



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

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# Galas

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## **USINDO 2016 Gala Dinner** April 1, 2016

Featured Speaker:  
**H.E. Jusuf Kalla**  
Vice President  
Republic of Indonesia

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Welcoming Remarks from  
**Ambassador David N. Merrill**,  
USINDO President

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Special Remarks  
**The Honorable Daniel R. Russel**,  
Assistant Secretary of State for  
East Asian and Pacific Affairs

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Introduction of Featured Speaker  
**Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy**,  
U.S. Co-Chair, USINDO

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**Photo Gallery of 2016 Gala Dinner Coming Soon**

## Dinner in Honor of President Joko Widodo

October 26, 2015

Event Co-Hosts:  
US Chamber of Commerce,  
US-ASEAN Business Council

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Remarks by **President Joko Widodo**  
President of the Republic of Indonesia

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Appreciation and Concluding Remarks from  
**USINDO President David N. Merrill**

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**USINDO 2015 Gala Dinner**  
September 21, 2015

Featured Speaker:  
**H.E. Retno Marsudi**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of Indonesia

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Welcoming Remarks from  
**Ambassador David N. Merrill**,  
USINDO President

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Featured Guest:  
**The Honorable Catherine A. Novelli**  
Under Secretary of State  
For Economic Growth, Energy, and the  
Environment

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Remarks by **The Honorable Scot Marciel**  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State  
For East Asia and the Pacific

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Appreciation and Concluding Remarks from  
**Ambassador David N. Merrill**,  
USINDO President

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# USINDO Special Events

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## Washington, D.C.

### Reforming the Management of Indonesia's Energy and Mineral Resources Sector: An Update

Thursday, July 2, 2015

Cosmos Club

**H.E. Sudirman Said**  
Minister of Energy and Mineral  
Resources

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### The DPR's Enhanced Role in Indonesia's Governance

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Cosmos Club

**H.E. Setya Novanto**  
Member, Indonesian House of  
Representatives (DPR)





## **Executive Round Table Discussion on Indonesia's Energy and Natural Resources Issues: The View from Parliament**

Tuesday, October 27 2015

USINDO Conference Room

USINDO, in cooperation with the US-ASEAN Business Council, organized an off-the-record round table with the Vice Chair, Satya Yudha and members of Indonesia's Commission VII.



## Meeting with Indonesian Parliament Officials from the House of Representatives' Committee on House Administration

Wednesday, March 2 2016

USINDO Conference Room

USINDO met with Indonesian members of Parliament from the Committee on House Administration during the delegation's recent visit to Washington, D.C.

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## President Jokowi's Indonesia at the 18-month point: Progress, Challenges, Outlook

March 17, 2016

USINDO Conference Room

**Ambassador Robert O. Blake, Jr.**  
U.S. Embassy Jakarta

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# Open Forum Series

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USINDO's signature Open Forum Series has become the premier arena for USINDO to build public understanding of Indonesia and the United States. The discussions feature distinguished experts, academics, and policy makers, with the aim of providing timely and accurate information in the areas facing both nations, as well as to allow the public to directly interact with the speakers. This year, USINDO held a total of xx Open Forums in Washington D.C. and Jakarta, centered around six defined themes: (1) 2016 U.S. Presidential Election Series; (2) Bilateral Relationship / Strategic Partnership Series; (3) Economy, Trade, and Business Series; (4) USINDO Scholars Series; (5) USINDO Campus Lecture Series; (6) Other Open Forums. The events held in the past 12 months are presented below:

## 2016 U.S. Presidential Election Series

The 2016 U.S. Presidential Election has been a great topic of interest not only in the U.S. but also in other countries, especially Indonesia. In response to this enthusiasm from the general public, USINDO has hosted Open Forums inviting experts from diverse fields to discuss their views on various aspects of the 2016 Election.

