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DAAD and UMY co-hosted an informative session themed “Study and Research in Germany and DAAD Funding Opportunities.” This session drew a diverse audience, including researchers, lecturers, undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students. Participants received comprehensive information on various mobility programs supported by DAAD, which facilitate academic exchanges and research collaborations between Indonesia and Germany.

Dr. Scheneiders also underscored the advantages of studying in Germany, noting the country’s

strong emphasis on sustainability and innovation. He encouraged attendees to consider Germany not only as a destination for higher education but also as a hub for pioneering research in green technologies and sustainable development.



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Basalamah's visit is seen as a strategic step in strengthening institutional relationships, broaden-

ing UMY's reach, and establishing a more substantial presence in North America. Both institutions are optimistic about the prospects of this cooperation and the potential for future academic and research collaborations. UMY's stakeholder expressed their enthusiasm for the opportunities that this partnership with the University of Ottawa could bring, anticipating a fruitful collaboration that will enhance the university's international profile and provide valuable experiences for its students and faculty. This visit marks a promising beginning for UMY in its pursuit of global partnerships and its commitment to providing a world-class education to its students.





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networking opportunities geared towards strengthening their internationalization efforts.

Condro Nur Alim, Ph.D., from UMP, as the Director of ASKUI PTMA for the 2023-2025 period, highlighted the association's strategic focus during his keynote address. He outlined the five pillars of the association's work program, collectively known as SMART: Data Systems (Sistem Data), KUI Management (Manajemen KUI), Assistance & Facilitation (Asistensi dan Fasilitasi), Recognition & Publications (Rekognisi dan Publikasi), and Transformation (Transformasi).

"The SMART program is designed to ensure that ASKUI PTMA members achieve their desired levels of performance and effectively support their universities in competing on the international stage," said Dr. Alim. "By focusing on these five pillars, we aim to create a robust framework to enhance our member institutions' operational efficiency

and global recognition."

Participants engaged in various workshops and sessions to improve data management systems, enhance the management of international offices (KUI), provide effective assistance and facilitation, increase recognition and publications, and drive transformative initiatives within their institutions. The capacity-building initiative is expected to have a lasting impact on the participating institutions, enabling them to navigate better the complexities of international higher education and fostering more excellent academic and research collaborations worldwide.

As the event concluded, the participating members of ASKUI PTMA reaffirmed their commitment to working together to drive forward their mission to provide world-class education and enhance the quality and competitiveness of Muhammadiyah and 'Aisyiyah higher education institutions.