



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

MAY 2013 - MAY 2014

The United States – Indonesia Society

May Board Meeting

May 2014

Jakarta

May 5, 2014

Dear USINDO Trustees and Advisors,

I am pleased to report that during the year May 2013 - May 2014, USINDO increased the quality and impact of our renowned existing programs, and launched three new programs. This cover letter has highlights. The attached President's Report has details, with photos and video links.

20th Anniversary

2014 is USINDO's 20th anniversary. We held a highly successful 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner in Washington April 11, featuring Minister of Finance Basri, welcoming new Indonesian ambassador to the United States Budi Bowoleksono, and giving a presentation on 20 years of USINDO's accomplishments. Links to videos of all three speeches are in this report.

Speakers' Programs

USINDO's **New Open Forum Series Initiative**, launched in May 2013, increases the definition, depth, and visibility of USINDO's public outreach through 24 integrated programs held in Washington and Jakarta, organized by six defined themes: the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership; the 2014 Elections; Foreign Policy; USINDO Scholars; Young Leaders; and Economy, Trade, and Business. Of special note:

-Our **2014 Elections Series**, open equally to leaders and spokespersons from all political parties, featured the Deputy Chairman of the Gerindra Party, Hashim Djojohadikusumo, in July, and will feature a very senior spokesperson from PDI-P later this year. It also presents election analysis from both well-known and up-and-coming experts.

-Our **Comprehensive Partnership Series** included the first-ever public consultation between a U.S.-Indonesia governmental Working Group of the Comprehensive Partnership and a USINDO audience, in the spirit of the two Presidents' vision for the Partnership.

-Our **Executive Breakfast Discussion Series**, launched in 2013, provides senior Indonesian officials the opportunity to exchange views off-the-record with a small USINDO group. In the past year we have hosted Minister of Finance Chatib Basri; KEMLU Director-General for the Americas Ambassador Djani; Director General for Tax Dr. Bambang Brodjonegoro; and new U.S. ambassador to Indonesia Robert O. Blake, Jr.

-On February 18 in Jakarta we also hosted a well-attended reception in Jakarta to welcome Ambassador and Mrs. Blake.

Exchange and Education Programs

-USINDO launched a new **Legislative Partnership Program** in March, in cooperation with the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee's Chairman Edward Royce (R-CA) and the Indonesian Parliament. We raised private sector funding and brought the first group to the U.S. March 2014. They had a highly successful experience learning about and working with the U.S. Congress. Details and photos are in this report.

-Our **U.S.-Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership**, founded by USINDO in 2010, played the key role in creating four new sustainable partnerships between U.S. and Indonesian institutions, in such fields as marine science, agriculture, and journalism. Details and photos are in this report. We also have brought over 100 Indonesians to the U.S. for study through the Joint Council, and are working on a concrete strategy intended to raise this to 400 a year over the next five years.

-The **Edward E. Masters Fellows Program**, now in its fifth year, continued to enable the graduate-level education of top ranked officials from the Indonesian government at leading U.S. universities, 17 thus far.

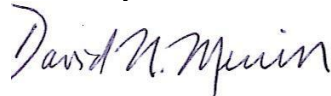
-Our renowned **Sumitro Fellows**, **Summer Studies**, and **Travel Grants** programs all continued strongly in their areas of concentration.

Financial Strength

USINDO's financial condition continues to be strong and healthy. Even while funding new innovative programs to advance our mission, we have increased net assets every year since 2010. Our individual USINDO supporters responded generously to our 2013 Annual Fund Appeal, with a record level of individual donations. USINDO also keeps costs low, saving substantially on expenses this year, and operating with a lean staff.

We welcome the input and suggestions of our trustees and advisors to help USINDO continue to advance its premier role as the leading Non-Government Organization promoting bi-national mutual understanding.

Sincerely,



Ambassador David Merrill
President
USINDO

Attachment: President's Report, May 2013 - May 2014

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Information Programs

Galas

Washington, DC

USINDO Washington 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner April 11, 2014

Featured Speaker:

M. Chatib Basri

Minister of Finance
Republic of Indonesia

View the Video [here](#).



Featured Guest:

H.E. Budi Bowoleksono

Ambassador to the United States
Republic of Indonesia

View the Video [here](#).



USINDO 20th Anniversary Special
Presentation

Ambassador David Merrill

President, USINDO

View the Video [here](#).



View the Gala Dinner Photo Gallery
[here](#).

View the Gala Reception and VIP
Photo Gallery [here](#).

USINDO Washington Annual Gala Dinner May 31, 2013

Featured Speaker:
H.E. Gita Wirjawan
Minister of Trade,
Republic of Indonesia

Introduction by:
Mr. Joseph Y. Yun
Acting Assistant Secretary of State
for East Asia and Pacific Affairs,
U.S. Department of State

Remarks:
Ambassador Miriam Sapiro
Acting U.S. Trade Representative

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton, Washington
D.C.



The Gala Dinner was preceded by a joint USINDO and U.S.-ASEAN Business Council VIP Business Reception with H.E. Gita Wirjawan, and business leaders, and by two other receptions.

View the Video [here](#).

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Special Open Forums

Washington, DC

Special Open Forum Luncheon

**Enhanced Power of the DPD (Senate) and the
Future of Democracy in Indonesia**
May 21, 2013

The Honorable Irman Gusman
Speaker, DPD (Regional Representatives
Council),
Republic of Indonesia

Venue: The Cosmos Club



View the Brief [here](#).

