



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

APRIL 2014 - APRIL 2015

The United States – Indonesia Society

April Board Meeting

April 7, 2015

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors,

In the past year USINDO again provided our audiences a large and balanced number of high quality information programs in both Jakarta and Washington: three special events and 17 Open Forums in Jakarta about the United States or U.S.-Indonesia relations, and five special events and 14 Open Forums in Washington about Indonesia.

We put extra effort this year into bringing our Washington audience insights on the Jokowi administration and its implications for Indonesia's economy, democratic governance, foreign and security policy, and the US-Indonesia bilateral relationship. The centerpiece was our major conference on the Jokowi administration in Washington December 11, with renowned international speakers. Videos of that conference are in this report.

On the education front, our US-Indonesia Joint Council on U.S.-Indonesia Higher Education Partnership has made a breakthrough in resolving what we believe is the main constraint to more Indonesians studying in the United States – the US Graduate Record exams, required only by the U.S. We raised funds for GRE testing that, along with existing generous tuition funds from the Indonesian government's Educational Endowment Fund (LPDP), should double the number of Indonesian LPDP-funded students pursuing graduate study in the United States.

Since our last Report, the Joint Council has established two new university-to-university partnerships: one between Texas A & M and ITB, in chemical, petroleum, and earth sciences, and one between University of Hawaii Manoa and Universitas Islam Indonesia, in Urban and Regional Planning. A third new partnership will be established this month between University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the Indonesian Educational Endowment Fund (LPDP) – their first MOU with a U.S. university. The Joint Council's four other partnerships and programs have already sent 228 Indonesians to the United States and 99 Americans to Indonesia for study.

Our Edward E. Masters and Sumitro Fellows programs, our Summer Language Studies Program for Americans, and our innovative Legislative Partnership Program are all also continuing to deepen the ties between our two countries, as described in this Report.

Two new events will be very significant in the remainder of 2015: The upcoming meeting between the two Foreign Ministers who chair the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership's Joint Commission, expected in June, and the planned visit to the United States by President Jokowi. USINDO intends to participate constructively in making both visits successful.

I invite you to read this report and look forward to our discussions at the Board Meeting.

Sincerely,



David N. Merrill
President

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Special Events on the Jokowi Administration

Special One-Day Conference

The Jokowi Administration: Prospects for Indonesia's Democratic Governance, Economic Development, and International Engagement

December 11, 2014

Four Seasons Hotel - Washington, D.C.

USINDO held a major full-day conference in Washington December 11 to inform our Washington office about Indonesia under the Jokowi administration.

The Honorable Edward Royce (R-CA), Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, **Ambassador Budi Bowoleksono**, Indonesian Ambassador to the United States; **Ambassador Scot Marciel**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and **Ms. Kelly E. Magsamen**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, gave opening remarks on U.S.-Indonesia relations and the Jokowi administration.

OPENING SESSION VIDEOS:



[Welcome Remarks by
USINDO President David Merrill](#)



[Opening Remarks by
The Hon. Edward Royce \(R-CA\)](#)



[Ambassador Budi Bowoleksono](#)



[Ambassador Scot Marciel](#)



[Ms. Kelly Magsamen](#)

[LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEECH: General Luhut Pandjaitan](#)

His Excellency General Luhut Pandjaitan gave the luncheon's keynote address on "*The Priorities and Policies of the Jokowi Administration.*"



[Introduction of Keynote Speaker](#)



[KEYNOTE ADDRESS: H.E. Luhut Pandjaitan](#)

[PowerPoint | Q&A](#)

PANEL SESSIONS:

Panel sessions with distinguished speakers from around the world were held on the Economy, Democracy and Governance, and Foreign and Security Policy

SESSION I - Indonesia's Economic Growth, Trade, Investment, and Development: Key Policy Issues and Decisions Ahead



Dr. Shubham Chaudhuri, *Practice Manager (Indonesia), Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management Global Practice; Practice Manager (EAP), Poverty Global Practice, The World Bank*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Mr. Suryo Sulisto, *Chairman of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN), Indonesia; Founder and Chairman, Satmarindo Group*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Dr. Darmawan Prasodjo, *Member of Parliament; Member of the Oil and Gas Governance Reform Task Force; Chief Economist, Millennium Challenge Account-Indonesia; and PDIP Senior Advisor*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Dr. Mohamad Ikhsan, *Advisor to the Vice President of Indonesia; Head of Team Assistance to the Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs*

[Video](#)



Dr. Sugeng, *Executive Director, Bank Indonesia Representative's Office of North and South America in New York*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Panel Discussion and Q&A

Moderated by: **Dr. Franck Wiebe**, *Professor of International Development, Georgetown University*

[Video](#)

SESSION II - Indonesian Democracy and Democratic Governance: What Does the Election Signify? What Issues Lie Ahead?



Professor R. William "Bill" Liddle, *Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Ohio State University*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



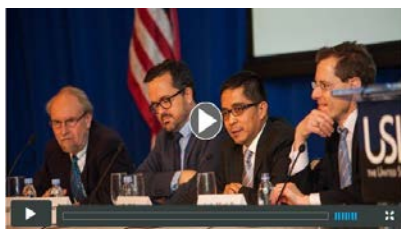
Professor Edward Aspinall, *Professor of Politics, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Dr. Philips Vermonte, *Head of Department of Politics and International Relations, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Panel Discussion and Q&A

Moderated by: **Ambassador Mark P. Lagon**,
Professor in the Practice of International Affairs, Georgetown University, and incoming President of Freedom House

[Video](#)

SESSION III - Indonesia's Foreign Policy and Security Issues: Continuity, Evolution, or Change?



