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## **Winners of Football Competition “Demam Bola” Depart for Germany**

A dream came true for fans of German football when the national team won the World Cup 2014 in Brazil. Even all the way in Indonesia, football fans cheered for “Die Mannschaft”. As part of the German Season, a video competition was held to offer three lucky winners the opportunity to travel to Hanover in November to be up, close and personal with the national football team by seeing a match live at the stadium.

The German Season is an initiative of the Federal Foreign Office in Germany and organized by the Goethe-Institut Indonesien, the German Embassy Jakarta and EKONID.

The football competition ran from August 17 to September 14. Participants were asked to send in a 90-second-video in which they explained – as unique and creatively as possible – why they support the German national football team.

Out of more than 100 entries, a jury consisting of filmmaker Andibachtiar Yusuf, writer and TV football presenter Pangeran Siahaan, football coach and manager Timo Scheunemann, as well as PR coordinator Katrin Figge, selected their three favorite videos.

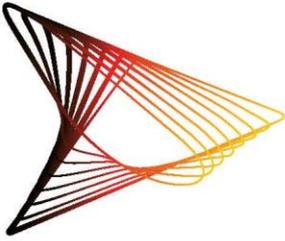
Taufik Nur Shidiq, Agung Sardjono Jatmiko and Kuku Rahardi unanimously received the highest ratings. “This video is special because the level of difficulty in making it is quite high”, said Timo Scheunemann about Taufik’s video, which chronicles his love for the German football team in a poetic time-lapse shot.

Agung’s entry conveyed the emotional and physical pain of being a fan of the German national team from Indonesia.

“Agung’s video reminds me of an old saying about love and passion: ‘No matter how long, no matter how far, I will find you’, Yusuf said in his statement.

Kuku’s video came on a more humorous note. “My personal favorite,” Pangeran explained. “Kuku’s stop-motion video is not only brilliantly executed; it’s also cheeky and funny. While reconstructing German football’s finest hour in the 21st century was also done by a few other contestants, his is the best-produced.”





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The three winners will depart for Germany on November 14. First, they will travel to Berlin and stay in the capital for two days to explore the city – and of course, visit the famous Olympiastadion – before continuing the journey to Hanover, where they will witness the friendly game Germany vs. the Netherlands on November 17. They will also have the opportunity to discover the city of Hanover before going back to Indonesia.

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