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BOLT was proud to sponsor another Asian Youth Forum, AYF27, at various universities in Maros Indonesia emphasizing the theme “Environmental Sustainability.” The event started off with a special opening ceremony at Ballaqa Lampa on August 7. The regent



of the Prefecture gave a welcoming speech inviting the visiting students to participate and enjoy the scenery in Maros. Ballaqa Lampa is a traditional house where special ceremonies are held and was attended by special public officials and administrators as well as students who were participating in AYF. The traditional dances and welcome were the beginning of a part of Indonesian culture. Following the opening ceremony



students settled into their hotel rooms preparing for student discussions the following day of plenary speakers and breakout sessions. Students also prepared presentations at various universities.



BOLT as well as Dewan Pendidikan Kab Maros and FKIP University Muslim Maros had events on August 8 and August 9.



Following a special dinner, music, and viewing the sunset at the beach on August 9 students also visited some high schools and interacted with the students there.



Indonesia has many boarding schools for Junior High and High School, hence the visits to them as well provided opportunities to further discuss sustainability issues.





Bantimurung is a UNESCO site that has limited numbers of visitors, but AYP27 was able to be involved in the International Conference on Environmental Sustainability there as well as viewing Rammang-Rammang in Bontao, Maros that is well known for its stunning karst mountain landscapes considered as one of the largest karst areas in the world.









AYF27 was an overall success. Students were able to bond and make future contacts to continue efforts to keep our environment sustainable. A special thank you to Co-chairs Dr. Ismail Suardi Wekke and Dr. Peter John Wanner for organizing AYF 27.

AYF28
Online Conference
February 10-11, 17-18, and
24-25, 2024
Registration Address will
be posted on homepage.
Registration Period:
December 1-30, 2023

AYF 29
Location: Istanbul, Turkey
September 18-26, 2024
Registration Address will
be posted on homepage.
Registration Period:
January 1 –March 30, 2024

Upcoming
2024 AYF
Events

AYF 30
Location: Barru, Indonesia
September 18-26, 2024
30 Participants will be selected
from Vetting Process
Registration Address will be

AYF 31
TOHK Net Hall and Sendai
Forestry Center; Sendai, Japan
November 10-14, 2024
30 Participants will be selected
from Vetting Process