



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The United States – Indonesia Society

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Gala Dinners

Voyage to Indonesia 2018 - Washington D.C. Dinner Hosted by Government of Indonesia in cooperation with USINDO and US-ASEAN Business Council

October 11, 2017 at the Fairmont Hotel

The Government of Indonesia (Minister of Finance, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs, and Governor of Bank Indonesia) in cooperation with the U.S. – Indonesia Society (USINDO) and the U.S. – ASEAN Business Council (USABC) hosted the Voyage to Indonesia 2018 Washington D.C. Gala Dinner on Wednesday, October 11 at the Fairmont Hotel.

'The Voyage to Indonesia (VTI) 2018 was a series of events commencing in October 2018 to advance the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings 2018 in Bali October 2018. It highlighted the many facets of Indonesia's culture, promoted tourism options the country offers, communicated Indonesia's current and prospective economic and social achievements, and attract beneficial participation in Indonesia's economic development.

At the VTI Dinner, three distinguished Indonesian ministers – Coordinating Minister Luhut Pandjaitan, Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati, and Central Bank Governor Agus Martowardojo – shared their insights on Indonesia's latest economic policies affecting its growth, upgraded investment rating, and new opportunities for its development and investment potential. These included investment opportunities in such key sectors as infrastructure, IT, banking, energy, creative industries, tourism, and real estate.

Congressman Vern Buchanan, co-chair of the Congressional Indonesia Caucus, spoke on the bilateral relationship and the opportunities for increasing awareness of Indonesia in the US Congress through expanding the Congressional Indonesia Caucus.



USINDO President Merrill: Opening remarks

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Remarks by Co-Chair of Congressional Indonesia Caucus Congressman Vern Buchanan

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Introduction of Coordinating Minister Luhut Pandjaitan by USINDO U.S. Co-Chair Ambassador Robert O. Blake Jr.

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Remarks by Coordinating Minister Luhut Pandjaitan

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Introduction of Finance Minister Sri Mulyani by Richard Adkerson

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Remarks by Minister of Finance Sri Mulyani Indrawati

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Introduction of Central Bank Governor Agus Martowardojo by Senator J. Bennett Johnston, Jr.

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Remarks by Central Bank Governor Agus Martowardojo

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USINDO 2018 Washington Gala Dinner April 18, 2018 at the Four Seasons Hotel

Opening Remarks

Ambassador David Merrill

President of USINDO

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Senior U.S. Executive Branch Speaker

The Honorable John C. Rood

Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

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U.S. Special Guest

The Honorable Brian McFeeters

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of
Economic and Business Affairs

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U.S. Guest of Honor

The Honorable Ted Yoho

Chairman

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific
House Foreign Affairs Committee

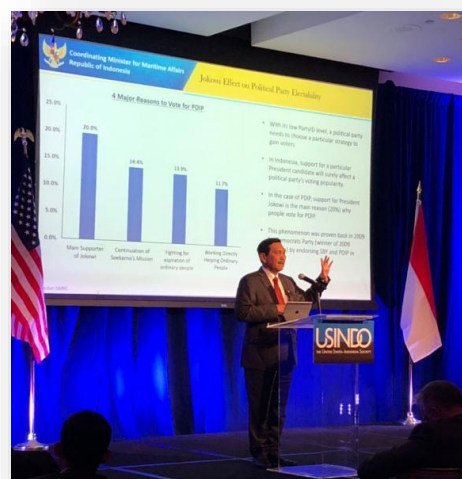
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Introduction of Minister Luhut Pandjaitan

Ambassador Robert O. Blake, Jr.

U.S. Co-Chair, USINDO

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Indonesian Guest of Honor and Featured Speaker:

H.E. Luhut Pandjaitan

Coordinating Minister of Maritime Affairs

Republic of Indonesia

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Indonesian Special Guest Speaker:

H.E. Sri Mulyani

Minister of Finance

Republic of Indonesia

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Indonesia: The Journey Forward – A Special Gala

October 10, 2018 at the Ayodya Hotel, Bali

The U.S. – Indonesia Society (USINDO), in cooperation with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Indonesian Chamber of Commerce, US-ASEAN Business Council (USABC), and AmCham Indonesia, held “Indonesia: The Journey Forward”, a U.S.-Indonesia Gala Business Dinner in Bali, Indonesia on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the Ayodya Resort Bali, Indonesia.

