



**2012 Jakarta Board Meeting**

# **President's Report**

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## **of Programs and Activities**

**April 2011 - April 2012**

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# US PROGRAMS

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## OPEN FORUM SERIES

### **Do Islamic Parties Become More Moderate When Included in Politics? The Prosperous Justice Party in Indonesia - April 14, 2011**

Dr. Michael Buehler  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Northern Illinois University

### **Political Groupings Toward 2014: A Behind-the-Scenes Look - May 9, 2011**

General Luhut Pandjaitan  
Political Adviser to Golkar Party; Prominent Businessman of P.T. Toba Sejahtera;  
Former Minister of Industry and Trade; Former Ambassador to Singapore

### **Indonesia's Maritime and Coastal Resources: Challenges and Opportunities - May 11, 2011**

Dr. James McVey  
NOAA Former Chief Scientist

Michael Abbey  
NOAA Fisheries Lead for Technical Capacity Building in Asia-Pacific

### **Global Challenges for Indonesia's Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - May 19, 2011**

David Green  
US Executive Director for the US-Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education  
Partnership

Walter Lohman  
Director of Heritage Foundation's Asian Studies Center

Bob Birkenes  
Indonesia Desk Officer, Asia Bureau Education Office, USAID

Co-sponsored with the Indonesian Leadership Foundation

**Update on the State of the Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI) - May 26, 2011**

Colonel John Haseman  
United States Army (retired)

**Re-engaging with Indonesia: The Peace Corps – June 16, 2011**

Aaron Williams  
Director, Peace Corps

Event held at the Cosmos Club

**The Future of Reform: Indonesia Toward 2014 – July 14, 2011**

Dr. Douglas E. Ramage  
Member, Board of Trustees, American-Indonesian Exchange Foundation (AMINEF)

**Maritime Security in the Southeast Asia/South China Sea - July 26, 2011**

Dr. Hasjim Djalal  
Senior Advisor to the Indonesian Minister for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and to the Indonesian Naval Chief of Staff and Member of the Indonesian Maritime Council

**Indonesia: 2014 and Beyond – October 24, 2011**

Dorodjatun Kuntjoro-Jakti  
Professor Emeritus of Economics and Chairman of ICPPS, University of Indonesia

**Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Indonesia:  
Adapting to a Changed Threat – November 17, 2011**

Shari Villarosa  
Deputy Coordinator for Regional Affairs  
US State Department Office of the Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism

Dr. Julie Chernov Hwang  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Political Science and International Relations at Goucher College

**Understanding Changes to Indonesia's Electoral System and their Relationship to the 2014 Elections – December 9, 2011**

Peter Erben  
Chief of Party and Senior Electoral Advisor for Indonesia, IFES

**The Transformation of Indonesia's Legislature:  
Increased Role, Remaining Challenges – February 15, 2012**

Djayadi Hanan  
Lecturer, International Relations Department, University of Paramadina, Jakarta  
Indonesia Research Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School

**Indonesia's Military Transformation: Beyond Democratic Reforms – February 23, 2012**

Evan Laksamana  
Fulbright Presidential Scholar, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs,  
Syracuse University Researcher; Center for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

**Education as an Instrument for Structural Change in Indonesia – March 15, 2012**

Dr. Anies Baswedan  
Rector, Paramadina University  
Chairman and Founder, Gerakan Indonesia Mengajar (Indonesia Teaching Movement)

**Journalism and Islamic Values – April 11, 2012**

Janet Steele  
Associate Professor of Journalism  
School of Media and Public Affairs, The George Washington University

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **2011 Annual Gala DC Dinner - September 26, 2011**

Featured Speaker:

His Excellency Agus Martowardojo  
Minister of Finance of the Republic  
of Indonesia

Guest Speaker:

The Honorable Fred P. Hochberg  
Chairman and President of the  
Export-Import Bank of the United  
States



Event held at The Fairmont Hotel,  
Washington, D.C.

