



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

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April 25, 2013

Jakarta, Indonesia

April 18, 2013

Dear USINDO Trustees and Advisors,

I am pleased to submit this report on USINDO's programs and activities for the past 12 months, covering both our education and speakers programs.

Our education programs play a vital role in increasing mutual understanding and skills. They include the Edward E. Masters Fellows program, recently expanded; Summer Studies in language and culture, Sumitro Fellows in research, and the exchange of young political leaders. Also highly significant is the work of the new USINDO-created Joint Council for Higher Education Partnership, welcomed by Presidents Obama and Yudhoyono, which seeks to resolve constraints to expanding educational cooperation in innovative ways, adding to what traditional government programs can accomplish. For example the Joint Council led to 14 university partnership MOU signings this year, without USG funds.

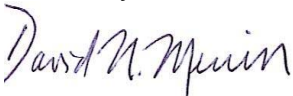
In the past year, USINDO held nearly 30 speakers programs. Our Jakarta office, under the leadership of our USINDO Representative, Hazel Margaretha, has enriched the quality and depth of USINDO's Jakarta programs. They now fully match the quality of our renowned Washington programs. For the first time, USINDO conducted two programs outside Jakarta. Advice on our Jakarta programs is provided through a Jakarta Programs Working Group led by USINDO Advisor Juwono Sudarsono.

This year we had more high profile events such as PACOM Admiral Lockear's and Ambassador Marciel's events in Jakarta; events in DC including Congressman McDermott and Kurt Campbell on the future of the Comprehensive Partnership; a new Executive Breakfast discussion series featuring Minister Mari Pangestu, Director-General of KEMLU Ambassador Dian Djani, and Indonesia's Fiscal Policy Head, Dr. Bambang Brojonegoro; and the highly successful Gala with Coordinating Minister M. Hatta Rajasa.

In 2013, USINDO will take its event programming to a further, higher level. We are launching a new Open Forum Speakers Series Initiative which will increase the definition, depth, visibility, integration and public outreach impact of our Open Forum programs. Our new initiative comprises a set of six defined Open Forum Series themes. To sharpen public understanding and USINDO's branding in these areas, events in both DC and Jakarta will be programmed around these themes, to be discussed at the meeting. We have selected and recruited only the highest quality speakers in all series categories. To further magnify our audience and our impact, we will have live video-casts of an increasing number of events.

We expect an exciting period ahead of enhanced impact in our core mission, with your help.

Sincerely,



David Merrill
President

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Information Programs in the U.S.

Open Forum Series

Journalism and Islamic Values

April 11, 2012

Janet Steele

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



Progress and Challenges of Women's Representation in Indonesian Parliament

June 6, 2012

Hon. Ledia Hanifa Amaliah

Member, DPR RI Commission on Religion, Social Affairs, and Women Empowerment;
Chief of Women Affairs, Prosperous Justice Party (PKS)

Indonesia's Domestically Driven Growth: Where Will the Jobs Come From?

August 30, 2012



Douglas H. Brooks

Assistant Chief Economist, and
Director of the Development Indicators
and Policy Research Division
Asian Development Bank

Moderated by:

Meredith Miller

Vice President for Trade, Economic,
and Energy Affairs & Outreach
The National Bureau of Asian Research

Event Co-Hosts: Asian Development
Bank and The National Bureau of Asian
Research

**Balancing Total Defense and Technology:
Challenges in Indonesia's Archipelagic
Defense System**
August 31, 2012

Air Marshall Chappy Hakim, Retired
Former Indonesian Air Force Chief of
Staff



**Adapting to Global Climate Change: The Role
and Potential of Indonesia's Marine Resources**
October 15, 2012



Prof. Dr. Indroyono Soesilo
Fulbright Distinguished Scholar and
Executive Secretary/Deputy Senior
Minister to the Coordinating Ministry for
People's Welfare of the Republic of
Indonesia

Event Co-Host:
Partnerships for International Strategies
in Asia (PISA)

Venue:
The George Washington University,
Washington, D.C.

