



January 31, 2025

We are now calling for participants in the EBA-USK (Universitas Syiah Kuala, Indonesia) Fieldwork program in Banda Aceh, Indonesia for the year 2025: **6-12 July 2025 (7 days)**.

Are you passionate about history, technology, and cultural preservation?

Here's your chance to embark on an exciting and meaningful fieldwork opportunity that combines all three! Join us in the preservation of Acehese royal tombstones, a significant cultural heritage of Indonesia, through cutting-edge digital tools, in collaboration with diverse students and researchers from APAC universities.

**Please note that the fieldwork may be rescheduled due to unexpected events.*

About this EBA Fieldwork Program

EBA-USK Fieldwork Program 2025 includes a workshop and fieldwork-related activities.

Theme: Bringing the Past Into the Future: Digital Preservation of Aceh's Historical Tombstones

This fieldwork aims to highlight the critical importance of preserving cultural and historical artifacts while showcasing how digital technology offers innovative solutions for their preservation.

Banda Aceh, is a city located on the northwestern tip of Indonesia. It was said to be the first gateway for Islam into Indonesia. The city is deeply connected to Islam, with many relics from the Islamic era scattered throughout.

Objective: In this fieldwork, as a case study, the focus will be on Aceh's historical tombstones, particularly its royal tombstones, which hold significant historical and scholarly value. Participants will acquire insight into the historical and cultural importance of these tombstones through this fieldwork. They will also participate in digitally studying, documenting, and sharing these tombstones to raise public awareness, promote research, and ensure their longevity.

Aceh's historical tombstones are currently at risk due to adverse environmental conditions and lack of care. This fieldwork not only underscores the urgency of preservation but also demonstrates the transformative role of technology in safeguarding cultural heritage for future generations.





Language Requirement

All lectures will be provided in English. English skills are required, participants should be at least able to carry on conversations in English.

Online Common Course Requirement

As indicated in the schedule below, participants must take the online Common Course (real-time sessions and on-demand lectures) prior to the fieldwork. Completion of the course is required to participate in the fieldwork.

Target and Capacity

This program is for **undergraduate (2nd-4th grade) and master course students**.

- SOI Asia, EBA Project partner universities- 15 students
- USK - 5 students

There are no specific departmental or faculty prerequisites for students wishing to participate in this fieldwork. However, participants should have proficiency in using digital tools such as computers and digital cameras, as these will be essential for documenting and preserving the artifacts. Additionally, students should be comfortable conducting online research to gather historical and contextual information about the artifacts, as this will be crucial for understanding their significance and crafting compelling narratives.

**If many applicants apply for participation, screening (online interview) will be conducted in early April, 2025.*

Schedule (Tentative) 6-12 July 2025

April-June	Online Common Course and field introduction sessions (real-time and on-demand lectures)
6 July	Participants Arrive at Banda Aceh, Indonesia, and orientation
7 -9 July	Pre-workshop at USK campus and Fieldwork for collecting data
10 July	Analysis workshop
11 July	Post-workshop incl. Final presentation
12 July	Departure
End of Aug	Online public presentation





Completion of the program

Participants will be considered as completing the program when they participate in all online sessions, fieldwork activities, and a public presentation. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a certificate from the EBA Project and be given 3 credits in the fall semester from USK.

**For credit earning participants should register as exchange students at USK. More information will be provided in the future.*

How to apply

- For Keio Students (慶應生)

Please fill out the following Registration Google form by **March 31st, 2025**.

Google Form: URL <https://forms.gle/xShbVegTu1iZCz1e9> or via QR code:

This QR code is for
Keio students =>



Costs and Support

EBA project will bear the cost of accommodation during the stay in Indonesia, and International airfare and domestic transportation within Indonesia. **Please note that travel insurance, VISA for entering Indonesia (If necessary), and daily expenses (including food, etc..) are NOT included.**