### **Indonesia Toward 2014: The View from Golkar – December 7, 2011**

Aburizal Bakrie  
GOLKAR Chairman

Event held at the Cosmos Club



### **Indonesia: Middle-Income Country in Transition – February 29, 2012**

Sri Mulyani Indrawati  
World Bank Managing Director

Event held at the Cosmos Club

Sponsored by: Visa, Chevron



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **DPR U.S. Caucus Panel and Business Roundtable Meeting - April 27, 2012**

Keynote Speaker:

Priyo Budi Santoso  
Deputy Speaker of DPR

Keynote Topic:

Role of DPR in Indonesia's democracy and Indonesia Foreign Policy, and development of DPR U.S. Caucus

Panelists:

Bobby Rizal (Golkar): DPR's view on Business and Economics  
Eva Sundari (PDIP): DPR's view on good Governance, Justice and Education

Moderator:

Edward E. Masters  
USINDO Co-Chair Emeritus

### **Climate Change Cooperation under the Comprehensive Partnership - Date TBD**

Charles Barber  
Forest Division Chief, Oceans, Environment and Science Bureau  
U.S. Department of State

### **USINDO Annual Washington Gala Dinner - September, 2012**

Speaker: His Excellency Hatta Rajasa, Coordinating Minister for Economy

# Indonesia Programs

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## OPEN FORUM SERIES

### **The US – Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership: New Opportunities in U.S.-Indonesia Higher Education Cooperation - April 28, 2011**

Dorodjatun Kuntjoro-Jakti  
Former Indonesian Ambassador to the United States

Bunyan Saptomo  
Director for North and Central American Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Suzie Sudarman  
Director of American Studies Center, University of Indonesia

### **The Birth of the Indonesian Nation, 1945-49: Perspectives on the Role of the United States - June 6, 2011**

Dr. Ron Spector  
Professor of History and International Affairs  
The George Washington University

### **Harvard Club Indonesia - June 30, 2011**

Pak Nono A. Makarim, Noted Lawyer and Harvard Law School Alum  
Elizabeth Osborne, Program Director of Harvard Kennedy School Program for Indonesia  
Moderated by Kurie Suditomo, Jakarta Representative, USINDO

### **The Economic, Political and Social Impacts of the Internet in the US and Indonesia – October 24, 2012**

Mike Orgill  
Country Lead, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Southeast Asia for Google



**Current and Future Trends in U.S. Engagement with Southeast Asia:  
Indonesian and Malaysian Perspectives – November 30, 2012**

K.S. Nathan  
Director of IKMAS

Head of the Center for American Studies (KAMERA) at the Institute of Occidental  
Studies (IKON)

Dr. Irid Agoes  
Head of the American Studies Post Graduate Program at University of Indonesia

**Expanding and Strengthening the U.S.-Indonesia Security Partnership: The  
Military Education Component – March 20, 2012**

Prof. Dr. Juwono Sudarsono  
Professor of International Relations at the University of Indonesia  
Former Defense Minister (1999-2000, and 2004-2009)  
USINDO's Advisor

Dr. Michael S. Malley  
Professor at the Center for Contemporary Conflict and Dept. of National Security Affairs,  
U.S. Naval Post-Graduate School

Prof. Dr. Sri Hartati Suradijono  
The Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Indonesia Defense University

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Breakfast Meeting with U.S. State Department Official– March 2, 2012**

Joseph Yun  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
U.S. Department of State's Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Co-sponsored with AmCham, KADIN, and Apindo

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Special Luncheon with U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia - May 1, 2012**

The Honorable Scot Marciel

### **Open Forum, Topic TBD – May 2012**

Jessica Lee  
Senior Legislative Assistant

Congressman Jim McDermott (TBD)  
Washington-7 Representative, Democrat

### **Impact on Party List System on Incumbency Turnover in Indonesia - June 26, 2012**

Dr. Michael Buehler  
Northern Illinois University

Dr. Philips Jusario Vermonte  
CSIS Jakarta

### **US-Indonesia Security Partnership: Maritime Cooperation -July 2012**

LCDR Christopher Giacomaro  
ODC Navy/Maritime Program Director, U.S. Embassy in Jakarta

Andi Widjajanto (TBD)  
Lecturer, University of Indonesia

Alexandra Retno Wulan (TBD)  
Researcher, CSIS Jakarta

### **The Mood of the U.S. Electorate: Romney v. Obama - August 2012**

Two highly respected U.S. pollsters (one Democrat-affiliated and one Republican-affiliated) will present their findings to a USINDO audience in Jakarta via teleconference at @America, Pacific Place.

### **US Politics and Foreign Policy Post 2012 Election – November 2012**

### **Jakarta 2012 Annual Gala Dinner – Summer/Fall 2012**

### **Muslims in the U.S. - latter half 2012**

## Education Programs

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### **EDWARD E. MASTERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program supports graduate-level education in the United States for future policy leaders of the Indonesian government. It responds to our concern that the number of Indonesians studying in the United States has declined by half over the past decade, limiting government officials' technical knowledge available from U.S. schools, and their understanding of the United States. Begun in 2009 with a MOU between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (KEMLU) and USINDO, the first four years of Masters Fellows were comprised of junior diplomats. USINDO raised the tuition for these students and KEMLU covered all living expenses.

