



The United States-Indonesia Society (USINDO) is the premier bi-national non-governmental organization exclusively devoted to deepening United States-Indonesia relations and mutual understanding. Since its establishment in 1994, USINDO has been enhancing Americans' understanding of Indonesia, Indonesians' knowledge of America, fostering people-to-people relations of the two countries, and building the civil society foundations of the present U.S. – Indonesia Strategic Partnership. USINDO implements its mission through Open Forums, events, and discussions in each country, and through educational and legislative exchange programs, as follows:

Increasing Mutual Understanding

Strategic Dialogues and Discussions. As the only bi-national, neutral, and independent NGO devoted to U.S.-Indonesia issues and to both countries' interests, USINDO is able to convene Strategic Dialogues that bring together the two countries' private sector, university, and think-tank stakeholders, along with officials of the two governments, for inclusive discussions and idea exchange on bilateral issues. This format permits the injection of a diverse range of ideas into the formal Strategic Partnership. The first such Dialogue was held February 2020, on trade and investment. We also convene small stakeholder discussions with the governments and others, aimed at discussing and making progress on selected sectoral issues.

Open Forums. On-the-record discussion programs in Jakarta and Washington D.C., and more recently, online and simultaneous in both countries, on the full range of issues in U.S.-Indonesian relations, including the U.S.-Indonesia Strategic Partnership, U.S. and Indonesian policies and foreign policy, non-partisan programs on Indonesian and U.S. elections, and economy, trade, investment and business.

Topical Gala Dinner and Luncheons. USINDO's Annual D.C. Gala Dinner features distinguished Indonesian speakers on issues central to U.S.-Indonesia relations. Past speakers have included Indonesian Presidents, Vice Presidents, and key ministers, and top U.S. officials, presenting their views on Indonesia directly to our audience. We also hold distinguished speaker Luncheons in both countries.

Meetings, Briefings, Executive Discussions, and Workshops. Convening stakeholders from both countries for discussions or programs to deepen understanding and joint approaches on specific issues facing both nations.

Indonesia-U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism. Responding to a world at increasingly at risk from misunderstanding and intolerance of other religions, lack of appreciation of diversity, and religious extremism, USINDO created an Indonesia-U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism, of non-government Indonesian and American religious, academic, and other leaders, to share and promote the values of pluralism, diversity, tolerance and cooperation applied to existing issues.

Educational Exchange Programs

Promoting Indonesian Student Study in the U.S. USINDO develops connections with U.S. universities keenly interested to enroll Indonesian graduate students funded by the Indonesian Endowment Fund for Education, "LPDP." We believe there is great potential for increasing Indonesian study in the U.S, and assisting U.S. universities, through increased utilization of LPDP.

Professional Fellows Program. A new fellowship program to provide American graduate students an opportunity to solve real-world problems through placement in Indonesian industries such as ICT, energy, and environment, or Indonesian NGOs. USINDO works with U.S. universities to find appropriate students and with Indonesian organizations to host fellows. A pilot program is designed and planned for Summer 2021.

USINDO Summer Studies Program. Since 1996 USINDO's annual ten-week program of intensive language and cultural immersion in Indonesia has benefited close to 300 U.S. undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students with Indonesian language training, networking opportunities, and better understanding of Indonesia's current issues.

Edward E. Masters Graduate Fellowship. For over a decade this prestigious program has funded the graduate education of top ranked Indonesian Foreign Ministry junior officers at leading U.S. universities. Costs are shared with the Indonesian Government.

American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) Exchange Programs. Since 2008, USINDO has been the in-country program partner to American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) for the Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative (YSEALI) program. This two-way exchange program is the U.S. government's initiative to build networks and enhance knowledge for young American and Indonesian political and community leaders.

Legislative Partnership Program. In cooperation with the U.S. House of Representatives, the House Democracy Partnership, and the Indonesian Parliament, USINDO brings Indonesian parliamentary staff to Washington to enhance their professional law-writing capacity, subject matter expertise, and exposure to the U.S. legislative process.

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