Dr. Rizal Sukma, Presidential Advisor on Foreign Policy, and Executive Director at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta

[Video](#)



Dr. Don Emmerson, Director, Southeast Asia Forum, Stanford University

[Video](#)



Brigadier General Jan Pieter Ate, Director of International Cooperation, Directorate General of Defense Strategy, Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Indonesia

[Video](#)



Dr. Amy Searight, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, U.S. Department of Defense

[Video](#)



Panel Discussion and Q&A

Moderated by: **Dr. David Denoon**, Professor of Politics and Economics, NYU

[Video](#)

To view photos from the conference, please click [here](#).

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Washington D.C.

Special Open Forum

Joko Widodo: A New Paradigm for Indonesian Leadership?

February 26, 2015



Adam Schwarz

Distinguished Scholar and Authority
on Indonesia

Co-Founding Partner and Chief
Executive Officer-Asia of the Asia
Group

View the Brief [here](#).

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Special Open Forum

President Jokowi's Indonesia at the Five-Month Point

March 24, 2015

The Honorable Robert O. Blake, Jr.

United States Ambassador
to the Republic of Indonesia

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Galas

Washington, D.C.

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](#).

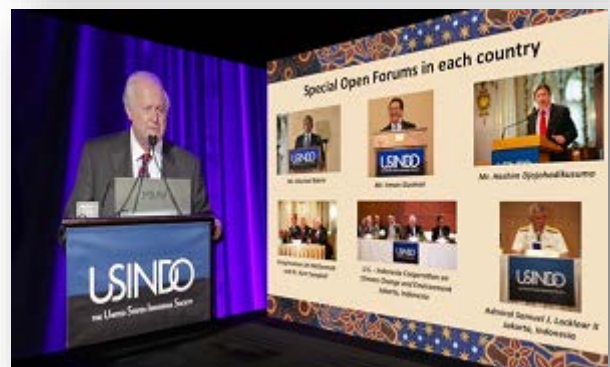


USINDO 20th Anniversary Special
Presentation

Ambassador David Merrill

President, USINDO

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

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

Other Special Events

Washington, D.C.

Special Award Reception Honoring President of Indonesia Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono for his Distinguished Contribution to U.S. - Indonesian Relations

September 25, 2014

**H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang
Yudhoyono**
President
Republic of Indonesia

The Willard Hotel

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Jakarta

USINDO Jakarta Special Meeting with the Business Executives for National Security (BENS)

Wednesday, November 19 2014

Four Seasons Hotel Jakarta



The U.S. Embassy Jakarta and U.S Pacific Command (PACOM) requested USINDO to host a special meeting with a senior delegation of U.S. business executives from
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the prominent U.S. NGO Business Executives for National Security (BENS), on their first visit to Indonesia.

BENS is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of U.S. senior executives who volunteer their time, expertise, and resources to achieve a broader understanding of a variety of U.S. and global national security challenges and find ways to be helpful in addressing them.

The BENS delegation was led by General Norton A. Schwartz, the President and CEO of BENS and Former Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, and consisted of 11 senior executive business leaders from various private sector industries and four staff members of U.S. PACOM. From USINDO, the meeting was attended by USINDO Members and Friends with various backgrounds such as the private sector, NGOs, and academics.

The two hour meetings covered various issues including the current political status of Indonesia, public perceptions toward the new government of Indonesia, foreign and private investment in Indonesia, Indonesia's competitiveness in the global market, Indonesia's national and local government accountability, religious diversity and pluralism, natural resources, and the effort to mitigate climate change.

USINDO Jakarta Special Lunch Meeting with the U.S. National War College

March 26, 2015

The U.S. Embassy Jakarta's Defense Office asked USINDO to host a special lunch meeting with the delegation from the National War College, National Defense University, Washington D.C., during their visit to Indonesia.

The National War College educates future leaders of the U.S. Armed Forces, State Department, and other civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities. Its graduates will exercise a great influence on the formulation of national security and foreign policy.

The National War College delegation was led by Captain James F. Buckley, the Navy Chair and Assistant to Professor of the National War College and consist of 11 faculty members and students from the State Department and Armed Forces.

The meeting covered broad topics such as foreign affairs, politics, business, military, religious freedom, environmental and democracy.

Open Forum Series

The Open Forum Series comprises six defined themes: (1) 2014 Indonesian Elections; (2) Bilateral Relationship / Comprehensive Partnership; (3) U.S. Foreign Policy; (4) Scholars; (5) Indonesian and American Young Leaders; and (6) Economy, Trade, and Business. The events held in the past 12 months are presented below.

USINDO 2014 Indonesian Elections Series

Owing to the intense interest of our members, USINDO conducted fifteen programs on the 2014 Indonesian Elections that began in October 2013. The series hosted presentations by various experts on the 2014 Indonesian elections and welcomed leaders from all political parties to communicate their points of view. Eight programs were held independently by USINDO, and seven jointly with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Indonesian Corner at SAIS, as part of an invitation-only off-the-record round-table scholars' series, "Indonesia Votes 2014". The following eight events were held over the past twelve months:

USINDO 2014 Indonesian Elections Open Forums

Washington, D.C.

