

Event Report

Project to Create Research and Educational Hubs for Innovative Manufacturing in Asia  
 — Online CIS Activity Report (Indonesia) —

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The Coupling Internship (CIS) event in the fiscal year 2020 was held online between Japan and Indonesia from Feb. 8th to 15th in 2021. Since it was prohibited to travel overseas due to the effect of the new coronavirus this year, the CIS was carried out online for the first time. A total of eight students participated: two from School of Foreign Studies, one from School of Economics and one from Graduate School of Engineering, Osaka University (OU); two from Faculty of Humanities and two from Faculty of Engineering, University of Indonesia (UI). Since last June, the students from OU had taken a total of eight pre-training sessions in Japan to prepare for the actual online session. For two days since the online CIS was begun, the students attended for giving an overview of Japan and Indonesia, explanation of Japanese manufacturing enterprises, training for communications, education of basic welding knowledge, and preliminary examination of CIS practice theme.

From Feb. 10th, they attended online corporate training for two days by connecting to PT. Cilegon Fabricators (PTCF) in Serang. PTCF is a subsidiary of IHI and is a manufacturer of power generation boilers. In the practice, they listened to company’s explanation

about business structures and activities and then interviewed the executives, leaders and staff of PTCF. The students worked hard every day by repeatedly discussing the practice theme, “Problems and Measures in Communications at PTCF,” based on the information obtained by interview.

On the final day of Feb. 15th, the students reported the results of review about the practice theme. The final reporting presentation was completed through active questions and answers with a total attendance of 20 people including Prof. Winarto (Faculty of Engineering) and Prof. Filia (Dept. of Japanese Linguistics) from UI, President Yoshida and Senior Manager Saito from PTCF, Visiting Prof. Suga and Assoc. Prof. Hashimoto from OU. President Yoshida commented, “Many proposals extended by the students are interesting.”

This CIS activity was worthful in that the students have understood a Japanese-affiliated local manufacturing company and learnt the importance of communication skill and cross-cultural understanding through undertaking the task of the practice theme. At the end of the online CIS, all the participants promised to meet again in the future.