Entering into our fifth year, the program is planned to expand to the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) which has expressed a strong interest in strengthening staff capacity in energy policy, law, business and economics. USINDO is scheduled to meet with high-level Ministry officials in May to continue negotiations. ESDM has offered in principle to pay the bulk of tuition for these students. Following expansion to ESDM, USINDO is considering enlarging the program to other Ministries.

#### **2009**

Our pioneering Masters Fellows Nona Siska Noviyanti (Tufts University- Fletcher School), Awidya Santikajaya (Johns Hopkins-SAIS), and Supriyanto Suwito (Columbia-SIPA) have successfully completed their studies and returned to KEMLU, applying the skills and knowledge gained through their programs to their work at the Ministry.

#### **2010**

Ibrahim Debe (Tufts University- Fletcher School), Yvonne Mewengkang (American University - School of International Studies), and Gracia Caroline Sidabutar (Columbia-SIPA) comprise

the second cohort of Fellows. These Fellows are scheduled to graduate this May before returning to KEMLU.

## **2011**

Narindra Bikka Mitya (Tufts University – Fletcher School) and Gerrina Romadona Aryza (Columbia - SIPA) comprise the third cohort of Fellows. This summer, these Fellows will take on internships within the United States and abroad, and will acquire experiences that will help continue to promote professionalism within KEMLU.

## **2012**

Andiputera P.A. Sparringa (Tufts University – Fletcher School) and Erry Wahyu Prasetyo (Columbia – SIPA) comprise the fourth cohort of Fellows. They will begin their summer studies program in graduate level English and mathematics/economics in Washington, DC, in June, and will matriculate to their respective graduate programs in September.

## **2013**

This year, USINDO and KEMLU have reached an agreement in principle to share the cost of tuition and will finalize an MOU soon. This will enable USINDO to double the number of participants in the Program. The selection panel has selected two conditional candidates from the first cycle, which concluded on March 19th, and will select up to four more conditional candidates from the second cycle, which closes April 26th.

## **THE UNITED STATES - INDONESIA JOINT COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

**The Joint Council is an organization which USINDO took the lead in creating and plays a leading role in its activities. A complete report on the Joint Council activities for 2011 and plans for 2012 is attached following the President's Report. Please refer to that report.**

In addition, the Joint Council sponsored a trip of 14 universities on April 12-22, 2012. Fourteen U.S. universities, represented by Presidents, Provosts, Vice Provosts and Directors of International Programs, traveled to Indonesia to participate in a week-long Joint Council U.S. Higher Education Delegation. All funds were privately raised.

The delegation visited over 15 public and private universities in Jakarta, Bandung, and Yogyakarta, to seek out potential partnerships in the areas of joint research, student and faculty exchange, and in dual and joint degree programs.

The delegation also attended conference on higher education and hosted at an evening reception by the U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia.

## **SUMITRO FELLOWS PROGRAM**

The call for applications for the 2012 Sumitro Fellowships was announced in December 2011. The Sumitro Fellows Committee met in February 2012 to review the applications received. This year USINDO received many excellent applications from a total of 22 eligible applicants. After careful consideration, the Committee selected the following as the 2012 Sumitro Fellows:

### **Dr. Hendi Yogi Prabowo (Indonesian)**

Dr. Prabowo is a lecturer and the Director/Founder of the Centre for Forensic Accounting Studies in the Accounting Department at the Islamic University of Indonesia. His research project is entitled "A 'Problem Based' Science within a 'Rule Based' Environment: What Can Indonesia Learn from Forensic Accounting Education in the US?" and aims primarily at gaining insights about the current state of forensic accounting education in the United States and highlight best practices that are applicable in Indonesia. Dr. Prabowo plans to conduct his research in the US between November 2012 and January 2013.

### **Keith Bettinger (American)**

Mr. Bettinger is currently pursuing his doctoral degree in Geography at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. His dissertation project is entitled "The Political Economy of Conservation at Kerinci Seblat National Park" and he has been in Indonesia since September 2011 conducting research on the political economy of protected areas in decentralizing Indonesia. The Sumitro Fellowship will enable him to delve deeper into policy making and the politics of the districts surrounding the national park, which have both direct and indirect impacts on the park.