Mapping Changes in the Indonesian Electoral Landscape from 2009 to 2014

May 27, 2014

Dr. Sarah Shair-Rosenfield
Assistant Professor,
School of Politics and Global Studies,
Arizona State University

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Indonesia's Legislative and Presidential Elections:

A first-hand perspective on the outcomes of the legislative elections, women's participation and challenges, and the presidential contest under way

June 26, 2014



Denise Rollins

Acting Assistant
Administrator,
Bureau for Asia,
USAID

Michelle Bekkering

Resident Country
Director in Indonesia,
International
Republican Institute

Kelley Currie

Senior Fellow,
Project 2049 Institute

Event Co-host: International Republican Institute (IRI)

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The Indonesian Election Results

July 24, 2014

Professor R. William Liddle

Professor Emeritus of Political Science,
Ohio State University

Event Co-host: International Republican Institute
(IRI)

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Special Open Forum Panel Discussion

What Indonesia's Presidential Election Signifies: Three Expert Indonesianists' Views

August 12, 2014



Dr. Thomas Pepinsky
Associate Professor of
Government
Cornell University

Prof. R. William Liddle
Professor Emeritus of
Political Science,
Ohio State University

Dr. Donald Emmerson
Director,
Southeast Asia Forum
Stanford University

Cosmos Club

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Indonesia's Democracy and the Role of Civil Society

October 21, 2014

Rahimah Abdulrahim
Executive Director of the Habibie Center
USINDO Advisor

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“Indonesia Votes 2014” Roundtable Series

This was an invitation-only off-the-record scholars series conducted jointly with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Indonesian Corner at SAIS.

Washington, D.C.

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



From 2009 to 2014: Mapping Changes in the Indonesian Electoral Landscape

May 27, 2014

Dr. Sarah Shair-Rosenfield
Assistant Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies,
Arizona State University

Venue: Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Do Indonesia’s Two Presidential Candidates Offer Different Economic Visions?

June 17, 2014

Mr. James Castle
Founder and CEO, CastleAsia

Venue: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

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.

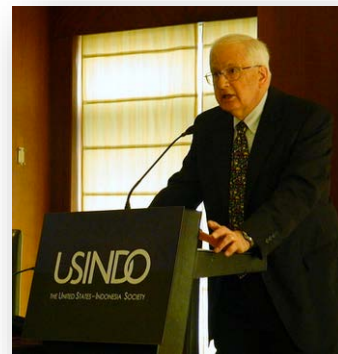
Jakarta

China and the U.S.-Indonesia Relationship

May 14, 2014

Ambassador Stapleton Roy
USINDO Co-Chair,
Former U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia and
China, and Founding Director Emeritus of
Kissinger Institute on China and the United
States, Woodrow Wilson International Center for
Scholars

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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 U.S.-Southeast Asia Engagement in the 21st Century

August 27, 2014

Dr. Satu Limaye

Director of East-West Center,
Director of Asia Matters for
America Initiative

**Ambassador Makarim
Wibisono**

Former Executive Director of
ASEAN Foundation



Event Co-host: American Indonesian Exchange Foundation (AMINEF)

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The 2014 U.S. Mid-Term Elections: Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy

September 25, 2014



William P. Tuchrello

Former Field Director of The Library Congress
for Southeast Asia, Interim Executive Director
of AMINEF

Dr. Philips J. Vermonte

Head of Department of Politics and
International Relations, CSIS Jakarta

Event Co-host: Center of Strategic and
International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta

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North Korean Human Rights: U.S. Policy and the International Response

February 25, 2015

Ambassador Robert R. King
U.S. Special Envoy for North Korean
Human Rights Issues

Marzuki Darusman
Special Rapporteur, United Nations
USINDO Advisor

Ambassador Cho Tai-Young
Republic of Korea Ambassador to
Indonesia

Event Co-host: U.S. Embassy

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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.

Jakarta

Ocean and Coastal Conservation and Its Impact to Sustainable Economic Development

April 17, 2014



Dr. Linwood Pendleton,

Senior Scholar, Ocean and Coastal Policy

Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University;

Former Acting Chief Economist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Gondan Puti Renosari

Marine Program Director,

The Nature Conservancy Indonesia

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

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Mind the Gap: Bridging the Divide between the Life and Social Sciences in Indonesian and American Studies

Thursday, December 18, 2014

Prof. Herman Hidayat

Research Professor on Forest Policy,
Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)

Lisa C. Kelley

PhD Candidate/ Fulbright Scholar,
Dept. of Environmental Science, UC
Berkeley

Matthew Minarchek

PhD Candidate/ AIFIS Fellow
Dept. of History, Cornell University

Jenny E. Goldstein

PhD Candidate/ Fulbright Scholar
Dept. of Geography, UCLA

Event Co-Host: @america, AMINEF and AIFIS

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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, D.C.

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

The U.S. Economic Recovery and Its Impact on the Global and Indonesian Economies

October 22, 2014

Widjadjanto Samirin

Managing Director,
Paramadina Public Policy Institute

Ndiamé Diop

Lead Economist,
World Bank

Fauzi Ichsan

Senior Economist
Head of Government Relations,
Standard-Chartered Bank

Event Co-Host:

Paramadina Public Policy Institute



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U.S. Trade Policy Toward Indonesia

April 10, 2015

Christine Brown

Director for South East Asia & Pacific Affairs,
Office of the United States Trade Representative

Event Co-Host: American Chamber of Commerce Indonesia

Other Open Forums

USINDO has also held many open forums with topics outside of these initiatives. These Open Forums included such issues as the shifting demographics in Indonesia, government transparency in both countries, anti-corruption, and the devolution of authority in Indonesia.

Washington, D.C.

