Nurturing Indonesian Youth Innovators through Boot Camp

ABSTRACT

The main obstacle in Indonesian innovation generation and impact creation is a lack of facilitation for nurturing innovative and entrepreneurial knowledge and skills dedicated to students. Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) developed an innovation summer boot camp for students across Indonesia, which is called i-STEP (intensive Student Technopreneurship Program).

i-STEP is designed to provide students with necessary skills and knowledge to bring ideas into innovative solutions and impact creation in society. It is a competitive program in which students from various universities in Indonesia send proposals describing their ideas to compete for a two-week intensive training. I-STEP has been implemented for six years, trained 300 students from 38 universities in six batches, involving technical and business mentors from university and private sectors. This paper discusses the concept and design of i-STEP in relation to impact creation in society. The evidences, impact assessment, and lesson learned are also presented.