View the Photo Gallery [here](#).

Reception to Welcome the New Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific Danny Russel

November 4, 2014

Daniel R. Russel

Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Venue: The Colonnade Room, The Fairmont Hotel

View the Photo Gallery [here](#).



Judicial Reform in Indonesia

November 5, 2014

Special Guest Speaker:

The Honorable Chief Justice

Dr. H. Muhammad Hatta Ali, SH., MH.,

Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia

Venue: Cosmos Club



In the first ever public appearance in Washington by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr. H. Muhammad Hatta Ali described the Supreme Court's reforms, which are intended to increase transparency, accountability, and the delivery of justice for all.

Special Farewell Reception in honor of Dr. Dino Patti Djalal and Mrs. Rosa Rai Djalal
December 18, 2013

Dr. Dino Patti Djalal
Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia

Venue: The Colonnade Room, The Fairmont Hotel

View the Photo Gallery [here](#).



USAID's Strategy in Indonesia
March 26, 2014

Dr. Andrew Sisson
Mission Director in Indonesia
USAID

Venue: The Cosmos Club

View the Photo Gallery [here](#).



Dr. Sisson briefed the audience on the key elements of USAID's new Country Development Cooperation Strategy for Indonesia, which concentrates on four priorities: strengthening democratic governance, improving human services for the poor and most vulnerable, advancing shared global development priorities, and enhancing collaborative achievement in science, technology, and innovation.

Jakarta

USINDO Jakarta Welcoming Reception for the New U.S. Ambassador
Robert O. Blake Jr. and Mrs. Sofia Blake
February 18, 2014

Venue: Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental Hotel

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New Open Forum Series Initiative

In May 2013, USINDO announced its New Open Forum Series Initiative. The series increases the definition, depth, visibility, and integration of USINDO's public outreach through programs in Washington and Jakarta to build public understanding of Indonesia and the United States around six defined themes: Bilateral Relationship / Comprehensive Partnership; 2014 Indonesian Elections; U.S. Foreign Policy; Scholars; Indonesian and American Young Leaders; and Economy, Trade, and Business. The events held in this series and other USINDO Open Forums are presented below:

Open Forums

Bilateral Relationship / Comprehensive Partnership Series

This series concentrates on the U.S.-Indonesia bilateral relationship and the Comprehensive Partnership, including the furtherance of its sectoral priorities in education, climate change and environment, security, trade and investment, energy, and democracy and civil society.

Jakarta

Special Open Forum Luncheon & Public Consultation

U.S.-Indonesia Cooperation on Climate Change and Environment: Progress and Future Priorities Under the Comprehensive Partnership

June 18, 2013



Prof. Rachmat Witoelar
Special Envoy for Climate Change,
Government of Indonesia

Mr. Agus Purnomo
Special Assistant to the President
of the Republic of Indonesia on
Climate Change

Dr. Kerri-Ann Jones
Assistant Secretary for
Oceans, Environment, and
Science,
U.S. Department of State

Venue: Mandarin Oriental Jakarta

This Special Open Forum and Public Consultation, which was connected with an

officials' Working Group meeting that same afternoon , marks the first officially recognized public-private dialogue between the public and a Working Group of the Comprehensive Partnership.

View the Video (Presentation) [here](#).

View the Video (Q & A) [here](#).

View the Brief [here](#).

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USINDO 2014 Indonesian Elections Series

The interest in the 2014 Indonesian elections started to build in 2012, and has been heating up in 2013. The process for Indonesia's 2014 parliamentary and presidential elections is well under way with opinion polls and surveys predicting the next political leaders increasing in frequency. This theme has been presented in Washington to our keenly interested U.S. audience. USINDO will continue to host Open Forums that welcome leaders from all political parties to communicate their points of view. We also include in this series presentations by various experts on the 2014 Indonesian elections, as we did in 2012 on the U.S. election.

Washington, DC

Special Open Forum Luncheon

Indonesia toward 2014: The View from the Gerindra Party

July 17, 2013

Hashim Djojohadikusumo
Deputy Chairman, Governing Board
Gerindra Party

Venue: The Cosmos Club

View the video [here](#).

View the Brief [here](#).

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Political Outlook 2014: An Independent Perspective of Indonesia's Third Democratic Elections

June 17, 2013

Mr. Wimar Witoelar

Former Presidential Spokesperson,
Political Observer, Writer, Media
Personality

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View the Photo Gallery [here](#).



The Indonesian 2014 Electoral Process: How Does it Work? How Does it Affect the 2014 Election?

September 23, 2013

Dr. Sarah Shair-Rosenfield



Assistant Professor,
School of Politics and Global Studies,
Arizona State University

View the Brief [here](#).

View the Photo Gallery [here](#).

Special Open Forum

USINDO 2014 Indonesian Elections Open Forum Series

The Electability of Political Parties and Candidates: The 2014 Indonesian Elections

December 4, 2013

Professor R. William Liddle

Professor Emeritus of Political Science,
Ohio State University

Venue: USINDO



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Indonesian political science expert Professor Bill Liddle presented his findings from an October 2014 opinion survey that he conducted with Saiful Muljani on the election. He provided fresh insights ahead of the legislative and presidential elections, including the survey's findings on the electability of new candidates.

An Opportunity for Positive Change? The 2014 Indonesian Election

March 12, 2013



Dr. Sandra Hamid

The Asia Foundation's Country Representative in Indonesia

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Elections, Religion and Democracy in Indonesia: Why is Islam Not Winning?