**Screening of Anti-Corruption Short Films:
"Kita Vs. Korupsi" (Us Vs. Corruption)**
January 10, 2013

David Timberman
Technical Director, Governance and Conflict
Practice Areas
Management Systems International

Gerald Hyman
President, Hills Program on Governance
Center for Strategic and International
Studies
Venue: GWU/PISA



Forestry and Climate Change Initiatives in Indonesia: Three Expert Assessments

February 26, 2013



Dr. Mubariq Ahmad
Climate Change Policy Adviser
World Bank Indonesia Office

Dr. Charles V. Barber (“Chip”)
Forest Division Chief
Bureau of Oceans, Environment and
Science, U.S. Department of State

Dr. David McCauley
Vice President for Multilateral Affairs
World Wildlife Fund

Special Events

The Indonesia – U.S. Caucus of Indonesia's Legislature: How it Views its Roles in Indonesia's Democracy and Foreign Policy

April 27, 2012

Hon. Priyo Budi Santoso
Deputy Speaker, DPR RI
Chairman, DPR RI Indonesia - U.S. Caucus

Hon. Bobby Adhityo Rizaldi
Member, DPR RI Commission on Energy and Environment and DPR RI Papua Desk
Deputy Chairman, DPR RI Indonesia - U.S. Caucus

Hon. Eva Kusuma Sundari
Member, DPR RI Commission on Law, Human Rights, and Security, DPR RI State
Budget Accountability Body, and DPR RI Indonesia - U.S. Caucus

Venue: The Cosmos Club



The forum was followed by a joint USINDO and U.S.-ASEAN Business Council Business Round Table Meeting with visiting members of Indonesia-U.S. Caucus of the Indonesia's legislature and company representatives, moderated by Edward E. Masters, USINDO Co-Chair Emeritus and Clay Thompson, Global Director of Governmental Affairs, Caterpillar, Inc.

Meeting Environment and Climate Change Challenges in Indonesia: U.S. – Indonesia Cooperation under the Comprehensive Partnership
July 27, 2012



Dr. Charles Barber

Co-coordinator for Inter-Agency Efforts on Climate and Environment under the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership, U.S. Department of State

Christine Dragisic

Focal Point on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+), U.S. Department of State

Alfred Nakatsuma

Former Director, Office of Environment USAID - Indonesia

Venue: The Cosmos Club

U.S. – Indonesia Relations: The Next Phase

November 27, 2012

Rep. Jim McDermott

Democrat Congressman of Washington State

Dr. Kurt Campbell

Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Venue: The Cosmos Club



Executive Breakfast Discussion with Minister Mari Pangestu

January 8, 2013

Mari Elka Pangestu
Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy
Republic of Indonesia

Executive Breakfast Discussion with Ambassador Dian Triansyah Djani

April 9, 2013

Ambassador Dian Triansyah Djani
Director-General for American and European Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Indonesia

Executive Breakfast Discussion with Professor Bambang Brodjonegoro

April 18, 2013

Prof. Dr. Bambang P.S. Brodjonegoro
Head of Fiscal Policy Office
Ministry of Finance
Republic of Indonesia

Galas

USINDO Washington Annual Gala Dinner

September 20, 2012



“Indonesia’s Emergence from Good to Great”

Featured Speaker:

H.E. Hatta Rajasa

Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs
Republic of Indonesia

Remarks:

The Honorable Kurt Campbell

Assistant Secretary of State
for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
U.S. Department of State

Venue:

Fairmont Hotel, Washington, D.C.

The Gala Dinner was preceded by a joint USINDO and U.S.-ASEAN Business Council Business Round Table Meeting with H.E. Hatta Rajasa, other key members of the Indonesian delegation, the Indonesian Embassy, members of the U.S.-Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership, company representatives, and USG officials.