Held in conjunction with the first-ever IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings held in Indonesia, the Gala Dinner brought together 300 guests from the Indonesian and US governments and bilateral business leaders to discuss current US-Indonesia business issues and ways to enhance US-Indonesia trade and investment.

Indonesian Vice President H.E. Jusuf Kalla was Guest of Honor. Ambassador Joseph R. Donovan was US Chief Guest. Coordinating Minister Luhut Pandjaitan; Finance Minister, Sri Mulyani Indrawati; and Central Bank Governor Perry Wariyo also attended.

Other prominent Indonesian attendees included Chairman of Indonesia’s Coordinating Board, Thomas Lembong, who shared reflections and remarks on the growing relationship between US-Indonesia in matters of trade and investment, and ways to assist Sulawesi earthquake and Tsunami victims.



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USINDO Special Events

Washington D.C.

USINDO History Series

Indonesia's September 30, 1965 Movement and the Beginning of the Suharto Era:

Enhancing our Understanding Drawing on Recently Released U.S. Records

November 29, 2017



This Special Event was based on recently released US documents about the 1965 period, which, when combined with the first-hand recollections of individuals who were present in Indonesia at the time, produced a spirited discussion about this pivotal period in Indonesian history and US-Indonesian relations. Please read the brief below.

Dr. Bradley Simpson

Associate Professor of History and Asian Studies, University of Connecticut.
Founder and Director, Indonesia and East Timor
Documentation Project, National Security Archive

Dr. Barbara Harvey

Retired Foreign Service Officer
and USINDO Advisor

Ambassador Robert Pringle

Historian of Southeast Asia
Retired Foreign Service Officer and
Former Ambassador to Mali



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Read the Open Forum Brief [here](#).

The Indonesian Security Sector's Transformation in the Democratic Transition, and Its Constructive Engagement with China and U.S

January 24, 2018

Lieutenant General TNI Agus Widjojo
Governor, National Resilience Agency
Republic of Indonesia

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Special Luncheon Policy Address with Indonesian Minister of Trade H.E. Enggartiasto Lukita

This special luncheon address and Q and A was the public part of Trade Minister Lukita's visit to the U.S. for trade and GSP negotiations with USTR and the Department of Commerce. It was accompanied by a Business Round Table held jointly by USINDO and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.



July 24, 2018

H.E. Enggartiasto Lukita
Indonesian Minister of Trade

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Jakarta

The First Year of the Trump Presidency: Assessment and Outlook for 2018

February 07, 2018

Steven Okun
Founder & CEO,
APAC Advisors

Aaron Connelly
Research Fellow,
Lowy Institute

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Open Forum Series

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. The events held in the past year are presented below and in the preceding section.

Politics & Security Series

A large segment of USINDO's Open Forum portfolio caters to a breadth of political issues surrounding US-Indonesia relations, which has been received with enthusiasm and great interest. USINDO continues to invite experts from fields concerning politics and security to discuss their insights on current happenings and key trends as it pertains to its prospects.

Washington, D.C.

Rising Indonesia's Turn to the Indo-Pacific Region: Power, Ambition, and Strategy June 19, 2018

Dr. Vibhanshu Shekar
Former Asia Studies Visiting Fellow,
East-West Center

Dr. Satu Limaye
Director,
East West Center in Washington

Event Co-host: East-West Center and ASEAN
Studies Center of American University



Jakarta

Transparency in the Criminal Justice System: Reforming the System and Civic Engagement April 17, 2018

Michael Kagay
District Attorney for the Third Judicial,
District of Kansas

Brian MacHarg
Director of Civic Engagement,
Appalachian State University

Choky Ramadhan
Chairman,
Indonesia Judiciary Monitoring Society
(MaPPI FH UI)

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

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U.S. Policy toward Southeast Asia under President Donald Trump: Continuity or Change?

July 27, 2018

Dr. Siswo Pramono

Head of Policy Analysis and Development Agency (PADA),
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Indonesia

Prof. William M. Wise

Practitioner-in-Residence of Southeast Asia
Studies at School of Advanced International
Studies,
Johns Hopkins University



Event Co-host: Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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A Political Update from Washington, D.C.

September 18, 2018

Ambassador Robert O. Blake, Jr.