March 28, 2014

Dr. Kikue Hamayotsu

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
Northern Illinois University

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Upcoming Events – 2014 Indonesian Elections Series

Washington, DC

Special Open Forum Luncheon with Partai Demokrasi Indonesia – Perjuangan (PDI-P) Spokesperson

Planned for later in 2014

USINDO U.S. Foreign Policy Series

This core series presents U.S. foreign policy topics and issues to inform an Indonesian audience about U.S. policy, just as we present Indonesian issues to American audiences. It is a growing part of our Jakarta programming, which now equals our D.C. programming in both quality and number of events.

Jakarta

The Obama Administration's Pivot to the Pacific: Implications for Southeast Asia and Indonesia

June 24, 2013

Dr. Ann Marie Murphy

Associate Professor at Seton Hall University,
Senior Research Scholar at Weatherhead East Asia
Institute,
Columbia University

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USINDO Scholars Series

This series presents over a dozen noted scholars on Indonesia or U.S. subjects such as history, adapting to climate change, and constitutional change in democracy. Open Forums include both well-known scholars and up and coming younger scholars who will be introduced to the wider public in Washington and Jakarta.

Washington, DC

Constitutional Change and Democracy in Indonesia

October 3, 2013

Prof. Donald L. Horowitz

James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of Law and Political
Science
Duke University

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Anti-Corruption Efforts in Indonesia

October 17, 2013



Dr. Todung Mulya Lubis

Indonesia Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School,
Founder and Senior Partner of Lubis, Sentosa,
& Maramis
USINDO Trustee

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Analyzing Social Conflicts in Indonesia: Shifting Patterns of Violence and Preventive Measures

November 22, 2013

Dr. Rudi Sukandar

Senior Advisor,
National Violence Monitoring System (NVMS)
Team of the Habibie Center

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Jakarta

Garuda in Flight: An American Perspective on the Evolution & Progress of Indonesian Foreign Policy

April 26, 2013

Prof. Donald E. Weatherbee

Donald S. Russell Distinguished Professor Emeritus,
University of South Carolina,
Advisor, The United States - Indonesia Society (USINDO)

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New Trends in Indonesian Studies in the United States: Opportunities and Challenges

May 20, 2013

Dr. Thomas B. Pepinsky

Assistant Professor of Government at Cornell University,
President of The American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS)

Event Co-hosts: The American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS) and @america

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View the Brief [here](#).

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Special Historical Lecture

The Origins of the Indonesian Nation: The Indonesian Revolution, 1945-1949

August 15, 2013

Prof. Eric Tagliacozzo

Professor of History at Cornell University

Event Co-host: The American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS)



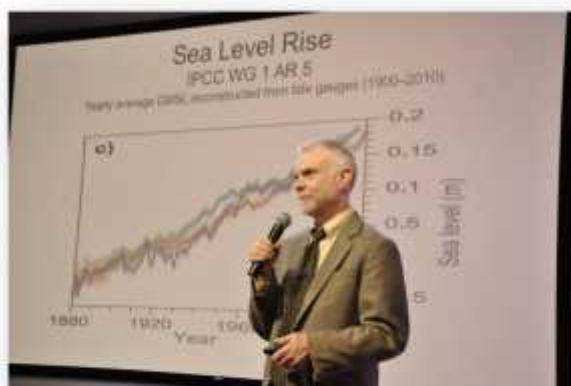
Venue: Residence of USAID Mission Director Andrew Sisson and Karen Levine

Prof. Tagliacozzo discussed the origins of Indonesian nationalism, the Japanese occupation, the political movements opposed to colonialism and their roots, and the turbulent years of the creation of the Indonesian nation - a time of chaos, sacrifice, and hope.

View the Video (Presentation) [here](#).

View the Video (Q & A) [here](#).

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U.S. and Indonesia Perspectives on the Science of Climate Change: How Can We Adapt to Consequences?

October 18, 2013

Prof. Michael Brody

Adjunct Professor, Department of Environmental Science, American University

Dr. Amanda Katili Niode

Coordinator of Communication, Information and Education, Indonesian National Council on Climate Change (INCCC)

Event Co-hosts: @america and the U.S. Embassy, Jakarta

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Ocean and Coastal Conservation and Its Impact to Sustainable Economic Development

April 17, 2014

Dr. Linwood Pendleton,

Senior Scholar, Ocean and Coastal Policy of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University and Former Acting Chief Economist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Gondan Puti Renosari

Marine Program Director of The Nature Conservancy Indonesia



Event Co-hosts: @america, U.S. Embassy, Jakarta, and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Indonesia.

USINDO Indonesian and American Young Leaders Series

This series introduces insightful young Indonesian leaders particularly from the private sector to American audiences, and young American leaders to Indonesian audiences, on topics of interest.

Washington, DC

“The Land of Five Towers”: An Insight into Modern Islamic Education in Indonesia

May 17, 2013

Mr. Ahmad Fuadi

Best-selling Author and Social Entrepreneur

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USINDO Economy, Trade, and Business Series

This series covers such topics as the outlook of U.S. business overseas in President Obama's second term; Washington's political perspective on the Trans-Pacific Partnership; Indonesia's tax and fiscal issues; Indonesia's economic development, growth, and poverty reduction; Indonesia's infrastructure development; and the outlook for the U.S. economy.

Washington, DC

Leaving Poverty Behind: How Effective is Indonesia's Social Safety Net Approach in Reducing Poverty?

