

Wetskills Indonesia 2025

Blog for HZ

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Getting to go to WetSkills Indonesia was one of those experiences that jumps in front of you out of the deep blue and smirkingly says; do you want me? I surely grabbed it with both hands, and didn't let go. No, it wasn't all smooth riding; I had to sacrifice the last 2 weeks of university, missed a flight or two, and almost got lost on a train crossing hundreds of kilometers of jungle. Nonetheless, totally worth it.

Amazingly, just getting to go to an event like this is only thanks to the opportunities created by the WaveMakers and the HZ university, and their willingness to share these opportunities is ultimately why I am studying here, and also why I feel I can really progress these next years towards my personal and professional goals. The experiences gained during group work during my Indonesia journey is what stands out to me most and is what I will mostly express here.

Before I get into that though, I will share a few of my experiences with the field trips of Wetskills. One extremely impactful moment was traveling by bus through a cluster of villages being "taken over by the sea". I remember watching through the window with a sort of disbelief at seeing the water rs

My experience here in the work rooms and during our project development hours is exactly as if this program was made by my own study program (Global Project and Change Management). Everything that we are asked to do, is something that I have learned about this year. And I mean everything. I genuinely feel so prepared and knowledgeable about what is being asked of me. Don't get me wrong – it's not somehow easy due to this, and I am fighting everyday to do the work, but I know this work. I recognize the patterns and the strategies. And I have the background.

We are practicing so many disciplines from business models, to global challenges, presentation skills, project management, change management, impact of solutions, research perspectives, energy transition, systems thinking, living lab, e.t.c! All of it is relevant. And, the best part, I am in a group with fricken intelligent engineers, masters graduates, professionals in the field, and I feel QUALIFIED. Like, what? I am a first year, this shouldn't be possible, but I have been contributing immensely to the development of our ideas/project. And I have been learning so much. Especially in leadership, task delegation, and team motivation.

Additionally, I have been discovering the beauty of numbers and hard science. Our project is about water offsetting, and we are approaching it from a marketing standpoint, and having real data based on numbers is crucial. And getting to work with

engineers and data scientists from a completely different study but also CULTURE is opening my eyes so much. The way that they work and think from an engineering and different cultural standpoint is completely different form of approaching problems. And it works too! I especially enjoy how they are able to take abstract ideas, find the data to support them and make it make sense, and return them in a much more tangible form.

Working with these great people was truly incredible. I have even been able to collaborate with the other groups within the program and brainstorm ideas and work with them towards a common solution. Because I have learned in GPCM about how we are all in this together, how everything is connected, and how my strength lies in working with people. And, as a cherry on top, I am also realizing how much I may really love project management. I don't think it will be easy. Matter of fact, I think it is going to be one of the more challenging fields I could have chosen to enter. But the essence of it, is growing on me. The way I can jump into any project with any people and make it make sense, create something together, make something tangible and real from nothing. Create something valuable.