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Request for distributing information:

Preparatory Doctoral Training for Indonesian PhD-students & candidates by Dutch universities: Leiden University and Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam in Indonesia.

Dear Mr. Dian Toar,

Greetings from the Erasmus Training Centre!

Since 2019, the Erasmus Training Centre (ETC) in Jakarta, in partnership with three top Dutch universities—Leiden University, University of Groningen, and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam—has been organizing a preparatory doctoral training program tailored specifically for PhD students from Indonesia. Regrettably, the University of Groningen is no longer part of this consortium starting from this year. The objective of this program is to provide support to incoming and future Indonesian PhD students, helping them prepare for their PhD trajectories at a Dutch university.

Over the years, we have observed an increasing need among PhD students to develop research skills and competencies, enhance their academic writing skills in English, and improve their presentation skills in order to successfully embark on their PhD trajectories. Through this intensive one-week program, we aim to equip PhD students with the essential research, academic writing, and soft skills required to effectively navigate the common challenges encountered during PhD research.

This year marks the 5th edition of the program, which will be held in person from June 10th to 15th, 2024. The program is open to all first-year Indonesian PhD students who have been accepted into a doctoral program in the Netherlands, as well as prospective PhD students planning to pursue their studies in the Netherlands.

As we aim to reach out to the broader Indonesian PhD community, especially lecturers, we kindly request your institution's support in promoting this program through social media or by spreading the word through WhatsApp groups among the lecturers at your esteemed university. All promotion materials about pre-doctoral course can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/PredocIDN>

Thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation. We warmly welcome the participation of Indonesian PhD candidates from your esteemed institution in our pre-doctoral face-to-face program in 2024. In the meantime, should you be interested or have any questions in this regard, please contact **Mrs. Sally Gentha** (gentha.sally@erasmustrainingcentre.com).

Sincerely and on behalf of the members of the PhD Consortium Indonesia,



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