Former U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia
U.S. Co-Chair of USINDO
Senior Director for India and South Asia.
McLarty Associates

Event Co-host: Foreign Policy Community of
Indonesia (FPCI)

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Economic Series

Jakarta

Maximizing the Impact of Anti-Corruption Efforts for Economic Development in the U.S. and Indonesia: The Role of Public and Private Sectors

December 15, 2017

Giri Suprapdiono

Director of Gratification,
Indonesia Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK)

Dr. Frank Brown

Anti-Corruption Team Leader,
Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

Natalia Soebagjo

Chair of the Executive Board,
Transparency International Indonesia.
USINDO Advisor

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Matchmakers: The New Economics of Multisided Platforms

March 22, 2018

Dr. Richard Schmalensee

The Howard W. Johnson Professor of
Economics and Management Emeritus,
MIT Sloan School of Management



Event Co-host: GTech Digital Asia

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USINDO Religion and Pluralism Series

Given the diverse historical and cultural background in U.S. and Indonesia, as well as the similarities of political, security, and cultural challenges presented to both countries, USINDO presents a new Open Forum Series on Religion and Pluralism in the U.S. and Indonesia.

Washington, D.C.

Will Religious Sentiment Significantly Affect the 2019 Elections?

July 27, 2018

Yenny Wahid,
Executive Director,
The Wahid Foundation
Indonesian Co-Chair,
Indonesia-US Council on
Religion and Pluralism



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Why Do Islamist Extremists Quit Terrorism?

September 17, 2018

Dr. Julie Chernov Hwang,
Author of “Why Terrorists Quit: The
Disengagement of Indonesian
Jihadists

Prof. William M. Wise
Practitioner-in-Residence,
Southeast Asia Studies at School of
Advanced International Studies,
Johns Hopkins University



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Indonesia and the Future of Islam

October 5, 2018

Dr. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta
Indonesian Consortium for Religious
Studies (ICRS),
Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta

Prof. Katherine Marshall
Senior Fellow,
Berkley Center for Religion, Peace,
and World Affairs
Georgetown University



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Others

Washington, D.C.

Journalism, Creative Writing, and Free Speech in Today's Indonesia: Progress and Challenges

March 24, 2018

Yuli Ismartono
Executive Director,
Lontar Foundation

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Jakarta

Women as Change Agents in the United States and Indonesia

January 24, 2018

Susan A. Thornton
Acting Assistant Secretary,
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific
Affairs,
U.S. Department of State

Yenny Wahid
Executive Director,
Wahid Foundation and
Indonesian Co-Chair,
Indonesia-US Council on
Religion and Pluralism

Nilam Sari,
Owner and Marketing Director,
Kebab Turki Baba Rafi and
Co-Owner,
Voila! 360' Communication Agency.



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

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Investigative Reporting on “Sea Slaves”: Issues and Outlook

July 10, 2018

Shannon Service

Award Winning Journalist and Reporter
Author at the Investigative Fund

Aiman Witjaksono

Journalist and News Anchor,
Kompas TV

Philipus Parera

Executive Editor,
Tempo Newspaper and Tempo English



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

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Traditional Music in New Spaces: Promoting Indonesian Music in the United States

August 09, 2018

Tricia Sumarijanto

Conductor,
House of Angklung

Hannah Standiford

Singer,
US-based Orkes Keroncong Rumpit



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

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Education and Capacity Building Programs and Grants

Legislative Partnership Program

The Legislative Partnership Program (LPP) consists of a one-week study program with concentrated exposure to U.S. Congressional practices on committee management, the role of professional staff, the use of support such as the Congressional Research Service, legislative drafting, and how the U.S. legislative system engages stakeholders for inclusive policy-making. The Indonesian parliamentary staffers also study substantive policy issues related to their committee's scope of jurisdiction.

The first LPP was launched and conducted in March 2014 with Indonesian Parliament Committee 1, **Foreign Affairs and Defense**. The second LPP was held successfully in November 2016 with Indonesian Parliament Committee 11 on **Finance, Banking Trade, and National Development**.

The third LPP is planned to be held in June 2019, with a specific focus on **Energy and Mineral Resources**. The selected cohort will acquire knowledge and skills to make positive contributions to Indonesia's legislative development in the Energy and Mineral Resources sector. The program is geared towards applicants that play a strategic role in their current position and have leadership potential in parliament and/or government.

The program will be conducted in partnership with U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC), and the Secretary General of DPR.

For photos of past Legislative Partnership Programs, please click [here](#).

Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program

Established in 2010, the prestigious Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program is a collaboration between USINDO and Indonesia Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PUSDIKLAT KEMLU).

The Edward E. Masters Fellowship 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 19 junior diplomats and one mid-career diplomat at top U.S. graduate programs in international affairs and international law.