The Sumitro Fellows Committee this year was comprised of Cinnamon Dornsife, Interim Co-Director of the International Development Program at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS); Barbara Harvey, retired Foreign Service Officer; and Peter Spalding, retired Foreign Service Officer.

## SUMMER STUDIES PROGRAM

USINDO is currently preparing for its 2012 Summer Studies program. A grant proposal has recently been submitted to the Freeman Foundation, requesting \$74,000 to fund up to 15 American university students and fresh graduates to Indonesia from June 4 to August 17, 2012. For this year, USINDO is also planning to pilot a volunteer placement project that will offer opportunities for a select number of Summer Studies participating students to do follow-up volunteer work in Indonesia. The pilot will be jointly organized with partner organizations, such as American Unofficial Ambassadors and Volunteer in Asia.

A total of 23 applications have been received; a shortlist of selected participants is scheduled to be finalized at the end of April 2012. Final selection of participants is contingent upon funding decision from the Freeman Foundation.

In 2011, the Summer Studies program was held from June 9 to August 14. The program was supported by a \$35,000 grant from the Freeman Foundation. The grant was sufficient to send five students.



Yogyakarta, Indonesia - 2011 Summer Language Study Participants

Five participants were selected out of 40 applications. Participants ranged in age from 22 to 32. None of them had had previous in-country experience in Indonesia, but three have studied Bahasa Indonesia at University and the other two have pursued self-study through internet programs and podcasts. Of the five students, two are recent graduates of college, two are pursuing PhDs, and one is pursuing a Masters.

Participants had a 2-day orientation in Yogyakarta before moving in with their host families and starting classes on June 13. The Jakarta Representative, Kurie Suditomo, accompanied students from Jakarta to Yogyakarta and oversaw the orientation. Ibu Rose Wiswacitra continued to serve as the local Program Coordinator; arranging home stays, cultural classes, and special lectures for the students during their time in Indonesia.

## GE FOUNDATION GRANT

In November 2010, the GE Foundation awarded a grant of \$80,000 to USINDO to host a series of discussions and workshops to help reduce the impediments to renewable energy development in Indonesia. In mid-2011, a change in high-level government counterparts caused the project team to revise its implementation strategy. USINDO has now identified and engaged the appropriate local implementation partners to seek government buy-in, redesign the project framework and implement activities. The project is expected to be completed soon.

## TRAVEL GRANTS

USINDO continues to support Travel Grants for Indonesians and Americans interested in pursuing academic research and other ventures in the two countries. The program has quarterly deadlines in March, June, September, and December, and has become increasingly competitive, with 43 applications received for two grants during the current application cycle.

In June 2011, USINDO awarded grants to:

- Alasdair Bowie, Associate Professor at George Washington University, to travel to Indonesia to conduct research on central government-local government coordination in implementing decentralization and regional autonomy. Award amount: \$1,918
- Satrio Wicaksono, PhD Student at Brown University, to fund data collection for ongoing paleoclimate research projects contributing to his dissertation. Award amount: \$1,250

In September 2011, USINDO awarded grants to:

- Annie Currier Tucker, PhD Student at University of California, Los Angeles to fund ethnographic research on the emergence and treatment of autism in Indonesia. Award amount: \$2,000
- Elizabeth Anne Degi, PhD Candidate at George Mason University, to fund 1) research on the challenges women legal activists face when assisting female victims of domestic violence, 2) research on the similarities of domestic violence in the United States and Indonesia, and 3) a presentation of findings in Indonesia as well as attend conferences in the United States or abroad. Award amount: \$2,000

In December 2011, USINDO awarded grants to:

- Julie Chernov Hwang, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Goucher College, to fund field research examining why militants from Indonesian Salafi-Jihadi movements disengage from violence either by leaving the movement entirely or by migrating to a non-violent role within the movement. Award amount: \$2,000
- Livia Istantia Dea Flavia Iskandar, PhD student of Public Health at University of Hawaii at Manoa, to fund research to implement screening and brief intervention for Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) at two Primary Health Centers (PHC) in South Jakarta, as well as conduct interviews of the PHC managers. Award amount: \$2,000

USINDO is reviewing applications for the March 2012 cycle and will select two recipients.