May 10, 2013

Dr. Vivi Alatas

Senior Economist and Poverty Team Leader, The World Bank, Indonesia

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Special Open Forum on The History of Indonesia's Political Economy

Liem Sioe Liong's Salim Group: The Business Pillar of Suharto's Indonesia

April 16, 2014

Richard Borsuk

Writer

Nancy Chng

Writer



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**The Economic Choices Facing the Next President of Indonesia:
Business as Usual: 5% Growth & Less than a Million Jobs or
Tough Reforms: 10% Growth, 3 Million Jobs**

April 23, 2014

Dr. Gustav Papanek

President, Boston Institute for Developing Economies
Professor of Economics Emeritus, Boston University

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Jakarta

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

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Other Open Forums

USINDO has also held many open forums with topics outside of these initiatives. These Open Forums cover issues ranging from shifting demographics in Indonesia and the U.S. to government transparency in both countries to the devolution of authority in Indonesia.

Washington, DC

The Devolution of Authority in Indonesia: The Case of Papua December 10, 2013

Mr. Velix Wanggai

Special Staff to the President of the Republic
of Indonesia
On Regional Development and Regional Autonomy

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Jakarta

Changing Demographics in the U.S. and Indonesia: Key Developments Implications December 2, 2013

Prof. Terence Hull

Emeritus Professor of
Demography

Dr. Wendy Hartanto

Deputy for Population
Management, BKKBN

Mr. Jim Brumby

Lead Economist, World Bank
Indonesia

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Progress Towards Transparency in the U.S. and Indonesia Governments and Participation Opportunities for Non-State Actors

March 27, 2014



Dr. Patrice McDermott

Executive Director, OpenTheGovernment.org

Angela Canterbury

Director of Public Policy, Program on Government Oversight

Danang Widoyoko

Former Coordinator, Indonesia Corruption Watch

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Other Upcoming Events

Jakarta

U.S.-Indonesia Relationship and How China Fits Into It

May 14, 2014

Ambassador Stapleton Roy

USINDO Co-Chair and Director of Kissinger Foundation on China and the United States

City-to-City Partnership: St. Louis and Bogor Economic and Education Engagement

May 21, 2014

Timothy J. Nowak

Executive Director, World Trade Center St. Louis

Rahmadi Iman Santosa

Official Representative, St. Louis-Bogor Sister Cities

The U.S. Economic Recovery and Its Impact on the Global and Indonesia Economy

June 2014

Dr. Perry Warjiyo,
Deputy Governor of Bank Indonesia

David Nellor,
Former Resident Representative of IMF Indonesia

Fauzi Ichsan,
Senior Economist, Standard-Chartered Bank

US Foreign Policy in 2014

June 12/13, 2014

Dr. Satu Limaye
Director of EastWest Center, Washington DC

Rizal Sukma
Director of CSIS Jakarta

Executive Breakfast Discussion Series

In January 2013 USINDO launched a new Executive Breakfast Discussion series that provides senior Indonesian officials an opportunity to exchange views and opinions informally with a small USINDO group on an off-the-record basis. Events in this series have included KEMLU Director-General for the Americas Ambassador Djani (April), Director General for Tax Dr. Bambang (April), Minister of Finance Chatib Basri (October), and Ambassador Robert O. Blake (February 2014).

Washington, DC

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

Venue: The Cosmos Club



Ambassador Djani shared his views on Indonesia as a "global swing state" and what it means to U.S.-Indonesia relations. He also updated guests on the status of the Comprehensive Partnership and aspects of the Mid-Term Review meetings.

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

Event Co-host: U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

Venue: The Cosmos Club

Dr. Brodjonegoro and guests exchanged views on issues regarding Indonesia's efforts to increase revenue and manage the deficit, as well as the role of consumer goods in growth, the U.S.-Indonesia tax treaty, oil and gas sector issues, and local content issues.



Executive Breakfast Discussion with Dr. Muhammad Chatib Basri

October 11, 2013

Dr. Muhammad Chatib Basri

Minister of Finance
Republic of Indonesia

Venue: The Cosmos Club

Minister Basri discussed Indonesia's recent economic challenges and the measures the government is taking to address them, and provided his views on current bilateral, regional, and global economic issues.



Executive Breakfast Discussion with Robert O. Blake, Jr.

March 14, 2014



Robert O. Blake, Jr.

United States Ambassador to Indonesia

Venue: The Cosmos Club

Ambassador Blake provided his view of the state of U.S.- Indonesia relations, and his priorities for fostering the relationship over the next three years.

“Indonesia Votes 2014” Roundtable Series

USINDO, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and the Indonesian Corner at SAIS launched a select internal elections roundtable series in October 2013 to discuss different aspects of the upcoming 2014 elections in Indonesia. The ongoing roundtables rotate between USINDO, the Carnegie Endowment, and the SAIS Southeast Asia Program and bring together the foremost experts on Indonesian politics working today.

The objective of the roundtable, which is subject to Chatham House Rules, is to deepen the participants' understanding of the 2014 parliamentary and presidential elections through debate and discussion and improve the quality of policy advice to U.S. policymakers and politicians. The roundtable examines the current state of Indonesian democracy, the electoral system, the forces likely to shape the outcome of the 2014 parliamentary and presidential elections, the challenges that will face the new incoming administration, and the imperatives that will need to shape U.S. policy toward Indonesia after 2014. The speakers at the roundtable have a detailed understanding of Indonesia and lead a discussion among the participants that give everyone a chance to share their views and expertise.

