National Congress and International Summit of Environmental Health Students

**Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia**

**24-26 September 2011**

**Background**

As people are integral part of the earth ecosystem, human health is fundamentally interconnected with the environment. Public health is, therefore, underpinned by the environment. High public health status inevitably requires healthy and supportive environment.

But, the significant impact of the environment on human health is only realized worldwide in the last three decades. It was the 3rd International Health Promotion conference in 1991 in Sundsvall, Sweden, which addressed the topic on supportive environment for health. It absolutely contrasts with the 1980s’ themes, when of 2500 publications on health searched there were only 15 articles containing environment issues. Thus, environmental health (EH) was less appreciated in many parts of the world.

In Indonesia, public awareness about EH is quite low. Although there are governmental programs and projects for managing communicable and non communicable diseases, EH science and practices are often marginalized. Most people embrace curative rather than preventive paradigm, while many others do not realize that environmental factors always contribute to every incidence of disease.

As such, it is necessary to develop and promote EH values, knowledge, skills, and practices through organized movements of academic, professional, and practitioner communities. Professional organization of EH scientists and practitioners is one of the leading movements.

University students are strategic human resource for developing and promoting preventive paradigm through mastering EH values, knowledge, skills, and practices. Unfortunately, EH students at local, national, and global levels are not well organized and consolidated. There is no national or international student union as relying point to exchange and share experiences, challenges, and practices.

EH Student Association (Envihsa) at Universitas Indonesia’s Faculty of Public Health immensely realizes those challenges. Envihsa has been consolidating the existing associations of EH students across Indonesia. Efforts are focused on the establishment of national federation and a national congress is proposed under encouragement and support of EH departments of five-leading state universities (Universitas Sumatra Utara, Universitas Indonesia, Universitas Diponegoro, Universitas Airlangga, and Universitas Hasanuddin) as founding father of the Environmental Health Specialist Association Indonesia.

Further, in coincidence with the IFEH Board and Council AGM on 24-25 September 2011 and first celebration of the World EH Day on 26 September 2011 in Bali, Envihsa proposes National Congress and International Summit of Environmental Health Students. While the congress is to establish national federation of the Indonesian EH student associations, the summit is to establish foundation for international federation consisting of national federation of EH student associations. It is expected also that the proposed international federation would be accepted as EH youth chapter of IFEH in the coming 12th World Congress in Lithuania in 2012.

**Goal and Objectives**

**Strengthening the EH values, knowledge, skills, and practices to develop individual and community awareness and responsibility for better human health and the environment through:**

1. Establishing Indonesian federation of EH student associations;
2. Establishing international federation of EH student associations of IFEH council member countries;
3. Introducing the 26th September as The World EH Day to be celebrated annually worldwide;
4. Practicing real actions through EH project for the public as part of student’s social responsibility;
5. Introducing EH student association as professional student organization;
6. Demonstrating professionalism of EH students’ knowledge, skills, practices, and contribution in promoting healthy and supportive environment; and
7. Establishing student networking and exchange at national and international levels.

**Program Activities & Themes**

- **National Congress:**
  Optimization of Young Generation Character in Developing Profession of Environmental Health

- **International Summit:**
  Global Partnership’s Improvement for the Whole Development of Environmental Health.

- **EH Project:**
  Action for the Environment, be healthy, be nature.

- **Student Expo:**
  Youth Generation Cares Public Health.

- **Cultural Function:**
  Local Wisdom in Behavior toward the Environment.

**Schedule & Venues**

- **National Congress:** 24 Sep 2011, 8am-23pm, Udayana University;
- **International Summit:** 25 & 26 Sep 2011, 2-6pm, Udayana University;
- **EH Project:** 25 Sep 2011, 8am-2pm, mangrove plantation at Kuta Beach;
- **Student Expo:** 26 Sep 2011, 9am-2pm, Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel;
- **Cultural Function:** 25 Sep 2011, 7-9pm, Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel.
The National Congress will discuss EH student associations’ issues regarding the unity, constitution, organization structure and personnel, and legal requirements and recognition related to laws and regulations, vision and mission, programs and activities. Strength, weakness, opportunities, and threats in growing and developing professional student union will also be discussed.

EH student associations of five-leading national universities represented by Envihsa of Universitas Indonesia, Confident of Universitas Diponegoro, and Forkom of Universitas Hasanuddin, take initiative to hold the NC. The NC is expected to come out with the establishment of national (Indonesian) federation of EH student association (herein-after proposed as NIFEHSA). A Secretary General will be elected among congress participants to be responsible for developing and promoting the new established NIFEHSA to be recognized as professional student association under Indonesia Ministry of National Education portfolio.

International Summit

International Summit is an international forum of EH students to exchange and share trans-boundaries issues which require global partnership and collaboration. Participants of the International Summit are nominated by IFEH Board and Councils. International students are welcomed to discuss current and future issues regarding global partnership for the whole development and promotion of EH worldwide.