### Jakarta

#### 2016 U.S. Presidential Election: The Electoral Process and Candidates' Prospects

October 27, 2015

##### **Chas Anderson**

Former Executive Director,  
Minnesota House of  
Representatives,  
Co-Founder/Partner, MZA+CO

##### **Paul Rowland**

Former Country Director,  
National Democratic Institute (NDI),  
Independent Political Consultant



**Event Co-host:** U.S. Embassy and @america  
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**USINDO Jakarta Round Table Breakfast  
Discussion on “The 2016 U.S. Elections  
and TPP: An Insider’s Look”**

January 12, 2016

**Nelson Cunningham**, President and  
Co-Founder of McLarty Associates

**Remarks by:**  
**Ambassador James Keith**, Senior  
Director of McLarty Associates’ Asia  
Practice

**Event Co-host:** McLarty Associates and  
AMCHAM Indonesia

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**A Closer Look at the 2016 U.S. Presidential  
Election and Beyond**

February 3, 2016

**Casimir A. Yost**  
Senior Fellow at the Institute for  
Study of Diplomacy,  
Georgetown University  
Adjunct Member, RAND Corporation

**Event Co-host:** U.S. Embassy and @america

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## Bilateral Relationship/Strategic Partnership Series

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

### Jakarta

#### Disaster Preparedness and Response in the U.S. and Indonesia

June 5, 2015

**Air Marshall FH Bambang Sulistyo**  
Head of National Search and Rescue  
Agency (BASARNAS)

**Dr. Karl Kim**  
Executive Director,  
National Disaster Preparedness  
Training Center, University of Hawai'i

**Rusty Witwer**  
Country Coordinator for ICS Program,  
Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, USAID



**Event Co-host:** HOPE Worldwide  
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#### Global Problems, Local Solutions: U.S.-Indonesia Perspectives on Developing Resilient Cities for Sustainable Life

March 4, 2016

**Arief Wismansyah**  
Mayor of Tangerang City

**Aniessa Delima Sari**  
Program Manager, Mercy Corps  
Indonesia

**Jim Nichols,**  
County Manager,  
Douglas County, Nevada



**Janet K. Regner,**  
Community Services Director,  
Coconino County, Arizona

**Bruce M. Applegate Jr.**  
Assistant to the City Manager,  
Oak Ridge City, Tennessee

**Tri Widayati**  
Head of Artificial Ecology Sub-directorate,  
Ministry of Environment and Forestry  
Republic of Indonesia

**Event Co-host:** U.S. Embassy, @america, and the Association of Indonesian Municipalities (APEKSI)  
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## Economy, Trade & Business Series

This series covers a wide range of topics in the field of economics, trade, and business, including discussions on the most pressing current issues such as the role of expanded internet access in supporting economic growth, the development of the creative economy, and perspectives on the global financial architecture.

### Washington D.C.

#### **Safeguarding Integrity and Accountability in Indonesia's Economic Reform: The Role of the Supreme Audit Board**

May 19, 2015

**Harry Azhar Azis, PhD**  
Chairman  
Indonesia's Audit Board (BPK)

**Event Co-Hosts:** USAID and MSI  
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## Indonesia's Economic Malaise: Chronic or Curable?

June 25, 2015

**James Castle**

Founder, Castle Asia  
USINDO Advisor

View the Brief [here](#).

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## Jakarta

### Expanding Internet Access to support Economic Growth and Government Service Delivery in the U.S. and Indonesia

July 29, 2015

**Ambassador Daniel A. Sepulveda**

Deputy Assistant Secretary,  
Bureau of Economic and Business  
Affairs, U.S. Department of State

**Dr. Ilham Habibie**

Chair of Indonesia National  
Information and Communication  
Technology (ICT) Council

**Shinto Nugroho**

Head of Public Policy and  
Government,  
Google

**Ruben Hattari**

Director of Corporate Affairs, Microsoft Indonesia

**Alvin Sheng Hui Tan**

Head of Public Policy,  
South East Asia, Facebook



**Event Co-host:** U.S. Embassy and @america

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## Supporting U.S. & Indonesia's Creative Economy and Innovation: The Importance of Intellectual Property Rights