U.S.-Indonesia University Roundtable on Science and Technology

May 22, 2014

Ms. Anne-Claire Hervy

Associate Vice-President for International Development and Programs
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)

Dr. E. William Colglazier

Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State

Ms. Nada Marsudi

Director of International S & T Network
Ministry of Research and Technology
Republic of Indonesia

Indonesia's Experience Combating Corruption

June 6, 2014

Mr. Adnan Pandu Praja

Commissioner
Indonesia's Corruption Eradication Commission
(KPK)

Event Co-host: Management Systems International



Jakarta

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

May 21, 2014

Dr. Bima Arya Sugiarto
Mayor of Bogor

Timothy J. Nowak
Executive Director, World Trade Center St.
Louis

Mauricio Amore
President Director, Monsanto Indonesia

Wully Wahyuni
Country Head, Novus Indonesia

Dr. Thomas L. Payne
Vice Chancellor, University of Missouri

Dr. Anas Miftah Fauzi
Vice Rector for Research and Collaboration
Bogor Agricultural Institute (IPB)



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Women in Law Enforcement in the U.S. and Indonesia: Outlook and Challenges

July 21, 2014



Kristen F. Bauer
Chargé d’Affaires, a.i., U.S.
Embassy Jakarta

Laksmi Indriyah Rohmulyati
Head of International Cooperation,
AGO Indonesia

Lisa McClennon
Deputy Assistant Inspector General
for Investigations, USAID

Col. Sri Rumiati
Head of Police Technology and
Security Management Training
Institute of Police Science (STIK-
PTIK)

Artha Theresia Silalahi
Deputy Chief Judge of East Jakarta
District Court

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Building Local Government Accountability: Perspective of Local Government Officials in the United States and Indonesia

September 5, 2014

Gary Pearlmutter
Director, The Cococino County Legal Defender Office, Arizona

Mark S. Watson
City Manager, City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Mark Reggentin
Planning and Development Director, City of Mount Dora, Florida

Yuejiao Liu
Project Manager Supervisor, Department of Public Works, City of Austin, Texas

Putut Purwandono
Analyst for Local Economic and Revenue Development and Cooperation Affairs,
City of Yogyakarta

Tri Utari
Manager Advocacy, APEKSI

Event Co-hosts: U.S. Embassy Jakarta and Association of the Indonesian
Municipalities (APEKSI)

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Assessing Government Accountability in United States and Indonesia

March 4, 2015

Dr. Harry Azhar Aziz

Chairman, Supreme Audit Agency of the Republic of Indonesia (BPK RI)

Joseph Christoff

Former Director of International Affairs and Trade,
United States Government Accountability Office (GAO)
Director of Institute for Public Accountability,
Management Systems International

Event Co-Hosts: MSI-SIAP & USAID

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Government and Community Relations in Local Public Service Delivery: U.S.' and Indonesia's Perspective

March 13, 2015

John E. Baker

Policy and Program Development
Administrator City of Tallahassee,
Florida
Human Relations Specialist City of
Dubuque, Iowa

Dr. Marie Peoples

Chief Health Officer Cocoono Public
Health Services, Arizona

Manisha Paudel

Human Relations Specialist City of
Dubuque, Iowa

Dinar Dana Kharisma

Planner Staff,
Directorate of Social and Welfare
Ministry of National Development Planning



Siti Barokah

Program Manager for Poverty Eradication and Economic Governance,
the Partnership for Governance Reform (Kemitraan)

Elly Tartati Ratni

Head of Research and Development Sub Division,
Local Development and Planning Agency of Blitar City

Event Co-Hosts: U.S Embassy and @america

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Upcoming Events**Washington D.C.****A Conversation with Daniel Ziv**

April 9, 2015

Daniel Ziv

Documentary Filmmaker

Producer and Director of the award-winning documentary “Jalanan”

Indonesia’s Climate Change Policy under the Jokowi Administration

April 15, 2015

Dr. Budy Resosudarmo

Head, Indonesia Project, Australian National University

Senior Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School

PR and Media in Indonesia (tentative)

April 27, 2015

Freddy Tulung

Director General, Public Information and Communication

Ministry of Information and Communication

Government Accountability During Rapid Economic Reform: BPK perspective

May 20, 2015

Harry Azhar Aziz

Chairman, Indonesia’s Audit Board (BPK)

Jakarta

STEM Development in the U.S. and Indonesia

April 27, 2015

Phyllis Wise

Chancellor,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

M. Anis

Rector,
University of Indonesia

The Lessons of Disaster Preparedness and Response in the US and Indonesia

June 5, 2015

Dr. Karl Kim

Executive Director,
National Disaster Preparedness Training Center
University of Hawai'i Manoa

Dody Riswandi

Prime Secretary
National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB)

Abdul Harris Achadi

Foreign Affairs Technical Cooperation,
National Search and Rescue Agency, Republic of Indonesia (BASARNAS)

Harlan Hale

Regional Advisor
Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, USAID

Countering Violent Extremism: The U.S.' and Indonesia's Perspectives / ISIS

July 2015

Cyber Crimes and Cyber War: How do the U.S. and Indonesia Manage the Risks?

May 2015

Education Programs and Grants

Legislative Partnership Program

After its successful first Legislative Partnership Program on March 1-7, 2014, USINDO is currently preparing the second LPP program. The second program will be conducted in the Fall of 2015, funds and scheduling permitting; otherwise in 2016.

The call for applications for the program will be opened by June 2015 and the interview selection will be conducted by the end of July 2015.

The first LPP focused on the Indonesian Committee on Foreign Affairs. The second LPP intends to concentrate on the Committee on Finance, National Development Planning, Banking, and Non-Bank Financial Institutions. The other two LPP programs, subject to funding, will concentrate on the Committee on Energy, Environment, Natural Mineral Resources, and the Committee on Trade, Industry, Investment, Cooperatives, SMEs, and State-Owned Enterprises.