2017-2018 Edward E. Masters Fellow



This year's recipient of the prestigious Edward E. Masters Fellowship award is Mr. Jhendra Samodra. He currently serves in the Secretariat of the Directorate General for Multilateral Cooperation. Mr. Samodra is heavily involved in the campaign of Indonesia as the Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) 2019-2020; his utmost dedication engendered victory through an election where 144 out of 190 countries voted for Indonesia. His other portfolio includes the victory of Indonesia's candidacy as the Member of the Executive Board of UNESCO 2017-2021 and as the Member of the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

2018-2019.

Mr. Samodra is currently pursuing his Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy program at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, concentrating in International Organizations and Public International Law.

USINDO is currently in the selection process for the upcoming the 2018-2019 Edward E. Masters to select the next Fellow. The Selection Committee consisted of Dr. Alan Feinstein, Executive Director of AMINEF; Suzie Sudarman, Director of American Studies Center at University of Indonesia and USINDO Advisory Board Member; and Hazelia Margaretha, Country Representative of USINDO. Conditional candidates will be assessed based on their testing scores, leadership potential and capability, amongst other factors to be chosen as the next Edward E. Masters Fellow. The 2018-2019

Edward E. Masters Fellow will be announced in the beginning of November 2018 and depart for their graduate studies Fall 2019.

The U.S. – Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education/ University Partnerships

As part of its mission to enhance people-to-people connections between the U.S. and Indonesia on education field, USINDO has played a key role in facilitating meetings and partnership for Americans and Indonesians universities and encouraging more Indonesian students to U.S. and vice versa. USINDO's extensive network has continued to be beneficial to many Indonesian and American counterparts in the education sector. USINDO has continued to facilitate a variety of partnerships and meetings through this network. Recent activities include:

Assisting with the John Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Global Policy Program (GPP) final capstone project

The Global Policy Program (GPP) is a master's degree program designed for mid-career professionals working in international affairs. From November 13-17, 2017, two dozen of SAIS GPP graduate students will be traveling to Indonesia as a part of their final capstone project. In the context of this capstone project, the students will form partnerships with five Indonesia-based organizations and will be conducting research projects on subjects jointly determined with their local partners. This project provides in-country partners with the opportunity to research a policy question that they may not otherwise have the capacity to focus on. USINDO's role is to make suggestion and connect with many organizations in Indonesia that work on issues related to international affairs and policymaking.

Facilitating meetings between University of Maryland and the Indonesian Ministry of Communication and Public Information, Indonesia Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia Cyber and National Encryption Agency (BSSN), and Indonesia Defense University (UNHAN)

USINDO helped facilitate a meeting between the University of Maryland and the Indonesian Ministry of Communication and Public Information and new Cyber and National Encryption Agency (BSSN), and Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding possible collaboration in capacity building for government officials on various issues including cyber security, digital economy, and public policy. This meeting was held in January and August 2018 as part of the visit to Indonesia of Executive Dean of the University of Maryland Public Policy School, Mr. William Powers and Director of the Indonesia Program, Prof. Thomas Hilde. In addition, USINDO helped facilitate a meeting between University of Maryland with Vice Rector of UNHAN to explore possible partnerships for joint cybersecurity programs.

Executive Round Table with Indonesian Higher Education Minister Mohamad Nasir

USINDO, in cooperation with the Association of US Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), hosted an Executive Round Table featuring Indonesian Research, Technology, and Higher Education (RISTEKDIKTI) Minister Mohamad Nasir and senior officials of his ministry in May 2018. Minister Nasir outlined update on Indonesia's long-term goals and strategy regarding its graduate overseas scholarship programs and to engage in a dialogue about how best to facilitate more Indonesian scholars coming to the United States. They also discussed the importance of furthering graduate education cooperation with Indonesia through creating shorter duration MA programs in the USA and programs in priority areas for Indonesia, such as agriculture. Representatives from RISTEKDIKTI discussed.

The meeting produced suggestions and responses to Minister Nasir and the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education on how US-Indonesia educational cooperation might be enhanced. These responses include one from the Association of US Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), the top association of US public universities, detailing their willingness to explore and further graduate educational cooperation with Indonesia through creating shorter-duration MA programs in the US in priority areas for Indonesia such as Agriculture; the proposal from University of Maryland's School of Public Policy (SPP) for new field courses in Indonesia, expanded cooperation on executive training, further development of a Dual Degree program and center with the School of Business and Management of Insitut Teknologi Bandung (SBM-ITB), Cybersecurity consultation and training and other initiatives; and AMINEF's

recommendation for increased collaboration between US and Indonesian universities in terms of faculty exchange, joint research, and setting up US universities branch campuses in Indonesia.