## **THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (ACYPL)**

USINDO continues to work in partnership with the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) to organize and facilitate educational exchange programs for young American and Indonesian political leaders. Together with ACYPL, USINDO nominates and selects participants for exchange program delegations to both the United States and Indonesia. USINDO hosts the U.S. delegation visit to Indonesia and coordinates the preparation of Indonesian delegation visit to the U.S.

A visit of Indonesian delegation to the U.S. is currently scheduled to take place between October 30, 2012 and November 9, 2012. USINDO and ACYPL will select four young Indonesian political and policy leaders who will join delegations from Malaysia, the Philippines, the Marshall Islands and American Samoa on an Elections Exchange program in the U.S. The program will focus on the elections and political campaigns at the national, state, and local levels of government, and will include activities designed to introduce the delegations to American culture and history. The participants will join delegations from other countries in Washington, D.C., for a brief programming focusing on federal elections.

In July 2011, USINDO hosted a visit from a delegation of seven young American leaders to Indonesia and facilitated their meetings on-the-ground in Jakarta and Yogyakarta. During their time in Indonesia, the delegation met with representatives of Partai Demokrat, Partai Golkar, PDI Perjuangan and Partai Keadilan Sejahtera, and held meetings with non-government organizations such as Komnas Perempuan, KONTRAS and WALHI.



## OTHER EVENTS

*The following are events in the reporting period for which USINDO served as a supporting partner:*

### **USINDO Participation in the Jakarta Education Fair - April 4, 2011**

USINDO President Merrill, accompanied by US Executive Director of the Joint Council for Higher Education Partnership David Green, came to Jakarta for the large Education Fair April 3 and 4 sponsored by the US Department of Commerce and the Sampoerna Foundation. Some 6,000 students and families attended the fair. USINDO President Merrill, who also is the US Vice Chair of the Joint Education Council, gave the keynote speech on the opportunities and challenges for bilateral educational cooperation and what the Council planned to do to play its role in building the educational relationship.



### **International Council on World Affairs Forum**

USINDO spoke with U.S. Ambassador and Vice Minister of National Education Mr. Fasli Djalal. The event was held in the Foreign Ministry's hall, where close to 100 retired and senior diplomats were present.

### **Steering Committee Member for the Partnership for New Beginning**

Guided by the Aspen Institute, the Indonesian steering committee is driven by the leadership of ExxonMobil, while Coca Cola and Intel stand as Vice Chairs. Besides USINDO, among other members of the Steering Committee are Pak Anies Baswedan, Pak Emil Salim, Ibu Tri Mumpuni, Ibu Ratna Megawangi, Pak Sofyan Djalil, Michelle Sampoerna of the House of Sampoerna, Pak Jos Luhukay, Pak Chris Kanter of Kadin, Pak Azyumardi Azra of UIN Jakarta.

### **American Batik Design Competition, Washington Launch - April 8, 2011**

A Batik Exhibition, silent auction, fashion show, Indonesian cuisine buffet, and cultural performances.

Hosted by Ambassador Dino Patti Djalal.

In cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia and the Asia Society.

Major Sponsors: Chevron, Freeport McMoran, BNI, Pertamina, Caterpillar, The Jakarta Globe, ConocoPhillips

**Indonesia's National Climate Change Mitigation Actions: Paving the Way Towards Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions - April 12, 2011**

Syamsidar Thamrin, Deputy Director for Climate Change of BAPPENAS (National Development Planning Agency), Indonesia

In cooperation with the World Resources Institute

**Indonesia Festival 2011 - July 9, 2011**

A special event on the National Mall including a world record breaking angklung performance, music performances, and Indonesian cuisine.

USINDO contributed to planning and outreach, and had an information booth.

Sponsored by the Embassy of Indonesia

**American Batik Awards and Celebration Dinner – November 8, 2011**

Keynote speaker: His Excellency Hatta Rajasa, Coordinating Minister for Economy

Fashion show, dinner, and winners of the Batik Competition were announced

Event held at The Palace Hotel, San Francisco, CA

In cooperation with the Embassy of Indonesia and Asia Society

Major Sponsors: Chevron, Freeport McMoran, BNI, Pertamina, Caterpillar, The Jakarta Globe, ConocoPhillips



**U.S. Electoral System: Briefing for the Embassy of Indonesia and ASEAN Diplomats - March 7, 2012**

Chris Arterton  
Professor of Political Management and founding Dean of George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management

Event hosted by the Embassy of Indonesia

**Book Launch of *The Jungle School* - April 10, 2012**

Butet Manurung  
Author and Educator

Event hosted by the Embassy of Indonesia

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