November 4, 2015

### Ambassador Charles H. Rivkin

Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs

### Ari Juliano Gema

Deputy Chairman, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Facilitation and Regulation, Indonesian Creative Economy Agency (BEKRAF)

### Sheila Timothy

Executive Director, Association of Indonesian Film Producers (APROFI)

### Ruben Hattari

Director of Corporate Affairs, Microsoft Indonesia

**Event Co-host:** U.S. Embassy and @america

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## Global and Regional Economic and Financial Architecture: U.S.' and Indonesia's Perspectives

December 8, 2015

### Jim Mullinax

Counselor for Economic Affairs  
U.S. Embassy Jakarta

### Umar Juoro

Chairman,  
Supervisory Board of  
Bank Indonesia

### Gustanto D. Surakusuma

Assistant Deputy for America and  
Pacific Economic Cooperation,  
Coordinating Ministry for  
Economic Affairs,  
Republic of Indonesia



**Dr. David Nellor**

Adjunct Professor at the  
Lee KuanYew School for Public Policy,  
National University of Singapore (NUS)  
Former IMF Resident Representative in Indonesia

**Event Co-host:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia

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## USINDO Scholars Series

This series presents renowned scholars from the U.S. and Indonesia who offer their views and insights regarding their areas of expertise in U.S. – Indonesia relations.

### Jakarta

#### **2016 Trends and Forecast: Global and Southeast Asia's Strategic Environment**

February 2, 2016

**Casimir A. Yost**

Senior Fellow at the Institute for  
Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University  
Adjunct Member, RAND Corporation

**Event Co-host:** U.S. Embassy, The Habibie Center,  
Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI)

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#### **Garuda Hovering: What Directions for Indonesian Foreign Policy?**

March 16, 2016

**Prof. Donald E. Weatherbee**

Donald S. Russell Distinguished  
Professor Emeritus at the  
University of South Carolina,  
USINDO Advisor

**Prof. Dewi Fortuna Anwar**

Deputy Head for Government  
Policy Support, Secretariat of  
the Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia



**Event Co-host:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

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## USINDO Campus Lecture Series

In addition to its signature Open Forum series, this year USINDO began expanding its reach to an audience of university students and faculty members in order to increase understanding and awareness of U.S. – Indonesia topics and issues among the younger generation.

### **2016 U.S. Election: The Electoral Process and Candidates' Prospects**

February 2, 2016

#### **Casimir A. Yost**

Senior Fellow at the Institute for  
Study of Diplomacy,  
Georgetown University  
Adjunct Member, RAND Corporation

**Event Co-host:** U.S. Embassy and President  
University

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### **A Contemporary Analysis of 'Bebas Aktif' in Indonesian Foreign Policy**

March 17, 2016

#### **Prof. Donald E. Weatherbee**

Donald S. Russell Distinguished  
Professor Emeritus at the  
University of South Carolina,  
USINDO Advisor

#### **Adriana Elisabeth, Ph.D.**

Director of Research Center for  
Politics, the Indonesian Institute  
of Sciences

#### **Edy Prasetyono, Ph.D**

Head of International Relations  
Postgraduate Program and Executive Director of ASEAN Studies Center,  
Universitas Indonesia

**Event Co-host:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Social and  
Political Science Faculty of University of Indonesia

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## Other Open Forums

### Washington, D.C.

#### Indonesia's New Maritime Strategy under Jokowi

September 1, 2015

**Bronson Percival, PhD**

Senior Advisor,  
Center for Naval Analyses'  
Center for Strategic Studies

**Vibhanshu Shekhar, PhD**

Asia Studies Visiting Fellow,  
East-West Center

**S. Samuel Tumiwa**

Deputy Representative,  
North America Representative Office, Asian Development Bank

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#### Education and the Prevention of Radicalism and Extremism in Indonesia