The Legislative Partnership Program aims to improve capacity of parliamentary staffers and deepen legislative-to-legislative contacts as part of the U.S. - Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership. The participants of this program are the secretariat staffs or political advisors of DPR who play a strategic role in their current position, between the ages of 25-50, and have more than five years government or parliament-related work experience.

The participants in this program learn practical knowledge directly from experienced U.S. practitioners about U.S. Congressional committee functioning, the role of professional staff and staff management, the use of support systems such as the Congressional Research Service, legislative drafting, government and non-government legislative oversight, and how the U.S. system engages stakeholders for inclusive policy-making.

The LPP will be implemented over three years by sending up to four delegations of Indonesian parliamentary staff to Washington, D.C., funds permitting. Each of the exchanges consists of a customized one-week study program and a U.S. legislative orientation for eight staffers, and a one-month legislative internship for three staffers.



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



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

Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program

The Edward E. Masters Program funds the graduate level education and manages the placement of top ranked officials from the Indonesian government at leading universities in the United States. The program has placed 17 Indonesian diplomats at top U.S. graduate programs in international affairs and international law.

On October 29, 2014 USINDO signed an agreement with the Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS) to include officials from BAPPENAS in the Ed Masters Program. The agreement will enable the Program to send up to two BAPPENAS officials starting in Fall 2016 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.



New Opportunities

USINDO is working with the Loyola University Chicago School of Law to send two Indonesian students 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. Two Indonesian ministries, the Ministry of Law and Human Rights (Kemenhukam) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), have expressed interest in sending their officials to the PROLAW program and providing living cost support. Loyola has pledged support for two tuition scholarships. USINDO is now working with Loyola on the terms of the proposed program.

USINDO continues to be interested in pursuing extending the Ed Masters Fellows Program to the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM).

Fellows Update

Three Fellows graduated in the summer of 2014, joining a growing pool of Ed Masters Fellow alumni. Two of the graduating Fellows completed two-year graduate programs in International Affairs (SIPA and Fletcher School respectively), and one completed one-year graduate program in International Law (UVA Law School). Five Fellows are currently in their first/second year of graduate study at top U.S. programs of international affairs and international law.

In 2014 USINDO introduced a professional development program in Washington D.C. for current Ed Masters Fellows. In the spring, USINDO brought all five current Fellows to Washington to attend USINDO's 20th Anniversary Gala on April 11, 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.



For the fall semester, the professional development program coincided with USINDO's Special Reception honoring President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono for his distinguished contribution to U.S.-Indonesia Relations. Fellows traveled to Washington and, over the course of two days, met with six organizations from the private, public, and non-profit sector that work in Indonesia including the World Bank, U.S. State Department, U.S.-ASEAN Business Council, National Democracy Institute (NDI), International Republican Institute (IRI), and Congressional Research Services (CRS).



State Department Indonesia Desk Officer Erik Anderson, meets with USINDO Ed Masters Fellows



USINDO Ed Masters Fellows meet with NDI Program Manager for Asia



USINDO Ed Masters Fellows and USINDO staff in front of the White House

Discussions ranged from the work each organization does in Indonesia to the recent presidential election in Indonesia. Fellows also attended a ceremony at the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia and USINDO's Special Reception honoring the then President of Indonesia, Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (KEMLU)

On January 2015, USINDO and KEMLU signed a new Memorandum of Understanding to extend the program for a second four-year cycle until 2017. Under the new MoU, USINDO and KEMLU will continue to share the tuition expenses 50/50. KEMLU Fellows may now choose to pursue graduate study in Public Policy, Environmental Studies, and Economics, in addition to International Affairs and International Law.

The new MOU includes the newly launched 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 or other Special Event.

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.

Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS)

USINDO is currently accepting applications from BAPPENAS officials for a graduate study program beginning in Fall 2016.

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

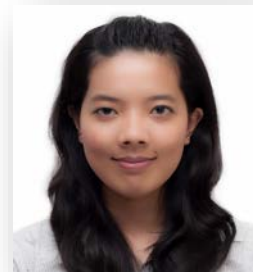
The Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program has awarded a total of sixteen Indonesian junior diplomats to complete graduate studies in the U.S. Five Fellows are currently studying at top U.S. programs in international affairs and international law. Three more Fellows will start their graduate study in the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

Edward E. Masters Fellows 2014

Shohib Masykur – first year, Georgetown – Walsh School of Foreign Service

Svetlana Anggita Prasasthi – first year, Columbia Law School (one-year LLM)

Willa Nurul Utami – first year, Columbia – SIPA



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2013

Ainan Nuran – second year, Columbia – SIPA

Rudi Winandoko – second year, Columbia – SIPA

Gulardi Nurbintoro – graduated (June 2014), UVA's School of Law (LLM); currently pursuing doctoral study at UVA, with the Indonesian Government's LPDP scholarship.