Policy Priorities for Indonesia's Next President

October 24, 2013

H.E. Dino Patti Djalal

Ambassador to the United States

Republic of Indonesia

Venue: USINDO

U.S.-Indonesia Relations after the 2014 Elections

November 21, 2013

Ambassador Scot Marciel

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Venue: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Indonesia Votes 2014: Politics and Elections in the World's Largest Muslim Democracy

December 4, 2013

Professor R. William Liddle

Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Ohio State University

Venue: Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Jokowi, Megawati, and the Race for the Presidency

January 23, 2014



Dr. Marcus Mietzner

Associate Professor and Senior Fellow, Australian National University

Venue: USINDO

The Foreign Policy Challenges Facing Indonesia's Next President

February 21, 2014

Dr. Donald Weatherbee

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

Venue: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

What Light Did the April 9 Elections Throw on Indonesia's Future?

April 23, 2014

Professor R. William Liddle

Professor Emeritus of Political Science,
Ohio State University

Venue: USINDO



Education Programs and Grants

Legislative Partnership Program

USINDO successfully launched its first “Legislative Partnership Program” for seven competitively selected Indonesian parliamentary staff members in Washington, D.C. March 1-7. The participants learned practical knowledge directly from experienced U.S. practitioners about U.S. Congressional committee functioning, the role of professional staff, the use of support systems such as the Congressional Research Service, legislative drafting, and how the U.S. system engages stakeholders for inclusive policy-making.



USINDO Legislative Partnership Program participants meeting with Chairman of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC), Edward Royce (R-CA).

They also concentrated on substantive foreign affairs issues between the U.S. and Indonesia. Participants discussed the status of the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership and the roles and opportunities for governments, legislatures, and NGOs with U.S. and Indonesian Executive Branch officials. They also built a network of U.S. Congressional contacts which will serve them well in future.



Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH), speaks with participants about Congressional views on Indonesia.

The participants were given work assignments, and their program concluded with concrete participant recommendations to strengthen the bilateral legislative-to-legislative relationship. Three participants were selected to remain in Washington for internships in U.S. Congressional offices as “USINDO Fellows”. They were assigned to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, and Representative Joseph Crowley’s office based on their areas of expertise. During the internships, the Fellows learned first-hand about Committee jurisdiction, daily Congressional processes, district management and co-engagement, and the importance of legislative-constituency relations. The Fellows also attended NGO and think tank panels and briefings, conducted policy research, and observed Committee activities and hearings.



Panel discussion on the US-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership.

Participant evaluations indicated that the group greatly appreciated the valuable opportunities USINDO's Legislative Partnership Program afforded them. Working with their American peers enabled participants to learn the inner workings of Congress, compare Congressional functions to the Indonesian parliament, and reflect on how the U.S. Legislative Branch may have elements useful for its Indonesian counterpart such as voting processes, public hearings, and the work of the Congressional Research Service (CRS).



Legislative Partnership Program participants receive their program certificates from USINDO President David Merrill.

The program also offered participants the chance to directly experience a new culture and interact with Americans. For five out of the seven participants, this was their first time in the U.S. and became an eye-opening experience to see the actual nature of America's multicultural and multi-religious society.



HFAC Chairman Edward Royce (R-CA) (center right) and Chairman Mahfudz Siddiq (center left) of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Indonesian Parliament (DPR) August 19, 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

From 2014-2016, the Program intends to send three additional delegations of Indonesian parliamentary staff to Washington, D.C. Future delegations will participate in upcoming programs on: Commission 6, which deals with investment, trade, and industry; Commission 7, which deals with energy and mineral resources, research and technology, and environment; and Commission 11, which deals with finance, banking, and national development. Each delegation that travels to the U.S. will have a theme corresponding to their committee's areas of jurisdiction.

The Legislative Partnership Program was established in cooperation with U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Edward Royce (R-CA) and Chairman Mahfudz Siddiq of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Indonesian Parliament. Agreement to proceed was reached by the two Chairmen and USINDO during Chairman Royce's Congressional delegation to Indonesia in August, 2013, the first visit of a Chairman of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee to Indonesia in history.

Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program

The Edward E. Masters Program, currently in its fifth year, funds the graduate level education and manages the placement of top ranked officials from the Indonesian government at leading universities in the United States. Since the program's inception, USINDO has worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (KEMLU) to bring Indonesian junior diplomats to the U.S. to pursue a two-year graduate study in international affairs.

In 2013, the program began to award one-year Mid-Career Fellowship (MA) and one-year Fellowships to pursue a graduate law degree (LLM).

Fellows Update

Five Fellows are currently in their first/second year of graduate study at top U.S. programs of international affairs and international law, and three new Fellows will be joining them in June 2014.



Five Current Edward E. Masters Fellows at USINDO's 20th Anniversary Gala

On April 11, USINDO brought all five current Fellows to Washington to attend USINDO's 20th Anniversary Gala, which featured Minister Chatib Basri and welcomed Ambassador Budi Bowoleksono. Prior to the gala, the Fellows also met with congressional staffers from the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs (HFAC) and had a tour of the Capitol.

To date, the program has granted 17 Fellowships. Nine Fellows have completed their graduate studies, including one Mid-Career Fellow who recently graduated (March 2014). Of those who have graduated, five are now serving abroad on their first diplomatic appointments at the Indonesian Embassies/Consulates, one is currently working toward his doctoral degree, and three have resumed their posts at KEMLU while awaiting their next diplomatic appointments.

