

Professionals In Helping Exchange Students

UNIVERSITY: Made Rajeg and Sri Rahayuni have been working with Asia Exchange students since the co-operation between Udayana University and Asia Exchange began. In the future they'd like to see even more international students in Bali.



ASIA EXCHANGE students are especially grateful to one person at Udayana University for their opportunity to study at [a top university](#) on the miraculous island of Bali. That person is **Made Rajeg**, head of the Bali International Program of Asian Studies (BIPAS) in Udayana University.

Rajeg was the person Asia Exchange contacted when the organization started to look for a possibility to bring exchange students to a university in Bali. Rajeg was an obvious choice because he has been working for Udayana University since 1986 and knows nearly everything about the best university in Bali.

- One of my main tasks in Udayana University has been teaching

English. Before becoming the head of BIPAS Program, I was also working as a secretary in another program in Udayana University, Rajeg tells.

After Asia Exchange started working with Udayana University and especially with Rajeg, it was decided that Asia Exchange students will participate in BIPAS courses. So Rajeg has had an important role to the current situation of exchange students in Bali.

ASIA EXCHANGE students have learnt to know the eternally smiling BIPAS chief really well because besides of his important administrative tasks, Rajeg also teaches Indonesian language to

the exchange students. It's pretty clear that Rajeg enjoys getting to know all the students as well as the instilling of the Balinese spirit to visiting students of the university.

- We always try to remind the students to smile as much as they can and to be friendly to local people. In Bali people always try to be nice to each other so it's good for exchange students to also learn that culture, Rajeg says and laughs. He is a model example of a Balinese person himself. His upbeat attitude is probably one of the biggest reasons for his classes being really popular.

LUCKILY MADE RAJEG doesn't have to do everything by himself. Especially the secretary of BIPAS,

Sri Rahayuni, is a crucial person for the program. She has been working as the secretary since December 2009 when the first Asia Exchange students were about to start their studies. Before that Rahayuni had been teaching English in Udayana University for a couple of months.

- I started the new position as soon as Mr. Rajeg asked me to become the secretary of the program. My job includes, for example, creating the schedules for each semester, planning the excursions and

workshops and also helping the students when there's a sudden change of plans, Rahayuni says.

IT HAS BEEN four years since the first Asia Exchange students came to Bali. Almost every one of them knows Rajeg and Rahayuni and they, in turn, know almost every exchange student who has participated in BIPAS. In their opinion there has been one clear change in the students' behavior during the years: students have

become more outgoing.

- It's good that nowadays there are international students from all over the world so they learn to interact with each other. I hope that in the future there would be even more nationalities represented. For example, having students from Great Britain would be very nice, Rajeg concludes.

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