Upcoming Events

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To be discussed at Board Meeting. A large number of events in this series are already programmed.

Information Programs in Indonesia

Open Forum Series

Recent Burmese Progress Toward Democracy: How Permanent?

May 23, 2012



Peter Manikas

Senior Asia Expert, National Democratic Institute

The Impact of an Open-party List System on Incumbency Turnover in Indonesia

June 26, 2012

Dr. Michael Buehler

Professor of Political Science, University of Northern Illinois

Dr. Philips J. Vermonte

Head of Department of Politics and International Relations, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta



Local Governments, Business Interests and Direct Elections: Assessing Two Rounds of *Pilkada* in Indonesia

July 12, 2012

Prof. Dr. Alasdair Bowie

Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs
The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

Prof. Dr. Indria Samego

Board of Experts, the Habibie Center
Chief Researcher, the Center for Political Studies, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)

Venue and Event Co-Host: The Habibie Center, Jakarta

Indonesia as a 'Global Swing State': What Does it Mean for U.S.-Indonesia Relations?
July 24, 2012

Dr. Daniel M. Kliman
Transatlantic Fellow for Asia
The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Richard Fontaine
President
The Center for a New American Security



The United States Rebalance to Asia: How Will It Change America's Defense Strategy in the Region?
September 11, 2012

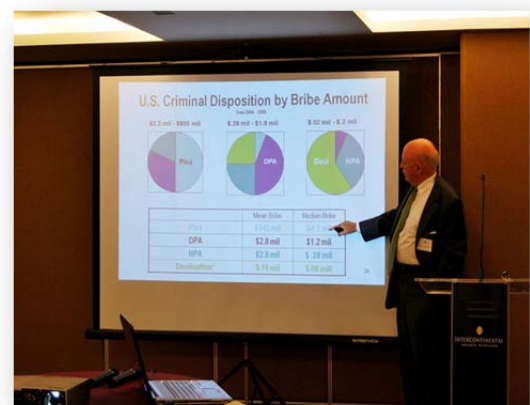


Lt. Gen. Daniel P. Leaf, U.S. Air Force (Retired)
Director, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS)

U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
September 17, 2012

Mr. Danforth Newcomb
Founder, Anti-Corruption Practice
Shearman and Sterling LLP

Event co-hosts: AmCham Indonesia, OSAC, and the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta



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United States – Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership: Progress and Challenges

October 31, 2013

Mr. Ted Lyng

Political Counselor,
U.S. Embassy Jakarta

Event co-hosts:

Universitas Muhammadiyah,
Yogyakarta



The United States and Indonesia's Collaboration to Respond to Strategic Regional and Global Issues

November 1, 2012

Mr. Ted Lyng

Political Counselor,
The United States Embassy in
Indonesia

Event co-hosts:

Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta

The Outlook of U.S. Overseas Business in the Asia-Pacific in President Obama's Second Term

January 23, 2013

Mr. Steve Okun

Chairman
The Asia-Pacific Council of
American Chambers of Commerce

Mr. Andrew White

Managing Director
AmCham Indonesia

Mr. John Riady

Chairman of the United States-
Indonesia Bilateral Committee,
Indonesian Chamber of Commerce
and Industry (KIKAS-KADIN),
USINDO Advisor



Expanding and Strengthening the United States – Indonesia Security Partnership: The Maritime Cooperation

January 29, 2013

Capt. Adrian Jansen

Naval Attaché at U.S. Embassy
Jakarta
Captain of U.S. Navy, Department of
Defense

Capt. Judijanto

Head of War Game Centre,
Indonesian Naval Command and Staff
College (Seskoal)



Interfaith Dialogue – Lessons Learned from Muslims in America

March 28, 2013

Ustadz Shamsi Ali

Imam of Islamic Cultural Center of New
York,
Advisory Board of Indonesian Muslim
Society in America (IMSA)

