**Georgia Tech Draft-Ravi**

*Georgia Tech is committed to creating solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. Tell us how you have improved or hope to improve the human conditions in your community?* (300 words)

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Version 2

Five million, three hundred and fifty-four thousand, is the number of Indonesians who have yet to receive adequate electricity in their homes. Even though that’s only 2% of the total Indonesian population, it concerns me that I’ve always lived comfortably while millions still have to suffer because of this.

Energy wise, Indonesia provides tremendous opportunity for renewable energy to thrive. If we could harness this potential, our power supply would be enough to not only meet the demands of the people but also be independent from international oil prices. Sadly, our energy shares are still dominated by coal and oil, which means we are far from being independent.

For that reason, I wish to find a way that would bolster Indonesia’s renewable energy growth in the future.

The truth is, our country LACKS the ability to research and manufacture green technology, which therefore limits our ability to produce ‘renewables’ at a low cost. This is why I am interested in creating an initiative to start renewable energy research in Indonesia.

Starting a business that focuses on renewable energy would make it friendlier for any government to develop new sources of sustainable energy. For example, if we’re talking about building an extensive solar farm that would provide power to hundreds of households, it would be nice if the government can rely on locally produced solar panels.

When those things happen, it indicates that the country is ready to EMBRACE their own manpower in doing research and developing ground-breaking technology that would put them at the forefront of a sustainable economy in the future.

I aspire to make such scenarios possible. By studying and doing research in a research friendly university like Georgia Tech, I believe I can influence many promising Indonesian youths just like me to make Indonesia more sustainable.

Hi Ravi,

I think this is such a great plan to have that will definitely make a difference!

If possible, I think it would be better if more details could be added about your plan to depict it clearer. A few details that could possible be added are:

* Do you have any specific renewable energy you are more interested in?
  + Is building an extensive solar farm part of your plan? If this is, maybe you could claim it more by mentioning, “One of my aims is to build an extensive solar farm…”
* What ways do you have in mind to achieve this goal?
  + Any collaboration with other parties for example, or working together with the government?

Also, from what I read here, I think there are 2 reasons why you want to start a business that focuses on renewable energy: improve the lives of people that have yet to have electricity and for Indonesia to develop and be more sustainable.

I think in this case, there are a few possibilities:

* Explain both reasons:
  + I would suggest adding more details on the impact your plan would bring in terms of helping people so that you explain both reasons reasonably fair. (Include it in your two last paragraphs – highlighted yellow)
* Focus on one of the reasons.
  + If you choose to focus on helping people to have electricity, I think you could just briefly explain Indonesia’s condition as background information, or vice versa to focus on a specific issue.

And as for the last paragraph, I would suggest to mention something that could be more applicable to the general environment of the university as an alternative to just Indonesian youths – if possible (highlighted green). ☺

All the best, Ravi!