event for 150 international students. Love Feast is a dinner event organized by the Daegu Parents' Prayer Association to encourage and support international students from different countries. Handong has more than 70 groups of parents from all over the country praying for the school and students, and the Daegu team has been holding meals, gifts, and events for international students every semester. "I am happy to be able to hold Love Feast for the first time after COVID-19 situation improves; I hope international students will feel the love of Korean fathers and mothers", quoted Kim Myung-Hee, the head of Daegu Parents' Prayer Association.



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