New Opportunities

The Loyola University Chicago School of Law has offered one full tuition fellowship for an Indonesian student through the Ed Masters Program, to do a one-year graduate law (LLM) program in the Rule of Law for Development (PROLAW) at Loyola's campus in Rome, Italy. The program prepares effective rule of law advisors from developing countries on both domestic and cross-border legal reform initiatives. USINDO is discussing with KEMLU to offer this tuition fellowship to one KEMLU official. USINDO believes the program would equip KEMLU with the capacity for providing practical legal advice on peace-building and other international initiatives.

KEMLU

USINDO and KEMLU are working on a new Memorandum of Understanding to extend the program for a second four-year cycle until 2017. Under the new proposed MoU, USINDO and

KEMLU will continue to share the tuition expenses 50/50, following a tuition sharing agreement negotiated between USINDO and KEMLU in 2012. Beginning in 2015, KEMLU Fellows may choose to pursue graduate study in Public Policy, Environmental Studies, and Economics, in addition to International Affairs and International Law.

In April 2014, USINDO introduced a Washington enrichment program, which will be held once every semester for all current Fellows to meet and network with prominent U.S. leaders in the government, legislature, think tanks, and NGOs. The program will also include attendance at USINDO annual gala dinner.

To create a sense of community among Fellows and between Fellows and USINDO, USINDO has also initiated several communication forums: Spring and Fall teleconferences with all current Fellows and social media forums for general discussion among past and current Fellows, as well as with USINDO.

KEMLU has also expressed an interest in adding a short-term capacity building component to the program, for KEMLU mid to high level officials/diplomats to participate in short U.S.-based non-credit executive training programs on topics of interest to KEMLU. Thus far, KEMLU has identified public diplomacy and human resource development as fields of interest. In October 2013 USINDO started selecting top executive training programs at U.S. universities to organize and conduct the training program in these areas. USINDO will assist KEMLU in placing officials in these programs that will give KEMLU capacity in these areas.

Extension to Other Ministries

1. BAPPENAS

USINDO met with the Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS) in February 2014 to expand the Ed Masters Program to include BAPPENAS officials. BAPPENAS agreed in principle to send two BAPPENAS officials starting in 2015 to pursue graduate study in one of the following fields [of study]: Public Policy, Public Administration, Urban Planning, Public Health, Natural Resources Management/Environment Studies, International Development, International Trade/Finance, Economics, and Applied Economics.

2. ESDM

USINDO has been discussing with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) for the past three years to expand the Ed Masters Program to ESDM officials to pursue graduate study in energy policy, energy law, and energy business and economics. There have been some issues encountered during the negotiations. USINDO plans to meet with ESDM again in May 2014.

In October 2013, USINDO facilitated ESDM officials' attendance at an executive level energy seminar in Washington given by Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Masters Fellows

Mid-Career Fellow 2013

Ignatius Puguh Priambodo is the first recipient of USINDO's Edward E. Masters Mid-Career Fellowship. He graduated in March 2014 after completing a one-year Global Masters of Arts Program (GMAP) at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Mr. Priambodo has since returned to his post at KEMLU's multilateral unit, where he is involved in the preparation for Indonesia's bid for a seat at the UN Human Rights Council. He will assume his next international assignment in 2015.



Junior Fellows

The Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program has awarded a total of sixteen Indonesian junior diplomats to complete graduate studies in the U.S. Five Fellows are currently studying at top U.S. programs in international affairs and international law. Three more Fellows will start their graduate study in the Fall of 2014. The program expects to open the call for applications for the 2015 academic year in May of 2014.

Edward E. Masters Fellows 2014

Three new Fellows will arrive in Washington in June 2014 to begin their summer course in graduate level English and Economics/Mathematics at the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), before continuing to their respective universities: Shohib Masykur (Georgetown – Walsh School of Foreign Service), Svetlana Anggita Prasasthi (Columbia – School of Law), and Willa Nurul Utami (Columbia – SIPA).



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2013

Three Fellows in the fifth cohort are currently in their first year of study: Ainan Nuran (Columbia – SIPA), Rudi Winandoko (Columbia – SIPA), and Gulardi Nurbintoro (UVA – School of Law).

The 2013 marks the first time a Masters Fellowship has been awarded to pursue a one-year graduate program in Law (LLM).



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) are currently in their second year of study and expected to graduate in the summer of 2014.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2011

Narindra Bikka Mitya (Tufts University – Fletcher School) and Gerrina Romadona Aryza (Columbia – SIPA) successfully graduated in the summer of this year. They have since returned to KEMLU.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2010

The second cohort of Fellows, Ibrahim Debe (Tufts University – Fletcher School), Gracia Caroline Sidabutar (Columbia – SIPA), and Yvonne Mewengkang (American University – School of International Studies) successfully graduated in May of 2012. They are currently awaiting/serving their first diplomatic appointment at the Indonesian Embassies.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2009

Our pioneering Masters Fellows Nona Siska Noviyanti (Tufts University – Fletcher School), Supriyanto Suwito (Columbia – SIPA), and Awidya Santikajaya (Johns Hopkins – SAIS) successfully completed their studies in 2011. Nona Siska and Supriyanto are currently serving their first diplomatic assignment abroad, whereas Awidya is currently working toward his doctoral degree in Diplomatic Studies at Australian National University.