April 29, 2016

**Ms. Fauziah Fauzan**

Director,  
Diniyyah Putri

**Imam Shamsi Ali**

Director,  
Jamaica Muslim Center

**Event Co-host:**

Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Jakarta**

#### **The Technological Revolution in Education: Enhancing Education in the U.S. and Indonesia**

Date: June 22, 2016

Speakers: Gene D. Block, Chancellor of UCLA; Anies Baswedan, Minister of Education and Culture, Republic of Indonesia; Muhammad Anis, Rector of University of Indonesia

#### **Countering Violent Extremism: The U.S.' and Indonesia's Perspectives**

July 2016

#### **The Outlook and Result of the Democratic and Republican Party Primaries and Convention**

July 2016

#### **Cyber Security: How do the U.S and Indonesia Manage the Risks?**

August 2016

#### **Presidential Debates: Key Assessment**

October 2016

#### **Election Take Away and What to Expect from the New U.S. Administration**

December 2016



# Education Programs and Grants

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## Legislative Partnership Program

USINDO successfully launched its first Legislative Partnership Program (LPP) for seven competitively selected Indonesian parliamentary staff members in Washington March 1-7, 2014, followed by internships for selected staffers in U.S. Congressional offices. This year, USINDO will be working with the Indonesian House of Representatives, House Democracy Partnership and House Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. Congress to organize the second delegation of the Legislative Partnership Program. It is intended that the second delegation arrive in Washington D.C. in September 2016.

The LPP was designed to be implemented over three years by sending four delegations of Indonesian parliamentary staff to Washington, D.C. Each of the four 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.

The Legislative Partnership Program also aims to improve capacity of parliamentary staffers and deepen legislative-to-legislative contacts as part of the U.S. - Indonesia Strategic Partnership. The participants of this program will 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.

While the first LPP focuses on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the second LPP intends to focus on the Committee on Finance, National Development Planning, Banking, and Non-Bank Financial Institutions. The other two LPP programs (on Committee on Energy, Environment, Natural Mineral Resources, and Committee on Trade, Industry, Investment, Cooperatives, SMEs, and State-Owned Enterprises) will be implemented in 2017.

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 5 years government or parliament-related work experience.

In Jakarta, USINDO works in collaboration with the DPR secretariat and the U.S. Embassy, who has a representative on the USINDO selection committee for parliamentary staff.

In Washington, we work in collaboration with the office of House Foreign Affairs Committee, and the Embassy of Indonesia. This year, USINDO also expanded our partnership with the House Democracy Partnership and the U.S. Congress.



**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 18 junior diplomats and one mid-career diplomat at top U.S. graduate programs in international affairs and international law.

### *Fellows Update*

#### **Edward E. Masters Fellows 2014**

One fellow from the 2014 intake, Ms. Svetlana Anggita Prasasthi graduated in the Summer of 2015 from a one-year graduate program at Columbia Law School. She has since returned to Indonesia and is continuing her post at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The two other fellows from the 2014 intake, Mr. Shohib Masykur and Ms. Willa Nurul Utami who were pursuing graduate study at top U.S. programs of international affairs (Georgetown's SFS and Columbia's SIPA respectively), have also graduated this year and will be returning to Indonesia this summer.



**Shohib Masykur** –Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service

**Svetlana Anggita Prasasthi** – Columbia Law School (LLM)

**Willa Nurul Utami** – Columbia – SIPA

#### **Edward E. Masters Fellows 2016**

In 2016, the Ed Masters Review Committee selected two exceptional candidates; Ms. Mashita I. Kamilia, who will be pursuing her LL.M. at Columbia Law School, and Mr. Vladimir I. Randy Kasasih who will be pursuing his Master's degree at Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Due to diminished funding, USINDO was not able to award the Edward E. Masters Fellowship to a third promising candidate, Ms. Widya Fitri. Fortunately, Ms. Widya Fitri will be receiving funding from LPDP and will be pursuing her Master's degree at Johns Hopkins' SAIS.