This roundtable was attended by representatives of the Association of US Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), University of Maryland's School of Public Policy (SPP), George Washington University, Rutgers University, Carnegie Mellon University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Johns Hopkins University, AMINEF, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Explore program ideas for American student exchange in cooperation with Sampoerna University

USINDO Country Representative met with representatives of Sampoerna University in July 2018 to explore ideas for programs on possible collaboration of USINDO and Sampoerna University on how to bring more American undergraduate students to Indonesia. The meeting was attended by Dr. Marshall E. Schott, Deputy Chief Operating Officer of the Putera Sampoerna Foundation and Laura Fornadel, Dean of Student Success of Sampoerna University, and a former USINDO staff member.

Meeting with University of Colorado Boulder and Facilitating meetings between University of Colorado Boulder and the Indonesian Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP)

USINDO helped to facilitate a meeting between Mr. Amir Sadafi of University of Colorado Boulder and representatives from the Indonesian Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) in February 2018. In September 2018, he attended a series of EducationUSA higher education fairs and had a meeting with representatives of the LPDP scholarship program to explore more opportunities to encourage qualified Indonesians to study at Colorado, an LPDP-approved university. During his September visit, Mr. Sadafi discussed with USINDO strategy and way to deepen the Colorado University partnership in Indonesia.

Facilitating meetings between University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and the Indonesian Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) and the Indonesian Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education (RISTEKDIKTI)

USINDO helped facilitate a meeting between University of California, Los Angeles and representatives from LPDP and RISTEKDIKTI. Their meetings were held in August 2018. The meetings discussed how UCLA and LPDP and RISTEKDIKTI to

collaboratively develop Indonesia's human resources in Indonesia's priority areas, and strengthen the UCLA's partnership in Indonesia. The delegation led by UCLA Chancellor Gene Block and joined by Vice Provost of International Studies and Global Engagement (UCLA International Institute) Cindy Fan, Director of UCLA Engagement – Asia (UCLA International Institute) Stephen Tan, Former Director of East-West Bank and USINDO Trustee Julia Gouw, and others. USINDO also facilitated the coordination of a UCLA Indonesian alumni reception at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence, in coordination with the U.S. Embassy.

Meetings with University of Missouri

USINDO Country Representative also met with University of Missouri representatives to explore other possible avenues for university partnerships, strategy to further encourage Indonesians to study in the United States and opportunity to collaborate with USINDO on possible study abroad program in the future.

Facilitated the relationship between Penn State Law at the Pennsylvania State University and the Center for Education and Training (CET), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (MoFA)

USINDO Country Representative met with Stephen G. Barnes, the Assistant Dean of Graduate and International Programs at Penn State Law to facilitate the university's relationship with the CET of MoFA in October 2018 to send Indonesian diplomats to Penn State. This newly forged connection is meant to initiate more partnerships between American and Indonesian institutions aimed to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries.

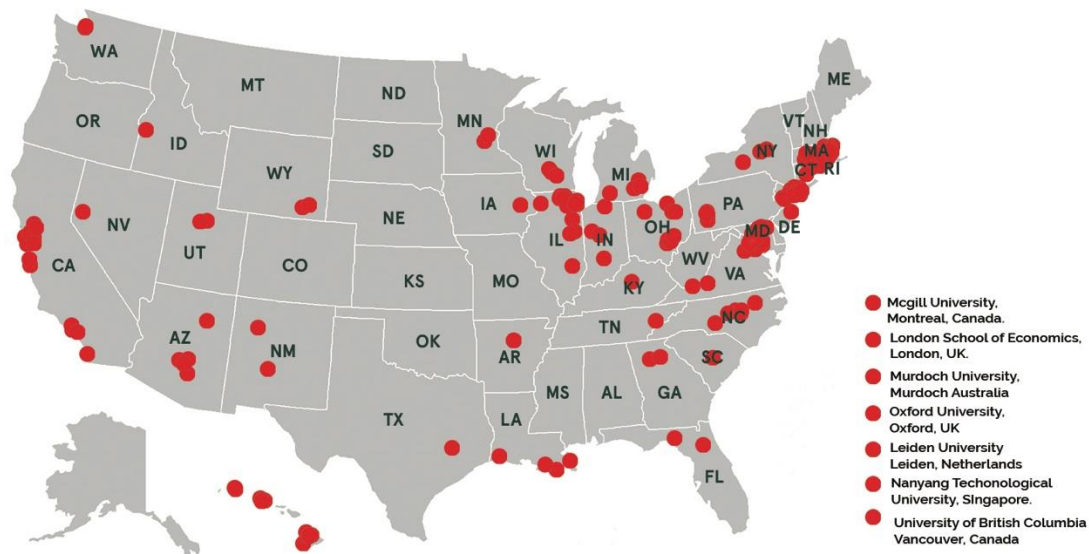
Increased Cooperation with Education USA