Event co-hosts: AIFIS, Dompot Dhuafa,
Sampoerna School of Education



Washington Political Perspectives on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

April 16, 2013

Prof. Gary Clyde Hufbauer

Reginald Jones Senior Fellow
Peterson Institute for International Economics,
Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury
for International Trade and Investment Policy (1977-79)

Mr. James Carouso

Counselor for Economic Affairs
U.S. Embassy Jakarta

Special Events



Special Open Forum Luncheon with U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia: New Thinking for a New Partnership May 1, 2012

Featured Speaker:
The Honorable Scot Marciel
U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia

Venue:
The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Jakarta

U.S. 2012 Presidential Election: The Outlook 12 Weeks Out August 7, 2012

Peter D. Hart
President,
Peter D. Hart Research Associates

Neil Newhouse
President, Public Opinion Strategies
Pollster, Romney-Ryan 2012 Presidential Campaign



Moderated by:

In Chicago: David Merrill
President, USINDO

In Jakarta: Shoeb Kagda Zainuddin
Group Editor-in-Chief,
Berita Satu Media Holdings

Venues: Cisco Studio in Chicago, IL
and @America in Jakarta

Via teleconference and live streaming on
USINDO Web site

The U.S. Pacific Commander's Perspective on the Asia-Pacific Rebalance

February 8, 2013

Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III

Commander of the U.S. Pacific
Command (PACOM)

Venue: Ritz Carlton Jakarta



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Note One Event Being Held This Week

Garuda in Flight: An American Perspective on Indonesian Foreign Policy

April 26, 2013

Professor Donald E. Weatherbee,

Donald S. Russell Distinguished Professor Emeritus,
University of South Carolina

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Venue: Adonara Room, Financial Club

Graha CIMB Niaga, 28th Floor

Jl. Jendral Sudirman, Kav. 58, Jakarta

Education Programs and Grants

Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program

The Edward E. Masters 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 an 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.



In June 2012, USINDO and KEMLU signed an Amendment to the MOU in Washington, DC. The amendment potentially doubles the intake of highly qualified Indonesian junior diplomats, and also allows mid-career diplomats to be accepted as Edward E. Masters Fellows. Under this revised agreement, USINDO will cover half of the students' tuition, whereas KEMLU will cover the remaining half and continue to cover all living expenses.

Entering its 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 discussing the proposal with ESDM. ESDM has also expressed its wish to fund an executive level energy seminar in the U.S. for ESDM officials. USINDO is currently looking at strategies to implement this.

Masters Fellows

Mid-Career Fellow



In 2013 USINDO awarded the first-ever Mid-Career Edward E. Masters Fellowship to **Ignatius Puguh Priambodo**, an Indonesian diplomat working at KEMLU's Secretariat of the Directorate General of Multilateral Affairs. Mr. Priambodo started his career at KEMLU in 2003, where he has worked in various divisions, including the Directorate of ASEAN Political Security Cooperation and the Directorate of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. From 2008-2011, he served as the

Political and Multilateral Officer at the Indonesian Embassy in Nairobi, where he was also seconded to the Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)'s resource mobilization section. Mr. Priambodo has considerable experience in negotiating for Indonesia at various international fora related to human rights, the environment, and development issues.

With this fellowship, Mr. Priambodo has recently begun his graduate study at the Global Master of Arts Program (GMAP) at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Following completion of the program, he is projected to be one of KEMLU's key negotiators for climate change issues.

Junior Fellows

To date, a total of six fellows have completed their graduate studies and returned to KEMLU, applying the skills and knowledge gained through their program to their work at the Ministry. Two more fellows are expected to join the graduating cohorts when they complete their study in the summer this year.