**Mashita I. Kamilia** – Columbia Law School (LLM)

**Vladimir Ignatius Randy Kasasih** – Johns Hopkins – SAIS

### ***Ministry of Law and Human Rights***

In 2015, USINDO played an instrumental role in connecting The Loyola University Chicago School of Law with the Ministry of Law and Human Rights in sending the first batch of 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 teaches students from developing countries how to be effective rule of law advisors in both domestic and cross-border legal reform initiatives. The two officials from the Ministry of Law and Human Rights who were awarded the Edward E. Masters fellowship, Mrs. Rahayu and Mrs. Rini Maryam, are currently working on their thesis research and will be graduating this July.

This year, USINDO will facilitate negotiations between The Loyola University and the Ministry of Law and Human Rights in order to send a second batch of Indonesian students to this prestigious program.



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

The U.S.-Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership (“Joint Council”) is the only non-governmental organization recognized in the U.S. - Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership. The two presidents specifically encouraged the USINDO-created Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership, by name, 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.”

With the elevation to a new Strategic Partnership during President Jokowi’s visit, Presidents Jokowi and Obama have, in their October 26 Joint Press release, now further welcomed the theme of non-government input and engagement. They said that:

“recognizing the invaluable contributions of civil society and the private sector to the two democratic countries and their broader relationship, the two Presidents welcome civil society engagement and non-governmental tracks which will also be important to the vitality of the Strategic Partnership.”

In that context, the Joint Education Council’s important contribution to the two governments’ work in education thus far needs to be understood, and the work of the Joint Council needs fresh encouragement as a non-government track of the Strategic Partnership, if it is to be able to continue to attract support and carry on and expand its successful programs during the Strategic Partnership.

What has the Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership accomplished thus far?

1. Established **nine new partnerships** between U.S. and Indonesian universities, primarily in the science and technology fields.

These substantive partnerships have led to increased student exchanges, joint research, and capacity building at Indonesian universities.

The partnerships we were instrumental in establishing are:

- **Texas A&M University & Institut Teknologi Bandung:**  
Chemical engineering, petroleum engineering, and earth sciences
  - **Rutgers University & Banda Islands' Hatta-Syahrir College of Fisheries:** Marine science and cultural preservation
  - **Rutgers University & Universitas Airlangga:**  
Family and community health
  - **Northern Arizona University & University of Mataram:**  
Forestry management
  - **University of Maryland & Ministry of Home Affairs:**  
Public policy
  - **University of Missouri & Indonesian Press Association:**  
Investigative journalism
  - **University of Missouri & Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB):**  
Plant and crop sciences
  - **University of Hawaii Manoa & Universitas Islam Indonesia:**  
Urban and regional planning
  - **University of Illinois & Indonesian Education Endowment Fund:**  
Increase the number of Indonesian graduate students at Illinois
2. Since the establishment of the Joint Council in 2010-11, it has been instrumental in sending a total of **606 Indonesians** to the United States and **209 Americans** to Indonesia for study, primarily through the partnerships and their contacts. In the past year alone, **147 Indonesians** went to study in the United States and **92 Americans** went to Indonesia to study, as a result of programs created by the Joint Council.

Now, with the advent of the LPDP Indonesian scholarship program, the Joint Council also has established a program to assist government-funded Indonesian graduate students to study in the United States.

3. **The Joint Council through its flexibility is able to identify and resolve constraints** to establishing sustainable university partnerships or increasing numbers of students studying in each other's country.

For example, as funds for GRE testing have deterred Indonesian scholarship recipients from applying to U.S. schools, the Joint Council established the Indonesian Application Support Fund.

This fund, established in January 2015 with initial support from seven U.S. universities, provides free GRE and GMAT test vouchers, and free GRE test preparation courses, to LPDP scholars interested in studying in the U.S. We work with U.S. Embassy – Jakarta on this.

The Joint Council **distributed over 200 GRE and GMAT test vouchers** to LPDP Scholars applying to US universities and provided an 8-week GRE test preparation course to 24 LPDP scholars.

