



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 ties, and building the civil society foundations of the U.S. – Indonesia Strategic Partnership. USINDO implements its mission through Open Forums, events, and discussions in each country, and educational, legislative exchange, and other programs as follows:

### **Increasing Mutual Understanding**

***Strategic Dialogues and Discussions.*** USINDO is the only bi-national, neutral, and independent NGO devoted to U.S.-Indonesia issues and equally to both countries' interests. USINDO is thus able to convene Strategic Dialogues or other programs that bring together the two countries' private sector, university, and think-tank stakeholders, and government officials, for an inclusive exchange of ideas on bilateral issues and possible programs.

USINDO's utilization of this space permits us to inject a diverse range of bi-national civil society ideas into the Strategic Partnership, as intended by the Partnership's terms of reference. USINDO held the first such Dialogue February 2020 on trade and investment. We convene stakeholder discussions with the governments and others, aimed at progress on selected sectoral issues. We also can facilitate inclusive, sustained bi-national consideration and implementation of mutually beneficial programs.

***Open Forums.*** These are on-the-record discussion programs in Jakarta and Washington D.C., and more recently, online simultaneously in both countries, on key topical issues in U.S.-Indonesian relations, including the U.S.- Indonesia Strategic Partnership, U.S. and Indonesian policies and foreign policy, non-partisan programs including Indonesian and U.S. elections, and programs on economy, trade, investment and business, and others.

***Topical Gala Dinner and Luncheons.*** USINDO's Annual D.C. Gala Dinner features distinguished Indonesian speakers and top U.S. officials on issues central to U.S.-Indonesia relations, presenting their views on Indonesia directly to our audience, and raising knowledge of Indonesia in the U.S. We also hold distinguished speaker Luncheons and Executive Discussions in both countries. to deepen understanding and joint approaches on specific issues facing both nations.

***Indonesia-U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism.*** 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.

***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 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.*** Together with the U.S. House of Representatives' House Democracy Partnership and the Indonesian Parliament, USINDO enhances the DPR staff's professional law-writing capacity, subject matter expertise, and exposure to U.S. legislative process.

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