**FORM 2. Letter of Self-Introduction**

*Please type in Korean or in English. The letter must be single spaced within ONE page, with the font* ***Times New Roman****, size 10. (\*10 points)*

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| oYour course of life, your view of life, study background, your hopes & wishes, etc  o Your education and work experience, etc., in relation to the KGSP program  o Your motivations for applying for this program  o Reason for study in Korea 🡪 Mauji dihapus  My father taught me that in this life we should help each other which is related to what I learn in our religion that “the best man in the world is man who really useful for others”, so it always becomes my direction of my life. Because of that, I always try to be useful for others by joining in social works such as voluntary project in AIESEC, teaching English for blind person, and joining in visiting program in Persatuan Tuna Netra Indonesia (PERTUNI - Blind People Rehabilitation and Association of Indonesia). My visitation in PERTUNI has opened my eyes that technology has a huge contribution for blind people. With the availability of technology such as screen reader application in personal computer, getting the equality of education for blind people is not impossible. Thus, I decided to continue my study in the department of computer science and technology focusing on artificial intelligent study for the development of technology for blind people.  Being engaged in several social works had inspired me a lot of things, especially in the social works that I have been doing recently. Right now I am an English voluntary teacher for blind person. I conduct my teaching using a personal computer to help blind people learning English. A simple technology such as personal computer helps them learn faster than using Braille text book. This experience showed me how a personal computer really useful for the educational empowerment of blind people. My educational background in electrical engineering gave me a deep understanding in programming and software development, and it is inspired me to further develop the softwares that are widely used such as JAWS or NVDA—screen reader which enables blind and vision-impaired people to use computers. From my experience using the software, I discovered that it still had limitations especially in reading text from books or image text documents (image file that consists of important information in the form of text). In addition, the weight of laptop or Braille text book is impractical for them to be carried out. These limitations are obviously hampered their education development. Furthermore, a lack of technologies and facilities in Indonesia also became their obstacle to continue study in public school or higher education and to get involve in workplace. As a result, the proportion of blind people who received education and were working is significantly low which is only 1:100. The data remarks reversely with the regulation stated in point 6 of National Acts for People with Disabilities which guarantees the disabled’s rights to receive education, work, and rehabilitation.  This condition is a challenge that needs to be addressed in Indonesia, especially the proper technology for learning process. Therefore, I intend to develop the current application program (like JAWS or NVDA) to be a mobile app that is more practical to be used for blind people. Hopefully this improvement will improve their accessibility in many aspect of daily life especially on learning such as reading a book and recognizing the object using mobile phone. Improving their accessibility will give them opportunity to improve their education and involvement in community.  In the country where the technologies had been developed well, I fully believe that Korea will be beneficial for my academic enhancement. I am also confident that studying in Korea will provide me with an exciting opportunity to observe the proper technologies, facilities, and treatments of disability people especially blind people that are suitable to be applied in Indonesia. By studying there, I hope not only to gain further knowledge in my field of study but also to build a mutual cooperation following the objective of this program to address blind people’s problems in Indonesia.  However, I could not do it directly within unstable economical condition. Therefore, I seek a scholarship that can support me to make it happen. After seeking much scholarship, I found that Korean Government Scholarship Program met with my requirement besides covering all needs of study. The Korean Language Course is also the special support that I love to do so which will support me in getting along with Korean’s life and culture. I have been interested with Korean Culture since I join Korean Language and Cultural Course at my university.  I thank you for your time, kindness evaluating and considering my application, and giving me a chance to tell my story. I hope this scholarship become a dream maker and a turning point in my life. |