In years prior to the Joint Council's establishment of The Fund, only around 40 LPDP scholars enrolled at American universities each year. Due to the Joint Council's efforts in establishing the Fund, there was a **70% increase** in the number of LPDP scholars enrolling at American universities. In Fall 2015, 75 LPDP scholars enrolled at US universities and we anticipate over 90 will enroll in Fall 2016.

Contributions to the Fund came from the following seven U.S. universities:

- Harvard University
- Rutgers University
- University of Arizona
- University of California San Diego
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Illinois Chicago
- University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
- University of Iowa
- University of Washington

### **University Partnership Activities:**

#### Rutgers University & Banda Islands' Hatta Syahrir College of Fisheries

Community Engagement Workshop: November 16-18, 2015 in Maluku, Indonesia

- Over 75 Bandanese locals participated in a two-day community assessment workshop organized by Rutgers University and the Joint Council at Hatta-Syahrir College of Fisheries and Marine Science to identify areas of unique cultural significance for UNESCO World Heritage consideration.
- Rutgers & Hatta Syahrir assembled a team of international experts from Australia and the United States to participate in the community-based assessment as part of the partnership's efforts to attain UNESCO World Heritage nomination for the Banda Islands.



Local Bandanese from four islands gather to identify culturally significant sites within the Banda Islands on November 19, 2015.



Professor Ken Taylor leading session on Cultural preservation.



Rutgers & Banda Islands faculty interview locals on land use.

### University of Missouri Columbia & Indonesian Press Association (PWI)

Investigative Journalism Workshops: February 5-10 in Jakarta & Lombok

- Over 100 Indonesian journalists trained in investigative journalism and media ethics
- Over 40 Ministry of Tourism senior officials trained on use of media for boosting tourism
- Over 100 Indonesian undergraduate communication students participate in workshop on why ethical journalism is important.





Workshop to over 100 journalists as part of National Press Day, February 9, 2016



Workshop to senior officials at the Ministry of Tourism, February 5, 2016



Missouri Associate Dean Fritz Cropp presents to over 100 Indonesian undergraduate students on the importance of journalism at the London School of Public Relations in Jakarta.

University of Missouri Columbia & Insitut Pertanian Bogor (IPB)

Agroforestry Study Abroad Program



- 20 University of Missouri agricultural students spent one month in Java studying agroforestry and meeting with students and faculty at IPB and the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Bogor.
- This is Missouri's first-ever study abroad program to Indonesia.



Missouri & IPB students at IPB



Missouri students visiting central Java.

### **Bi-National Structure**

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 Joint Council is working with the new Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education (RISTEK-DIKTI) to appoint new Indonesian ministry officials on to the Joint Council. The Secretary General of RISTEK-DIKTI has agreed to name a new chair, vice chair, and executive director to the Indonesian side of the Joint Council before the end of the calendar year.

## 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



**Chair:** To be determined

**Vice Chair:** To be determined

**Education Officer:** To be determined

## 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 15 applications (7 Americans and 8 Indonesians) for the 2016 Sumitro Fellows Program. The Sumitro Fellows Review Committee met in March 2016 and selected the following as the 2016 Sumitro Fellows.

### **Moch Faisal Karim (Indonesian)**



Moch Faisal Karim is a PhD Candidate of Politics and International Studies (PaIS), at University of Warwick. His research interests include the role of emerging powers in global governance with a special focus on human rights, trade, and climate change governance as well as International Relations in the Asia Pacific. Prior to this, he worked as an expert staffer for Indonesia's House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee and a lecturer in International Relations at Bina Nusantara University, Jakarta. From 2012-2013, he was one of ASEAN-Canada Research Partnership's Junior Fellows within the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, Rajaratnam School of International Studies (NTS-RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. Faisal completed his master's degree at the University of Nottingham and his bachelor's degree in International Relations at University of Indonesia. Faisal is currently an LPDP scholarship recipient at University of Warwick.