Edward E. Masters Fellows 2009

Our pioneering Masters Fellows Nona Siska Noviyanti (Tufts University – Fletcher School), Awidya Santikajaya (Johns Hopkins – SAIS), and Supriyanto Suwito (Columbia – SIPA) successfully completed their studies in 2011.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2010

The second cohort of Fellows, Ibrahim Debe (Tufts University – Fletcher School), Yvonne Mewengkang (American University – School of International Studies), and Gracia Caroline Sidabutar (Columbia – SIPA) successfully graduated in May of 2012.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2011

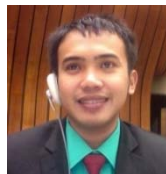
Narindra Bikka Mitya (Tufts University – Fletcher School) and Gerrina Romadona Aryza (Columbia – SIPA) comprise the third cohort of Fellows, are now in their second year of study and expected to graduate in the summer of 2013.



Two fellows are completing their first year of study this summer, while another three are expected to start their program in the fall of 2013.

Edward E. Masters Fellows 2012

The fourth cohort of Masters Fellows, Andiputera P.A. Sparringa (Tufts University – Fletcher School) and Erry Wahyu Prasetyo (Columbia – SIPA) started their graduate work in the fall of 2012, upon completion of their summer studies program in graduate level English and Mathematics/Economics in Washington, D.C.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2013

Three Fellows have been selected for 2013 intake from the junior diplomats' pool of applications: Ainan Nuran (Columbia – SIPA), Rudi Nurbintoro (currently considering Johns Hopkins – SAIS and Columbia – SIPA), and Gulardi Nurbintoro (UVA – School of Law). This year also marks for the first time a Masters Fellowship is awarded to pursue a one-year graduate program in Law (LLM).



USINDO is currently accepting nominations for the sixth cohort of Masters Fellows from KEMLU. Selection of the 2014 Fellows is currently scheduled to be completed in late September/early October of this year.

The U.S. – Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership

The U.S.-Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership was created by USINDO to provide for the non-government and university sectors to play their full potential role in contributing to the bilateral educational cooperation component of the Comprehensive Partnership.

The Joint Council, now entering its third year, has been successful in both engaging the higher educational communities in the U.S. and Indonesia and delivering strong results in developing institutional partnerships. In 2012, the Joint Council led two delegations of U.S. institutions to Indonesia resulting in 14 signed MOUs. While the signing of an MOU is merely the first step in creating strong partnerships, the Joint Council's efforts have broadened the number and type of institutions seeking to partner with Indonesian universities. Below are some of the key accomplishments of the Joint Council from this past year:

- Initiated a partnership signed in November 2012 between Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and the Surya Institute in Jakarta that will provide for free English testing to be offered at Surya in 2013, thus eliminating the need for the costlier TOEFL exam. This is the first step in the establishment of a pipeline that would result in direct annual enrollment of approximately 15 Surya students at NOVA in the coming years.
- Connected the University of Missouri Columbia with Universitas Airlangga in Surabaya in November 2012 resulting in the nomination and selection of Airlangga University – in collaboration with the University of Missouri Columbia, University of Hawaii Manoa, and the University of Michigan – to host the Fourth Annual International Conference on Local Governments in September 2013. This will be the first time the conference will be held in Indonesia.
- Led 26 U.S. university and college officials on two Joint Council-initiated delegations to Indonesia to meet with over 75 Indonesian university officials resulting in the signing of 14 MOUs. Nearly half of the signed MOUs contained a specific exchange component and/or STEM focus; for example:
 - Bakrie University in Jakarta and Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon signed an MOU in November 2012 to send two faculty members from Bakrie to Chemeketa in spring 2013;
 - Bakrie University and Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Virginia signed an MOU in December 2012 that will provide for a faculty exchange in 2013 with each institution sending one faculty member to the other institution;
 - Universitas Islam Indonesia (UII) in Yogyakarta and the University of Hawaii Manoa signed an MOU in April 2012 to enroll three UII graduate students at the University of Hawaii Manoa in the spring 2013 semester;
 - University of Hawaii Manoa, the East West Center, and the Ministry of Education signed an MOU in April 2012 to enroll Indonesian faculty in environmental, agricultural, scientific, and health-related fields of importance to the Government

of Indonesia;

