A team of UNIMAS members went to Tanah Datar, West Sumatera, Indonesia from 21 – 23 December 2014 to conduct the final workshop for the ICT training (e-Education component). The UNIMAS team members included Associate Prof. Dr Fitri Suraya Mohamad, Prof. Dr Alvin Yeo Wee, Syaryfah Fazidawaty binti Wan Busrah, Adam Francis and Jaya Laxshmi.

The team arrived at Tanah Datar on 21 December 2014 at 8 p.m. and had short discussion between the team members to discuss the details of the training workshop which was to be conducted on 22 December 2014.

ICT training workshop

On 22 September 2014, the UNIMAS team went to the ICT training center at 8.30 a.m. to meet with all the participants. The participants were asked to complete several questionnaires regarding the e-education training before they started presenting their projects to the team.

A total of five teams presented all the projects that they worked on to the team. The first project that they presented was titled “Portraits of Batusangkar”, which incorporated photography, interviewing, research as well as written and verbal presentation skills. All the participants displayed their proficiency in photography. The participants also presented their second project titled “Heritage of Batusangkar” which required that they make use of motion graphics and basic interactive design in their projects as well as research as well as written and verbal presentation skills. The final project presented by the participants was “A Click to Batusangkar: An Interactive Development Project” which saw the participants organise their work into a flash format for an interactive development project. The participants made use of Adobe Flash and Adobe Media Encoder for this project, and incorporated project planning, organization and written English skills that they were exposed to throughout the duration of their training. The team had a question and answer session with the participants on their projects before evaluating their overall performance.

At the end of the presentation session, the team had a discussion with the participants as to their progress and the expected outcomes of the ICT training session. The participants raised a few questions as to the direction that they should be looking at after the completion of the training session, and they were informed that they would have to use the knowledge and skills that they gained throughout the training for the betterment of their community as well as think of ways to make the training sustainable.

The participants were then briefed on the e-health component of the training programme. The participants were introduced to the Embedded Wireless system and were informed that the device will allow them to send health report data to doctors around the world who were connected to the network. It was explained that online profiles containing their personal health check data would be created and uploaded, and
that once an active connection was established between the device and the server, all the data will be auto-synced. This will also ease the switching between user profiles as everything is connected to the network.

A short closing ceremony was also held at the ICT training center, marking the completion of the e-education component of the training programme. The session ended at 5.30 p.m.