### **Alysson Akiko Oakley (American)**



Alysson Akiko Oakley is a doctoral candidate at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), where she focuses on comparative politics and the political economy of Southeast Asia. Her doctoral research includes clientelism as well as informal networks and institutions in Indonesia. She has been an adjunct professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown University since 2011, and since 2009 has authored reports on political and civil rights for five Southeast Asian countries for the annual publication Freedom in the World. Previously, she served as a senior adviser at the International Republican Institute and program director at the U.S.-Indonesia Society. She received a master's degree in International Relations from SAIS (2009) and a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Brown University (2003).

## Summer Studies Program

As it enters its 21<sup>st</sup> year, the USINDO Summer Studies Program continues to provide opportunities to young Americans to become learn about Indonesian language and culture through in-country language training and cultural immersion.

For the 2016 Summer Studies Program, USINDO has developed several innovative changes to bring the quality of this excellent program to an even higher level than before. USINDO has decided to partner with the Indonesian Language and Culture Intensive Course (ILCIC) at Sanata Dharma University as the new language instruction provider for the program's language courses. This change was made in response to the valuable feedback from the participants of the 2014 and 2015 Summer Studies Program, plus USINDO's own review. ILCIC was chosen because of its extensive experience in hosting similar programs in the past, flexible curriculum, lively campus atmosphere, as well as its commitment to enhancing the quality of its language instruction throughout the course of the program.

USINDO has also incorporated several new components to the 2016 Summer Studies Program, including a more intensive and impactful internship component whereby students have the option of choosing their places of internship; an optional research project component for intermediate level students seeking a more academic conduit for practicing and expressing their Indonesian language abilities; improved evaluation and assessment of the 2016 Summer Studies Program through an additional post-program evaluation event held in Jakarta; and encouraging students to create short video stories showcasing their experiences during the Summer Studies Program to improve outreach for future Summer Studies programs.

For more than 20 years now, the USINDO Summer Studies Program has been made possible by generous support from the Freeman Foundation. In order to implement the innovative changes proposed in this year's programs, USINDO has sought funding from the Foundation and will also contribute a proportional amount of its own funds obtained from a bequest dedicated to education and from an earmarked donation from Allene Masters, in honor of Edward Masters' highest priority of sending more Americans to Indonesia. The new proposal was recently approved by the Foundation and will enable USINDO to send a total of 12 students to this year's program.

## **ACYPL – YSEALI Professional Fellows Program Fall 2015 and Spring 2016**

USINDO in cooperation with the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) and U.S. Embassy Jakarta announced the development of ACYPL – YSEALI Professional Fellows Program Fall 2015 and Spring 2016. The Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) is President Obama's signature program to strengthen leadership development and networking in ASEAN, deepen engagement with young leaders on key regional and global challenges, and strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and young Southeast Asian leaders. The 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.

Selected participants will attend orientation in Washington DC and participate in a four-week intensive fellowships in 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 DC for a 3-day Professional Fellows Congress where they will share their experiences with other international fellows from around the world.

The 2016 Spring PFP will be held from April 23 – June 4, 2016. The delegates were selected by a panel consisting of representatives from USINDO, ACYPL, and U.S. Embassy Jakarta. The selected applicants are:

1. Ms. Lalola Easter Kaban  
Researcher, Indonesia Corruption Watch
2. Ms. Maria Agatha Rina Widiastuti  
Aide to Head of DPRD Yogyakarta
3. Mr. Gema Mayang Satria Sedyadi  
Junior Researcher, The SMERU Research Institute

During the 2015-2016 period, USINDO also had the pleasure of hosting three YSEALI PFP American Mentors from the 2015 Spring and Fall programs during their visits to Indonesia. The three American mentors, as listed below, met with renowned Indonesian leaders and professionals to network and exchange knowledge in their respective areas of expertise.

1. **Ms. Chas Anderson**, Former Executive Director, Minnesota House of Representatives and Co-Founder/Partner, MZA+Co
2. **Mr. Steve Gershone**, Principal Aide to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners in Minneapolis, Minnesota
3. **Mr. Matthew Summy**, Vice President, External and Government Affairs of Comcast,

USINDO is currently preparing for the upcoming 2016 Fall PFP. As an in-country partner organization of ACYPL, USINDO is responsible to disseminate the program information to prospective individuals and institutions in Indonesia, as well as work closely with both ACYPL and the U.S. Embassy Jakarta in the selection process, participants' visa application, pre-departure orientation and hosting the American mentors.