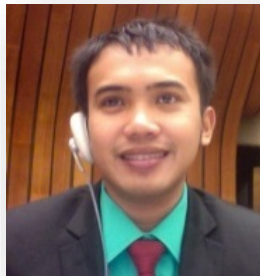


Edward E. Masters Fellows 2012

Andiputera Sparringa – graduated (summer 2014), Tufts University – Fletcher School

Erry Wahyu Prasetyo – graduated (summer 2014), Columbia – SIPA

Both have since returned to KEMLU.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2011

Narindra Bikka Mitya – graduated (summer 2013), Tufts University – Fletcher School

Gerrina Romadona Aryza – graduated (summer 2013), Columbia – SIPA

They are now awaiting their first diplomatic appointment at Indonesian Embassies.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2010

Ibrahim Caraka Debe – graduated (summer 2012), Tufts University – Fletcher School

Gracia Caroline Sidabutar – graduated (summer 2012), Columbia – SIPA

Yvonne Mewengkang – graduated (summer 2012), American University – School of International Studies

They are now serving their first diplomatic appointment at Indonesian Embassies.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2009

Nona Siska Noviyanti – graduated (summer 2011), Tufts University – Fletcher School

Supriyanto Suwito – graduated (summer 2011), Columbia – SIPA

Awidya Santikajaya – graduated (summer 2011), Johns Hopkins – SAIS

Our pioneering Masters Fellows, 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 (“Joint Council”) remains the only non-governmental organization recognized by the presidents of both the United States and Indonesia in their Joint Declaration of the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership. The two presidents specifically encouraged the Joint Council to “harness the energies of the non-governmental, public, and private sectors in both countries in support of expanding bilateral programs in higher education, including to help build Indonesia’s capacity to provide world class university education.”

In this important role, the Joint Council:

1. Facilitates the **establishment of substantive partnerships** that lead to increased student exchanges, joint research, and capacity building at Indonesian universities. The Joint Council has established **six partnerships** to date, primarily in the science and technology fields.
2. Finds ways to **send more Indonesian and American students** to each other’s country for study. The Joint Council has helped send **228 Indonesians** to the United States and **79 Americans** to Indonesia for study. The Joint Council is concentrating on enabling government-funded Indonesian graduate students to study in the U.S. by removing constraints to U.S. study such as the cost of GRE testing. Its goal is to double the number studying in the United States by 2016.
3. **Finds and resolves constraints** to establishing sustainable university partnerships or preventing substantially increased numbers of students from studying in each other’s country.

In the past six months, the Joint Council has:

1. **Established a \$35,000 fund** to provide free GRE and GMAT test vouchers to LPDP scholars interested in studying in the U.S. The GRE and GMAT tests are a major constraint preventing qualified students from even applying to U.S. universities and the Joint Council believes that by removing this constraint, a

substantially higher number of Indonesian scholarship recipients will choose to study in the United States.

- Contributions to the Fund came from the following seven U.S. universities:
 - Harvard University
 - University of California San Diego
 - University of Colorado Boulder
 - University of Illinois Chicago
 - University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
 - University of Iowa
 - University of Washington
 - The free GRE and GMAT test vouchers are publicized in Indonesia by the U.S. Embassy and on the website of the Indonesian Endowment Fund (LPDP).
 - Within the first week of launching the Fund in February 2015, over 200 Indonesian scholarship recipients requested vouchers. If only half of these end up studying in the U.S., it would **more than double** the number of LPDP scholars studying in the U.S.
2. Established two new university partnerships, bringing to six the number established by the Joint Council:
- **Texas A&M University and Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB):**
Established a MoU in December 2014 to strengthen ties between the chemical, petroleum, and earth science departments at both institutions.
 - **University of Hawaii Manoa and Universitas Islam Indonesia:**
Establishment of a MoU between the two universities in Urban and Regional Planning resulting in a new dual degree program for an MA in Urban & Regional Planning. The dual degree program will begin enrolling students in fall 2015.
3. Organized and led the following five high-level delegations of Indonesian and American university representatives to each other's countries. Such delegations have proven over time to be crucial for initiating new partnerships.
- Two-week visit by the chair of the chemical engineering department at **Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB)** to nine U.S. universities in October 2014 to discuss possible partnerships in faculty exchange, student exchange, and collaborative research.
 - One-week visit to Indonesia in January 2015 by the dean of the college of agriculture and environmental sciences at the **University of Georgia** to

consider developing the college's first partnership in poultry science in Indonesia.

- One-week visit to Indonesia by several senior faculty at the college of agriculture, food, and natural resources at the **University of Missouri Columbia** to engage with IPB, Monsanto, and local farmers to boost corn production.
 - Three day visit by the **University of Arizona** to Indonesia in March 2015 to explore study abroad opportunities for Americans in Indonesia.
 - Three day visit by the chancellor of the **University of Illinois Urbana Champaign** (UIUC) to Indonesia to sign a MoU with the Indonesian Endowment Fund (LPDP) to facilitate greater numbers of scholarship recipients to study at UIUC. The chancellor will also speak at a USINDO Open Forum in Jakarta on the topic of STEM education on Monday, April 27, 2015.
4. Provided advice and support to help make the four partnerships established in 2014 sustainable:
- **Northern Arizona University:** Led efforts in organizing a research capacity building workshop by NAU faculty at Universitas Papua (UNIPA) in Manokwari in January 2015. A second capacity building workshop will take place May 11-13, 2015 in Lombok, Indonesia.
 - **Rutgers University:** Advised faculty in primatology and marine sciences on funding opportunities, including support in reviewing grant applications. Currently the Joint Council is working to secure a grant from the U.S. Embassy to support a capacity building workshop in Maluku in late 2015/early 2016 to improve STEM curriculum at Hatta-Sjahrir College of Fisheries and Marine Science.
 - **University of Missouri Columbia:**
 - Established ties between the University of Missouri Columbia and Monsanto Indonesia and organized a two-week visit to Indonesia to participate in Monsanto's DeKalb Learning Centers to assess training programs for corn farmers.
 - Currently establishing ties between the Ministry of Information and Communication and the School of Journalism at Missouri to provide funding for capacity building workshops for Indonesian journalists at the University of Missouri.

