

## IIFO

During the period of July 17 - 25, 2023, I ( Muhammad Rezaul Haider) and my friends had the extraordinary opportunity to represent Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta (UMY) as delegates in the International Islamic Finance Olympiad (IIFO) including a summer course. The event took place across three renowned universities in Indonesia, starting at Airlangga University (UNAIR), then proceeding to UMY, and concluding at the University of Indonesia (UI). In addition to these three universities, the event was also attended by two foreign universities, namely the Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM) and KTO Karatay University. Let me share the remarkable experiences I gained during this event.

On July 17, 2023, we departed from Yogyakarta to Surabaya, specifically to Airlangga University. Upon arrival, the organizers warmly welcomed us and escorted us to the hotel. After checking in, all participants were taken on a campus tour of Airlangga University. On July 18, 2023, we attended the opening ceremony and the first summer course at Syariah Tower, delivered by Dr. Huseyin Ergun from KTO Karatay University. Next, we proceeded to the Faculty of Economics and Business at UNAIR for the second summer course presented by Dr. Kamola Bayram, also from KTO Karatay University. Later that day, we had the third summer course delivered by Dr. Tika Arundina from the University of Indonesia (UI), and during this session, there was a Forum Group Discussion (FGD) where I had the opportunity to interact with participants from other universities, as each group consisted of members from different institutions. On July 19, 2023, we checked out from the hotel and visited the Monumen Tugu Pahlawan and the Museum Sepuluh Nopember in Surabaya, where we learned a great deal about history. After that, we participated in a batik session at Mirota Batik and then proceeded to the station to continue our journey to the next destination, Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta (UMY).

On July 20, 2023, we commenced our activities at Café 1912 UMY with the Opening and Welcoming Ceremony by UMY. We then moved to the Postgraduate Building at UMY for the fourth summer course delivered by Dr. Bayu Arie Fianto from Airlangga University. After that, we engaged in a batik session and continued with the fifth summer course presented by Dr. Dhani Hendranastiti from the University of Indonesia. On July 21, 2023, we participated in an international course led by Dr. Huseyin Ergun and Dr. Diah Setyawati Dewanti, lecturers from Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta. This was followed by the sixth summer course presented by Dr. Yuli Utami from UMY and the seventh summer course by Dr. Dimas Bagus Wiranatakusuma. On July 22, 2023, the organizers took us on a cultural visit to the Sunobudoyo Museum to learn about history and capture some memorable moments. Later, we explored the Malioboro area before being escorted to the station for the final leg of our journey to the University of Indonesia.

On July 23, 2023, upon arriving in Jakarta, the organizers arranged a tour to the National Monument (Monas) area, and then we checked in at Wisma Makara UI. On July 24, 2023, we had a Company Visit session, first to Pegadaian Syariah, where we were welcomed and informed about the products and history of Pegadaian. Next, we visited Bank BTPN, where we learned about the history, products, and efforts of the bank in educating small communities about financial matters. On July 25, 2023, the last day of the IIFO event was also the day for the Olympiad sessions. Three categories were contested: essay presentation, debate, and Muamalat Interactive Game (MIG). Our UMY delegation secured victories in each category. In the essay presentation category, we obtained the third position in the first round and the first position in the second round. In the debate category, we secured the fifth position, and in the MIG category, we were placed fifth as well. After the competition, we had a cultural exchange session, where each university showcased their cultural performances. Finally, there was a closing session to wrap up all the activities of the IIFO event.

Personally, I gained valuable learning experiences and formed exceptional relationships with participants from various universities during the IIFO event. I would like to express my immense gratitude to all the parties involved in making this event successful. A special thank you to UMY, especially Dr. Dimas Bagus Wiranatakusuma, for selecting me and my friends to represent Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta in this event.