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## Aceh Laboratory School

### **Aceh Laboratory School Ranked as Top School for Social Sciences in Banda Aceh**

The UNSYIAH Lab School, which opened its doors on July 27, 2007, was established as a collaboration between USINDO, Syiah Kuala University, and the Sampoerna Foundation, to be a model community school, educating students from the areas severely damaged by the 2004 earthquake and tsunami. USINDO raised a large share of the funds for the school's construction and provided technical assistance to its development. The school also serves as a laboratory school, providing university students in UNSYIAH's College of Education and Teaching (FKIP) opportunities for pre-service practice teaching under the supervision of master teachers.

In 2011, the school gained accreditation, meeting the highest standards for high schools.

The School assists in rebuilding Aceh's educational infrastructure, providing a means of developing future generations of teachers and a replicable example, thus implementing improvement in the Province's school system. It also meets core educational objectives that were outlined by Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, head of the Aceh reconstruction agency (Badan Rehabilitasi dan Rekonstruksi, or BRR) and his staff, who see USINDO and UNSYIAH as leading the way. Finally, it offered a highly visible, unique corporate opportunity to have a long-term impact on the reconstruction of Aceh as well as a significant influence on education in Aceh, Sumatra, and Indonesia as a whole.



The entire senior class has passed their national exams—an achievement every year since the school began graduating students six years ago, including this year (2016). The Lab School also was the top ranked school in Banda Aceh in social sciences and the second rank in the hard sciences. The school clearly is maintaining what was envisioned by its founders.



*Students at the Aceh Lab School  
Graduation, 2012*

## New Initiative:

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

On October 26, 2015, President Obama and President Joko Widodo issued a joint statement endorsing a U.S.-Indonesian civil society initiative that would promote pluralism and tolerance. In response to this and as part of USINDO's mission to enhance public engagement to deepen the US-Indonesia Strategic Partnership in all fields, USINDO has been working on the establishment of an Indonesia – U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism.

The Council will be a bi-national, independent, non-governmental body, providing scholars, civil society organizations, and religious leaders in both Indonesia and the United States a mechanism to jointly examine, address, and agree on ways the societies of our two countries can cooperate on activities and programs to:

1. increase religious understanding and respect for diversity, tolerance and moderation;
2. promote education – including religious education – that furthers critical thinking and respect of others;
3. draw on the strengths that our two societies have in common that may counter violent extremism, terrorist radicalization, and recruitment, and/or
4. Such other goals as the Council may decide.



## **Membership**

We envision that the Council will be made up of ten Council members and five advisors from each country reflecting the diverse religious traditions in Indonesia and the United States, comprised of prominent religious leaders, scholars, and civil society representatives with knowledge of, expertise in, and networks relevant to the stated objectives of the Council.

## **Timeframe**

As part of the preliminary stage of establishing the Council, an inaugural conference is planned in August of 2016 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Subject to the availability of necessary funding, this conference will gather American and Indonesian council members in the three focus areas of the Council, or other areas as determined by the Council, and provide a forum for working groups centered on the three objectives to draft a road-map to conduct activities that pursue the three goals by 2017, all subject to availability of funds.

## **USINDO Organizational Role**

Through its offices in both countries, USINDO will work with parties in the U.S. and Indonesia to help establish the Council and, dependent on funding, to facilitate its work. USINDO's role will be operationalizing the Council; ensuring inclusion of representative parties and advice; maintaining contact, communications, and interaction with the parties; seeking to find the needed human and financial resources; and, provided resources are found, facilitating the work of the Council on behalf of all stakeholders so that it is productive, focused, independent, and oriented toward concrete results.

*-- End of President's Report --*

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