The ultimate goal of the summit is the establishment of international federation of EH student association (herein-after proposed as IFEHSA), or, at least, foundation of international student committee for the IFEHSA establishment. To do so, a Secretary General will be elected to be responsible for developing and promoting IFEHSA to be recognized and accepted as IFEH youth chapter in the coming 12th World Congress in Lithuania in 2012.

Witnessed by IFEH BoD and delegates, the summit will declare multilingual ‘Bali Charter’ on guiding principles of the proposed IFEHSA. All congress and summit participants will sign the declaration to symbolize the unity.

Student Expo

Student Expo combines education, exhibition, and entertainment expressing professionalism of student programs in education, research, and community services or social responsibility. Each EH student association of national and international levels is invited to present its activities by posters, banners, photographs, movies, videos, fun games, art performance, and competition.

Student associations are encouraged to decorate their stands with photographs and recycle or reusing materials for competition. The IFEH BoD is expected to judge the competition and announce the winner.

The Student Expo is expected to be visited by all IFEH delegates, participating students, and the publics. The Expo will provide the visitors with opportunity to exchange and share the growth, development, promotion, maintenance, and practice EH values, knowledge, skills, and professionalism.
Environmental Health Project

Environmental Health Project consists of campaign parade and field trip to sustainable project. Campaign parade will introduce the World Environment Health Day to be celebrated annually by various types of communication media in different languages. Campaign materials such as pins, stickers, posters, flags, hats, etc. to celebrate 26th September as World Environment Health Day will be given to the public on the way to visit Bali sustainable development project i.e. mangrove plantation at Kuta Beach. Participants in diverse traditional costumes will sing World Environment Health Day yells during traveling and practice hygienic and sanitary activities such as washing hands and cleaning rubbish from public places.

At Kuta beach, you will observe the success story of mangrove plantation, understand the ecological importance of mangrove, and enjoy the beauty of built environment with its wild species. Bali Mangrove Management will describe and show environmentally sound mangrove products such as soft drink, juices, jam, and other edible products. You will have opportunity to observe the recovered endanger birds' species. If you wish, you can also plant mangrove.

Cultural Function

Envihsa will present traditional costumes, dances, and musical performance in gala dinner representing local wisdom in environment sustainability. While dances express healthy activity of local people, traditional costumes represent local wisdom in using safe coloring agents to color fabrics.

In this event, you can listen and play unique musical instrument made from renewable materials. Good collaboration is required to play the instrument as one person play only one tone. It can play either traditional or modern music. International students are invited to present their own traditional costumes, musical performance, tales, folksongs, etc.

Healthy Indonesian cuisines will be provided during the performance. You will taste healthy Indonesian and Asian halal foods with tropical spices. You will taste different types of tropical fruits.................

Target Participants & Audiences

- Participants for the National Congress are students representing EH student associations of Indonesia;
- Participants for the International Summit are international students representing environmental health student associations of overseas universities, particularly of IFEH council member countries;
- Participants for the EH Project are students participated in the National Congress and International Summit;
- Participants for the Student Expo are environmental health student associations of Indonesian and overseas universities, while its audiences for Student Expo are all participants of the National Congress and International Summit, IFEH Board and Council AGM participants, local government, the public, relevant stakeholders, and interested parties;
- Participants for the Social Function are all participants of the National Congress, International Summit, and IFEH delegates.
Dear Students and Colleagues,

Envihsa of Universitas Indonesia, under auspices Environmental Health Specialist Association Indonesia (EHSA), cordially invites you to participate in the National Congress and International Summit of Environmental Health Students to be held on 24th to 26th September 2011 in Bali.

The Organizer has great honor and pleasure to welcome you to Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia, which offers you to enjoy the beauty of tropical island with diverse culture and tradition. Bali, one of 33 provinces in Indonesia with Denpasar as capital city, has hosted numerous national and international events, but the coming congress and summit on 24th to 26th September 2011 will be the unique first experience for national and international students to exchange and share their knowledge, skills, values, norms, and practices of environmental health during study at university and for the future. Here, environmental issues will be borderless and become everyone's business in the united society.

We look forward to meeting you in Denpasar on 24th to 26th September 2011.

Congress and Summit Committee

Randy Novirsa
Chairman

Yosi Marpaung
General Secretary

Sponsorship

Your contribution and commitment to EH science, technology, and practices can be demonstrated by sponsoring different activities of the National Congress and International Summit of Environmental Health Students. EH Project, Student Expo, and Cultural Function are good spaces for your sponsorship. By sponsoring these events, your products and services will reach global audience in many parts of the world of more than 30 IFEH member countries from Asia-Pacific, Australia, Africa, Europe, Canada, and the USA. You will also be recognized as an important player in EH field programs with good network, collaboration, alliance, and partnership.

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