The Marine Science and Technology Diving School (MSTDS), as the subsidiary of the Department of Marine Science and Technology (ITK) – Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science (FPIK-IPB), organized Diving Training Course “Open Water Diver”, on 22-24 June 2014, at Pulau Pramuka, Seribu Island Regency, Jakarta. The course was participated by 16 students who enrol on Scientific Diving.

Sport Diving is an underwater sport that uses recreational open circuit scuba diving equipment conducted in a swimming pool that test the competitors’ competency in recreational scuba diving techniques, which is getting more and more popular in Indonesia. It is so, as Indonesia is noted for its marine tourisms which offer so many amazing underwater scenery. Accordingly, many domestic travellers consider the sport diving as their new lifestyle. Thus, for students of Marine Science and Technology, who are closely related to marine science, diving have become obligatory for them to learn. Not only to enjoy the beauty of underwater but it is one of the subjects the Department offers.

In this hands-on degree, students will explore the diversity of marine life from coastal margins to the deep sea and gain an in-depth understanding of the biology of marine organisms. Therefore, the Department offers “Open Water Diver course”, for students to understand basic principles of scuba diving. The Training Course organizer is affiliated with School International Scuba Diver and it organized courses into 3 (three) sessions: the dive class session, pool session and open water sessions. In the dive class session, students will learn the important dive safety concepts, dive planning essentials and problem management. In addition the students will learn, and how to overcome harmful organisms. While at the pool session, students are given the basics diving skills training in a swimming pool. Open water training session is open water dives. In the open water training, all participants are required to experience up to eight dives.

By completing the course, apparently students have improved their ability in diving, especially to control their underwater body balance. Calm is the key to accelerate the ability to dive well. "Diving provides a new experience for me, especially the underwater beauty. So I want to dive again, again and again, "says Neneng, one of the participants. (Wied).