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

The U.S. – Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership, founded by USINDO in 2010 and welcomed by both President Obama and President SBY, engages the public, private, and higher education sectors in both countries to play their full potential role in contributing to the bilateral educational cooperation component of the Comprehensive Partnership through faculty exchanges, joint research, institutional partnerships, and sending Indonesian and American students to each other's respective country for study.

The Joint Council has successfully engaged the higher educational communities in the U.S. and Indonesia over the past three years and helped initiate over 17 MoUs and 6 partnerships between U.S. and Indonesian universities. The Joint Council is developing these university partnerships as the necessary foundation for future faculty exchanges, research, and developing pathways for students to study at each other's respective institution.

In 2013-2014, the Joint Council accomplished the following:

- **Through its university-to-university partnerships, the Joint Council has helped enroll 115 Indonesian students at U.S. institutions.** The Joint Council anticipates this number to grow once enrollment data is available for Fall 2014.
 - Texas A&M University: 46 graduate students in science & technology fields
 - Northern Virginia Community College: 27 undergraduate students
 - University of Missouri Columbia: 17 students (11 undergraduate, 6 graduate)
 - Corban University: 15 undergraduate students
 - Rutgers University: 8 students (1 undergraduate, 7 graduate)
 - University of Hawaii Manoa: 2 graduate students

- Significantly helped the U.S. and Indonesia toward its goal of doubling the number of Americans studying in Indonesia by facilitating 27 American students to study in Indonesia on two separate study abroad programs in sustainable development and agriculture. In June 2013, seven Americans studied through a pilot program at the University of Kentucky and an additional 20 American students studied in Indonesia in January 2014 through a study abroad program at the University of Maryland College Park.

Since the signing of the Comprehensive Partnership in 2010, there has been a 65% increase in the number of Americans studying in Indonesia.

- **Established 19 faculty exchanges in 2013-2014 based on groundwork the Joint Council began in 2012 with its two higher education delegations to Indonesia and through its university partnerships.** These exchanges include: two faculty members from Bakrie University in Jakarta who spent the spring 2013 semester at Chemeketa Community College, two faculty members from Bakrie who spent part of fall 2013 at Northern Virginia Community College, 12 journalists from the Indonesian Press Association in Spring 2014 at the University of Missouri Columbia, and 3 faculty members from Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB) who will spend a semester conducting research at the University of Missouri Columbia in fall 2014.
- **The Joint Council established the following five new and sustainable partnerships:**



MoU signing between University of Missouri and Indonesian Press Association (PWI) with Minister

- **University of Missouri Columbia and the Indonesian Press Association (PWI):**

An MOU between the University of Missouri and the Indonesian Press Association was signed in February 2014 at the National Press Day Event presided over by President SBY in Bengkulu, Sumatera. The developing partnership will:

- Increase the capacity for top notch investigative journalism in Indonesia
- Fund Master & PhD degrees for Indonesian journalists at the University of Missouri's School of Journalism sponsored by the Ministry of Education

- Establish an Indonesian School of Journalism in Palembang, South Sumatera to train future and current journalists from Indonesia & ASEAN



member countries

- **Rutgers University, Hatta-Syahrir School of Fisheries, and KEHATI Foundation:**

An MOU was signed in the Banda islands in November 2013 to formally establish a partnership in marine science between Rutgers and Hatta-Syahrir School of Fisheries. The partnership will result in:

- Joint research on Banda's coral reefs
- Enhanced local capacity to manage fish stocks to improve livelihoods
- Increased capacity of marine sciences research
- Creating a long-term opportunity for Americans to study in Indonesia in an important new field beyond language and culture



- **Northern Arizona University (NAU), Mataram University, and Universitas Papua:**

The Joint Council, at the initial request of Freeport, has worked closely with NAU in 2013 and 2014 to find partners in Indonesia as well as funding to support a university partnership in forestry management. The Joint Council convened a meeting between NAU, the University of Arizona, the Ministry of Home Affairs, USAID, and Freeport Indonesia in Jakarta in September 2013 to create a concrete proposal and funding strategy that resulted in NAU being awarded a \$250,000 Global Innovation Initiative grant in March 2014. The Joint Council will continue to work with NAU as it develops its partnership to:

- Increase capacity of forest sustainability through better local management techniques in Lombok and Papua
- Build capacity of the faculty and curriculum at universities in Papua and Lombok and development of local mentoring programs.

- **Texas A&M University (TAMU) and Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB):**

The Joint Council has been instrumental in re-engaging Texas A&M University and ITB since their previous MoU expired in 2010. The Joint Council has traveled between TAMU and ITB to build interest in specific fields for future collaboration in chemical engineering, petroleum engineering, and the geosciences. Based on positive responses from both institutions, TAMU and ITB intend to sign a new MoU in 2014 that will:

- Assist in developing a new Research Center in Petroleum Engineering at ITB through faculty exchanges in petroleum and chemical engineering.
- Develop a pipeline for enrolling Master and Doctoral students in engineering at TAMU using Government of Indonesia funding.
- Explore the possibility of dual degree-type programs at the undergraduate level between ITB and the Geochemical and Environmental Research Group (GERG) at Texas A&M.

- **Highline Community College (HCC) and Tanri Abeng University (TAU):**

The Joint Council has helped connect Highline Community College and Tanri Abeng University through several meetings and in drafting a new Memorandum of Understanding to be signed later in 2014 that will:

- Provide a pipeline for Indonesian student enrollment at Highline, credit transfer, and articulation agreements to later pursue bachelor degrees in the United States.
- Develop capacity of faculty and staff at TAU in e-Learning, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), and Entrepreneurship Training.
- Support English Language Teaching at TAU.