- Rutgers University and Gadjah Mada University signed an MOU in April 2012 to collaborate in research and faculty exchange within the STEM fields;
 - University of Iowa and Gadjah Mada University (UGM) signed an MOU in December 2012 to develop a family medicine program at UGM and establish a bioethics center.
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- Researched and successfully identified obstacles and challenges related to enrolling fully-funded Indonesian graduate students at U.S. universities and colleges. In the previous 3 years fewer than 4% of Indonesian Government-funded scholars enrolled at U.S. graduate programs. The Joint Council was able to successfully determine reasons why the number has not been higher and put together a plan in fall 2012 to increase the share attending U.S. graduate schools in upcoming years.
 - Led 13 U.S. universities to tentatively agree to provide more favorable admission to Indonesia graduate applicants to include: elimination of application fees, consideration of elimination of GRE tests in certain disciplines, early notification of admission, and unconditional letters of admission.
 - Created an expansive resources guide on the Joint Council Website which provides best practices, funding resources, and research calls for paper that is accessible to U.S. and Indonesian faculty, students, and higher education administrators.
(www.usidjc.org/resources)

Sumitro Fellows Program

The Call for Applications for the 2013 Sumitro Fellowship was announced in December 2012.

The Sumitro Fellows Committee (*Cinnamon Dornsife*, USINDO Advisor and Acting Director of the International Development Program at the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies [SAIS]; *Barbara Harvey*, USINDO Advisor and Former Deputy Chief of Mission Jakarta; and *Peter Spalding*, retired Foreign Service Officer) met in February 2013 and selected the following, out of a total 19 eligible applicants, as the 2013 Sumitro Fellows:

Tonny Dian Effendi (Indonesian)



Tonny Dian Effendi is a lecturer and the Director of the International Relations Department, in the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, at the University of Muhammadiyah Malang, Indonesia. He currently also serves as Chairman of the Indonesian Association of International Relations. His research will focus on Indonesia's international relations scholars' opinion about U.S. soft power in Indonesia. Mr. Effendi was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs in 2009. Since 2010 he has published several books including: *Japan's Public Diplomacy: Growth and Challenges* (2011), *The Family Business Network of China, Japan and South Korea* (2012), and *The Sustainability of Communism in China: A Historic-Political Sociology Approach* (2013).

Dominic Nardi (American)



Dominic Nardi is a Ph.D. student in the University of Michigan Political Science Department. He is interested in judicial politics in developing countries, particularly in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Myanmar. His dissertation research focuses on how non-state actors influence judicial behavior. Specifically, his research in Indonesia will examine the Constitutional Court's relationship with Indonesia's private sector. He has published articles about judicial politics in Southeast Asia in both law journals and magazine editorials. In addition, he has worked as a consultant with legal organizations in Indonesia and the Philippines, including the Asia Foundation. Mr. Nardi plans to conduct his research in Indonesia in the fall of 2013.

Summer Language Study Program

Preparation for the 2013 Summer Language Study (Summer Studies) Program is underway. USINDO has submitted a grant proposal to the Freeman Foundation, requesting \$60,000 to send 10 American university students and fresh graduates to Indonesia. USINDO is currently reviewing applications for the 2013 Summer Studies Program, to be held from June 10 to August 2. A total of 23 applications have been received and a shortlist of selected participants is to be finalized at the end of April. Final selection of participants is contingent upon funding decision from the Freeman Foundation, currently anticipated to be announced in early May. USINDO is also looking into partnering with America's Unofficial Ambassadors starting in 2014, through their summer service internship program in Yogyakarta, which was launched this year.