5. Promote U.S. and Indonesian higher education ties through advising and consulting services to organizations in both the U.S. and Indonesia:
 - **XL Telkom Indonesia:** Advising their Future Leaders Project on how to build partnerships with U.S. universities for enrolling their students in graduate programs. The Joint Council will promote study in the U.S. in collaboration with the Future Leaders Project at the University of Indonesia in April 2015.
 - **American Honors:** Advising the U.S.-based community college organization on how to build partnerships to enroll undergraduate students into community colleges with articulation agreements with top U.S. universities.
 - **University Professional & Continuing Education Association (UPCEA):** Presented to U.S. institutions on how to partner with Indonesian institutions at UPCEA's 100th Anniversary Conference on April 2, 2015. Other speakers included Second Lady Jill Biden and Ambassador Scot Marciel.
6. Working with the new Indonesian administration to select an Indonesian co-chair for the Joint Council in April 2015.

The Structure of the Joint Council

The U.S.-Indonesia Joint Council benefits from strong support from the U.S. and Indonesian governments as well as the academic community and private sector in both countries. In addition to the leadership detailed below, the Joint Council engages with over 500 U.S. and Indonesian higher education officials on a monthly basis.

The information provided below is current but it is expected that a change in the leadership positions held on the Indonesian side of the Joint Council will occur in 2015 due to the recent changes in the Indonesian government.

Leadership of the Joint Council



Chair: M. Peter McPherson,
President of A-P-L-U

Vice Chair: David Merrill,
President of USINDO

Executive Director: Bernie Burrola



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administration

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Executive Director: To be determined
with new administration

Executive Committee:

Higher Education Associations

American Association of Community
Colleges

Association of American Universities

Association of Public Land Grant
Universities

East-West Center

Institute of International Education

NAFSA: Association of International
Educators

World Learning

Indonesian Corporations and Foundations

Ancora Foundation

Sampoerna Foundation

Freeport Indonesia

U.S. Foundations

Caterpillar Foundation

Chevron University Partnership Program

ExxonMobil Foundation

Sumitro Fellows Program

USINDO received a total of 20 applications (6 Americans and 14 Indonesians) for the 2015 Sumitro Fellows Program. The Sumitro Fellows Review Committee met in February 2015 and selected the following as the 2015 Sumitro Fellows.

Herliana (Indonesian)



Herliana is a PhD candidate in the University of Washington, School of Law with a Fulbright-DIKTI scholarship. Her dissertation research focuses on the development of foreign investment law and investment treaty arbitration in Indonesia. Herliana earned a Master's degree in Commercial Law from University of Melbourne, School of Law under Australian Development Scholarship and a Bachelor's degree in Law from Gadjah Mada University, with a Sumitomo Bank scholarship. She is currently a tenured lecturer at Gadjah Mada University, Faculty of Law. Her teaching and research interests include:

civil law, civil procedure, alternative dispute resolution, and arbitration. She has done extensive research in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution in Indonesia, Korea and Japan under various fellowship programs. Herliana is currently an intern in the World Justice Project, Seattle office.

Sebastian Detmann (American)



Sebastian Dettman is a PhD student in the Department of Government at Cornell University. His research interests include citizenship, political participation, and citizen-state relationships in decentralized democracies. His dissertation project examines the role of citizen participation in public goods and infrastructure provision in contexts of socioeconomic inequality. He will spend a year conducting a multi-method research project on this topic in six cities across Indonesia. During the research he will be affiliated with the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Jakarta as a visiting fellow. Sebastian has also worked as a researcher and consultant in Indonesia focusing on local

politics and participation. Sebastian completed his Masters degree in Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Michigan and his BA in International/Intercultural Studies at Pitzer College.

Summer Language Study Program (Summer Studies)

2014 Program

The 2014 Summer Language Study Program ran from June 2 to July 25, 2014. Six students were admitted into the program, bringing the total number of the Summer Studies alumni to 205. The 2014 program was made possible by a \$40,000 grant from the program's long-time supporter, the Freeman Foundation. Gadjah Mada University continued to host this intensive language study and cultural immersion program.



The six participants were selected from a pool of 18 applicants. They came from universities across the United States, with diverse academic background: international relations, anthropology, communications, mathematics and GIS, and physics and music.

USINDO hosted a two-day orientation in Yogyakarta for the students before they moved in with their host families and started the language classes. As in the previous years, students participated in several cultural workshops and field trips. They also attended several lectures with the following topics: presidential election and political parties in Indonesia, domestic violence awareness, Islamic law, Islamic boarding schools, Indonesian and Javanese cultures.

Upon completion of the program, one student accepted a short term internship at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, another took up a two-year position with an international school in Yogyakarta.

2015 Program

For 2015 USINDO is proposing fresh changes which will generate the program's impact to more American students, enrich their experience, increase the cost effectiveness per student, and leverage the impact of Freeman Foundation funds.

Grants from the Freeman Foundation have gradually declined over the last five years. The program now sends six students compared to an average of 15 in the past. USINDO has requested a grant at last year's level of \$40,000 from the Foundation and proposes to provide \$34,000 of its own, from a bequest dedicated to education and from an earmarked donation from Allene Masters, in honor of Ed Masters' highest priority of

sending more Americans to Indonesia. The new proposal if approved will enable us to double the number of students enrolled.

USINDO will also engage a new highly capable and motivated local organization for administering all non-language activities of the program, under USINDO's oversight. The program will also offer our American students the opportunity for short internships or volunteer work at local organizations in Yogyakarta, to develop their practical skills and familiarity with current issues in Indonesia. Also new this year, USINDO in cooperation with the Indonesian Ministry of Information and Communications, will host a three-day trip to West Java as part of the program. Students will meet local leaders, have discussions with NGOs, and participate in cultural activities.