Plans for 2014:

In May 2014, the Joint Council will meet with the new U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia and embassy staff working on education projects, to develop a joint strategy for increasing the number of Indonesians studying in the United States. It is anticipated that the new strategy will:

- Foster enhanced collaboration between the Joint Council and Embassy to:
 1. Promote U.S. higher education in Indonesia
 2. Prepare Indonesians with the essay writing, test taking, and English language skills and information to apply successfully to universities in the United States
- Develop a joint strategy with private and public sector entities to overcome the key constraints in student preparation identified by the Joint Council that are currently preventing the achievement of a much greater and more appropriate number of Indonesian graduate students pursuing master and doctoral study in the United States. We believe overcoming these constraints will permit many more Indonesians to access the new \$1 billion in Ministry of Finance funds for global overseas graduate study in the USA.

Sumitro Fellows Program

USINDO received a total of 24 applications (9 Americans and 16 Indonesians) for the 2015 Sumitro Fellows Program. The Sumitro Fellows Review Committee met in March 2014 and selected Feitty Pandjaitan and Ian Parker as the 2014 Sumitro Fellows:

Feitty Pandjaitan (Indonesian)

Feitty Pandjaitan is a lawyer and a graduate student in International Legal Studies (LLM) at the Georgetown University Law Center. Her research is on the bilateral trade relations between the United States and Indonesia. Specifically, her research will examine the various U.S.-Indonesia trade disputes and analyze how they were settled. She is a recipient of USAID-Prestasi Scholarship. Prior to her graduate study, Ms. Pandjaitan worked as a trade law practitioner at an Indonesian holding company. She was also a lawyer at a major Indonesian law firm, a lecturer and researcher with the Center for International Law Studies at the University of Indonesia.

Ian Parker (American)

Ian Parker is a PhD candidate in sociocultural anthropology at the University of California, San Diego. He is researching the ethnography of the organization of Raja Ampat social communities and marine resource conservation as the basis for his dissertation in anthropology. Specifically, his dissertation is titled, "Social and environmental relations in the seascapes of

Raja Ampat, West Papua”. Mr. Parker earned a Master’s degree in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University and is a consultant at The World Bank.

Summer Language Study Program

2014 Program

On April 14, the Freeman Foundation granted \$40,000 to support USINDO’s 2014 Summer Language Study Program (Summer Studies). The grant will allow USINDO to send six American students to Indonesia this summer to attend intensive language study and cultural immersion program held at Gadjah Mada University. This year program will be held from June 2 to July 25. USINDO is currently reviewing the applications for the 2014 program. The selections will be announced shortly.

2013 Program

The 2013 Summer Language Study (Summer Studies) Program concluded in August 2, 2013. The 10-week USINDO’s flagship summer program was attended by six participants. The Freeman Foundation continued to provide funding for the program.

The participants were selected out of 29 applications. Participants had a two-day orientation in Yogyakarta before moving in with their host families and starting classes on June 10. USINDO 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 Indonesian elections. As in the previous

programs, the students also participated in several cultural workshops and field trips. USINDO continues 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 professional projects in the two countries. The program has quarterly deadlines in March, June, September, and December, and continues to be increasingly competitive, with over 120 applications received between October 2012 and September 2013, competing for up to two grants in each application cycle.

In June 2013, USINDO awarded grants to:

- **Achmad Maulana**, PhD Student at the Department of Economics in the University of California, Santa Cruz, to fund travel to Indonesia to conduct a study on the cost-effectiveness of infrastructure investment in human capital, by examining the role of School Construction Program (INPRES). Award amount: \$2,000
- **Dani Muhtada**, Doctoral Candidate at the Department of Political Science in the Northern Illinois University, to fund travel to Indonesia to conduct a comparative study on the adoption of Shari'a regulations in Indonesia by comparing cases in West Sumatra and West Java. Award amount: \$2,000

In September 2013, USINDO awarded grants to:

- **Yudo Anggoro**, PhD Student in Public Policy at the University of North Carolina – Charlotte, to fund travel to Indonesia to conduct an assessment of Indonesia's 2011-2025 Master Plan for Economic Development (MP3EI) related to the development of the regional industrial clusters, particularly the Java corridor. Award amount: \$2,000
- **Andreas Jonathan**, PhD Student and Lecturer in Inter-Religious Studies at the Indonesia Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS) Yogyakarta, to fund travel to the United States to conduct literature research for a dissertation on Muslim-Christian student relations in a university context. Award amount \$2,000
- **Liberty Sproat**, PhD Student in History at the Purdue University, to fund travel to Indonesia to conduct a field research on the historical role of women's organizations in the development of social welfare initiatives and Indonesian national identity. Award amount: \$2000

In December 2013, USINDO awarded grants to:

- **Sirojuddin Arif**, PhD Student in Political Science at the Northern Illinois University, to fund travel to Indonesia to study the effect of democracy on economic policy reform, particularly looking at the rise of agricultural protection in Indonesia. Award amount: \$2,000
- **Ted Biggs**, PhD Student in Anthropology at the University of California – Santa Cruz, to fund travel to Indonesia to conduct an ethnographic study on the modern maritime piracy and security in the Riau Archipelago. Award amount: \$2,000

USINDO is currently reviewing applications for the March 2014 cycle and will select up to two recipients.

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