In 2012 the Summer Studies Program was held from June 8 to August 10, 2012. The program was supported by a grant from the Freeman Foundation. USINDO received the same amount as last year's grant of \$35,000. The Freeman Foundation wished to support the participation of seven students, but as was the case with last year's program, the grant was sufficient to send a total of five students.



Summer Language Study Program 2012, from left:

Bradley Evans, Hazelia Margaretha (USINDO Jakarta Representative), Brittney Melloy, Justin Jonas, Alicia Freedman, Roselani Wiswacitra (Summer Studies Program Coordinator, Yogyakarta), and Alex Kuestner.

Five participants were selected out of 23 applications. Participants had a two-day orientation in Yogyakarta before moving in with their host families and starting classes on June 11. The Jakarta Representative, Hazel Margaretha, accompanied the 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.

The students participated in several lectures on topics ranging from decentralization, Islamic economy, Indonesian and Javanese cultures, and fuel subsidy in Indonesia. As in the previous programs, the students also participated in several cultural classes and field trips. One student secured a volunteer placement after the program. USINDO will continue to seek ways to enhance students' language and cultural immersion in Indonesia, as well as additional support for this program.

Travel Grants

USINDO awards 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 continues to be increasingly competitive, with 54 applications received, competing for up to two grants, during the current application cycle.

In June 2012, USINDO awarded grants to:

- Muhamad Ali Akrom, Ph.D. student at Northern Illinois University, majoring in Curriculum and Instruction (specialization in Science, Social Studies) and Environmental Education Integration, to fund travel to conduct fieldwork on local stakeholder involvement (decentralization) in School-Based Curriculum Development (SCBD) in five elementary schools in West Nusa Tenggara. Award amount: \$2,000
- Nurhaya Muchtar, Assistant Professor in Communications Media at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, to fund travel to conduct fieldwork on the use of media/new media among Islamic religious leaders to promote moderate Islam to their communities. Award amount: \$2,000

In September 2012, USINDO awarded grants to:

- Melisa Tjong, MA student of Asian Studies at University of Wisconsin, to fund travel to conduct fieldwork on anti-corruption measures and movements in Indonesia, specifically by looking at how media and society, including national and international corruption watchdogs, influence the performance of anti-corruption agency in Indonesia. Award amount: \$2,000

In December 2012, USINDO awarded grants to:

- Siti Kusujarti, Professor and Chair of Sociology and Anthropology at Warren Wilson College, to fund travel to lead an undergraduate field-course to study the social impacts of coral reef conservation and ecotourism to local communities in Raja Ampat and gather information for preliminary research on climate change and gender relations. Award amount: \$2,000
- Jacob Zenn, Legal Advisor at the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law and Analyst at Jamestown Foundation, to fund travel to conduct fieldwork on religious education as a tool of counter-radicalism at Islamic boarding schools in East Java, Indonesia. Award amount \$1,832

USINDO is currently reviewing applications for the March 2013 cycle and will select up to two recipients.

GE Foundation Grant for Energy Development

In November 2010, the GE Foundation awarded a grant of \$80,000 to USINDO to host activities to help increase the use of renewable and other energy to further Indonesia's development. It is now clear there is high level, broad commitment toward renewable energy by the Government of Indonesia (GOI). In addition, the GOI has enhanced the "Energy Blueprint for 2025," through the work of the National Energy Council (*Dewan Energi Nasional*) in the Proposed National Energy Policy 2025 (currently awaiting final approval) which establishes targets for achieving more renewable energy use.

Accordingly, we have updated our previous strategy to support the present greater commitment to renewable energy, and to work with NGOs who work closely with the Government of Indonesia, to bring together speakers and practitioners who can further the effective implementation of renewable energy policies. USINDO, working with local non-government organizations, plans to assist a national government workshop on practical means of renewable energy and energy efficiency implementation for Indonesia. This was re-scheduled due to changes in government plans and is now planned for August 2013.

In August 2012, USINDO engaged the services of a new part-time project consultant to work with Indonesian NGOs to execute the terms of this Grant.