A grant proposal for the 2015 program has been submitted to the Freeman Foundation. A funding decision for the 2015 program is expected by the third week of April 2015. USINDO is currently reviewing applications and the selection will be announced shortly.

Travel Grants

USINDO awards Travel Grants for Indonesians and Americans interested in pursuing academic research and other professional projects in the two countries. In the past year we awarded eight travel grants to 3 Indonesians and 5 Americans. In 2015, USINDO took a prudent decision to temporarily suspend the Travel Grant Program, owing to overall USINDO funding cuts as a result of the fall in global oil price. The decision to lift the temporary suspension will be made after USINDO has completed taking stock of its financial situation.

The 2014 grant recipients are as follows:

- **Umi Rukailah Safari**, English Teacher at SMA Negeri Ambulu, Jember, to fund travel to the United States to forge sister-school partnerships between high schools in Oregon, Montana, and Jember (East Java).
- **Erica Larson**, PhD Student in Anthropology at the Boston University, to fund travel to Indonesia to conduct preliminary fieldwork for an ethnographic study of civic education in Indonesia.
- **Sanggul Rouli Manalu**, PhD Student in Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media at the North Carolina State University, to fund travel to Indonesia to study the development of Internet infrastructure in Indonesia.
- **Gregory Thaler**, PhD Student in Government Studies at Cornell University, to fund travel to Indonesia to study the politics of environmental management and development in eastern Indonesian Borneo.
- **Kian Goh**, PhD student in Urban Studies and Planning at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to fund travel to Indonesia to study urban spatial politics of climate change in Jakarta.
- **Yeni Rahayu**, MA student in Plants Biology at Bogor Agricultural Institute, to travel to the United States to conduct taxonomy study as a Smithsonian Graduate Fellow.
- **Benjamin Ruisch**, MA student in Social and Political Psychology at Cornell University, to fund travel to Indonesia to study the psychological consequences of national symbols in contemporary Indonesia.
- **Christopher Laugen**, MA student in Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia, to fund travel to Indonesia to study organizational readiness in emergency maternal and infant services in Indonesia.

The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL)

In August 2014, USINDO and the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) collaborated for the fifth time, organizing and facilitating educational exchange programs for young American and Indonesian political leaders. USINDO led a selection panel to select three out of 90 applicants to participate in the ACYPL 2014 United States Exchange Program. The selected applicants were:

1. Enggar Ferry Wibowo Sugiharto, International Cooperation Officer, Jakarta Provincial Government
2. Firliana Purwanti, Member of Women Empowerment and Child Protection Committee, DPP Partai Demokrat
3. Muhammad Maskuruddin Hafid, Deputy National Coordinator of the People's Voter Education Network/Jaringan Pendidikan untuk Pemilih Rakyat (JPPR)

In August 2014, the Indonesian delegates joined other delegates from Malaysia and the Philippines to observe and participate in U.S. government and mid-term election-related activities in Washington D.C., and attend the National Conference of State Legislatures annual meeting in Minnesota. The delegates also met distinguished ACYPL alumni who work and serve in state legislature all over the U.S.

The program concentrated on campaigns for the November 2014 mid-term election at the national, state, and local levels. The participants joined delegations from other countries in Washington for meetings with ACYPL alumni and Congressional offices, before continuing with the state and local visits in Montgomery, Alabama and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ACYPL Professional Fellows Program (Spring & Fall 2015)

USINDO in cooperation with the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) and U.S. Embassy Jakarta announced the development of a Professional Fellows Program (PFP) focused on legislative process and governance for young political and policy leaders from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and the United States.

As an in-country partner organization of ACYPL, USINDO will disseminate the 2015 program information to prospective individuals and institutions, as well as work closely with both ACYPL and the U.S. Embassy in the selection process.

Selected participants will attend orientation in Washington D.C. and participate in a four-week intensive fellowships in a local office with day-to-day mentoring and guidance from a local leader and/or an ACYPL alumnus with the goal of strengthening their understanding of American governance, politics, and the legislative process. At the

conclusion of the program, all participants will go to Washington D.C. for a 3-day Professional Fellows Congress where they will share their experiences with other international fellows from around the world.

The 2015 Spring PFP will be held from April 25 – June 5, 2015. The following delegates have been selected by a panel consisting of representatives from USINDO, ACYPL, and the U.S. Embassy:

1. Mr. Hans Jong
Reporter, the Jakarta Post

Project: Curb corruption, inefficient bureaucracy, and increase public participation in the political process

2. Ms. Elisabet Jupesta
Legal Counsel, Technip Indonesia

Project: Establish an energy innovation agency to provide legal consultation, quantitative and qualitative research, and advise the government on the future of energy policy

3. Mr. Denni Nurdwiansyah
Assistant Director and Head of Programs SAMPAN/Friends of Coastal Communities

Project: Improve policies concerning forest management and prevent deforestation

4. Ms. Lia Wulandari Sukirman
Program Manager, Research and Advocacy, Perludem Association for Election and Democracy

Project: Advocate for the revision and codification of current electoral law

The four selected delegates are currently preparing their visa applications and will depart for the U.S mid-April, 2015.

As for the YSEALI 2015 Fall Program, it will be held from October 3 – November 13, 2015. USINDO has disseminated the Call for Applications for the program. The deadline for submitting applications for the Fall Program is April 15, 2015.

-- End of President's Report --

The United States-Indonesia Society

USINDO's mission is to expand mutual understanding between the United States and Indonesia and its people, and to strengthen the bilateral relationship, including the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership. We implement our mission through expert lectures, conferences, and discussions in each country, and through educational and legislative exchange programs and partnerships.

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