The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL)

In 2012, USINDO and the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) collaborated again for the fourth time organizing and facilitating educational exchange programs for young American and Indonesian political leaders. USINDO nominated and, together with ACYPL, jointly selected the following young Indonesian political leaders to form the Indonesian delegation to participate in the ACYPL 2012 U.S. Elections Exchange Program:

1. Bima Arya Sugiarto, Chairman of Political Communication, Central Executive Board, the National Mandate Party (PAN), Bogor, West Java
2. Nusron Wahid Khuzairi, Chairman of GP Ansor, Golkar Party, Jakarta
3. Fairuz Syafari, Program Officer, Indonesian Electoral Commission, West Sumatera
4. Sulastio, Director, Indonesia Parliamentary Centre, Jakarta

From October 30 to November 9 the Indonesian delegation joined other delegations from Malaysia, the Philippines, the Marshall Islands, and Samoa to observe first-hand the final days of the 2012 U.S. Elections by exploring components of American political campaigns, including strategy and message development, policy formulation, fundraising, field organization, polling, advertising, media, and technology.

The program focused on the elections and political campaigns at the national, state, and local levels of government, and included activities designed to introduce the delegations to American culture and history. The participants joined delegations from other countries in Washington, D.C., for a brief program focusing on federal elections, before continuing with the state/local programming in Denver, Colorado.

USINDO and ACYPL anticipate bringing two young Indonesian political and/or policy leaders to the U.S. for a 5 week exchange program next year, and to join other participants from Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand to participate in the Legislative Process and Governance Fellows Program. This will include a 5 day professional training in Washington, D.C., 4 weeks of fellowship and mentoring in a pre-determined U.S. state, and a 3 day fellows congress of strategic planning and evaluation session in Washington, D.C.

Aceh Laboratory School

Aceh Laboratory School Celebrates 5th Anniversary

The Syiah Kuala University (UNSYIAH) Laboratory School celebrated its 5th Anniversary in late July with a school-wide party. The Lab School, which opened its doors on July 27, 2007, was established as a collaboration between USINDO, Syiah Kuala University, and the Sampoerna Foundation, to be a model community school, educating students from the areas severely damaged by the 2004 earthquake and tsunami. USINDO raised a large share of the funds for the school's construction and provided technical assistance to its development. As a laboratory school, it also provides students from UNSYIAH's College of Education and Teaching (FKIP) opportunities for pre-service practice teaching.

During these five years the school has graduated three classes of students. Each class has passed the national exams and nearly every student has been accepted to college, a great record, particularly since the students come from a range of economic and social backgrounds. This co-educational senior high school currently has approximately 376 students in grades 10-12, over half of which are female, and offers classes in math, science, and social science. In 2011, the school gained accreditation, meeting the highest standards for high schools. They are making great strides and this is an endeavor we all can be proud of.

USINDO is in discussions with America's Unofficial Ambassadors (AUA), a citizen diplomacy initiative dedicated to increasing the number of Americans who volunteer in the Muslim World, about the possibility of their volunteers working with the Aceh Laboratory School at some point in the future.



Left: Students at the Lab School and Assistant Principal Pak Nasir holding a sign they made for the School's 5th Anniversary. Right: Students at the Aceh Lab School Graduation, 2012

Other Events

Special Events

South East Asia: The Next Engines of Growth

May 2, 2013

Venue:

Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY

Panelists:

Honorable Ambassador Mario L. De Leon, Jr., Philippine Consulate General, New York

Svida Alisjahbana, Chief Executive Officer, Femina Group and Founder & Chair, Jakarta Fashion Week

Prof. Anna Blume, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of the History of Arts, FIT

Tanjila Islam, Chief Executive Officer, TigerTrade

Linh M. Nguyen, USA General Manager, TNG Investment and Trading JSC

Event Host:

Fashion Institute of Technology

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