In the past year, USINDO worked more closely with EducationUSA to increase awareness for Indonesian citizens to study in the United States. This was done through a joint outreach effort to share information about events held by EducationUSA in Indonesia to US Universities and Indonesian students, such as the 2018 EducationUSA Southeast Asia Fair in Malang and Jakarta, and EducationUSA sessions held in @america to prepare students' applications to American universities, through USINDO's social media and mailing list. USINDO and EducationUSA are also working more closely in many engagements with LPDP.

Summer Studies Program

Overview

The Summer Studies Program is one of USINDO's flagship programs. Through the program, we intend to introduce and encourage American students to learn more about Indonesia, its language and culture. As it enters its 24th year of implementation, USINDO is proud to have 227 alumni of the Summer Studies program. Many have returned to Indonesia for employment, conducted research on Indonesia, or otherwise benefitted from this program to build their future careers and deepen their interest in Indonesia. This program is made possible by the generous contribution from The Freeman Foundation and USINDO and is in partnership with Purna Caraka Muda Indonesia (PCMI) Yogyakarta and Indonesian Language and Culture Intensive Course (ILCIC) of Sanata Dharma University Yogyakarta.



Alumni of Summer Studies Participants from 1996 - 2018

2018 Summer Studies

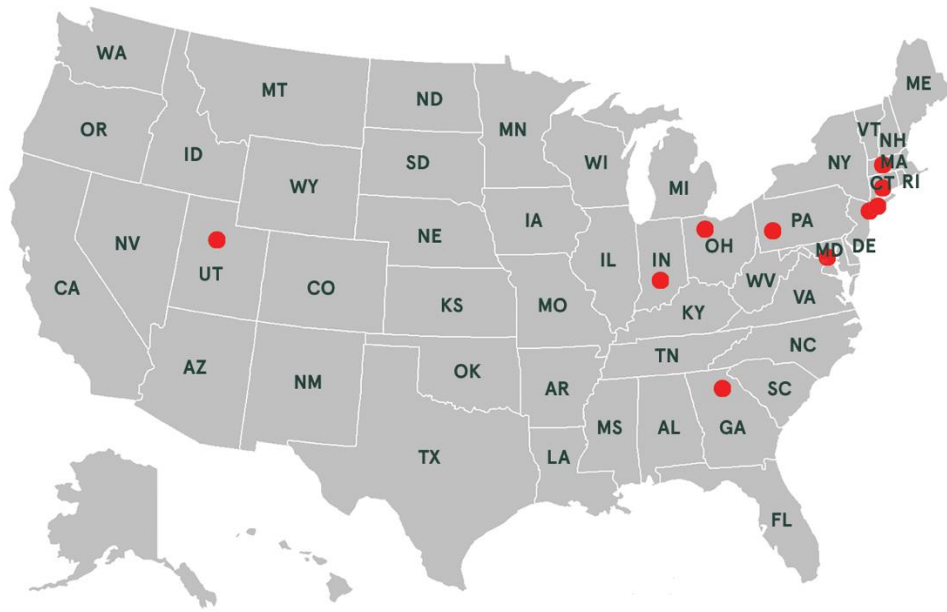
USINDO hosted 14 American students from various universities in the United States for the 2018 Summer Studies Program. Participants ranged from undergraduate seniors to master's students, between age 19 to 30. The program ran for approximately two months - from May 24 to August 2 and was attended by 14 American students from different backgrounds and universities. Four of them have had some proficiency in Bahasa Indonesia and joined the intermediate classes during the language program in Yogyakarta.

The rigorous 10-week program, conducted in Yogyakarta and Jakarta, includes intensive Bahasa Indonesia language class, volunteering, cultural workshops, special lectures, field-trips, and staying with a host family.

We offered five choices of cultural workshops, which were Javanese *Gamelan*, Traditional Dance, Indonesian Dishes Cooking, *Batik* Making and Traditional Martial Arts or *Silat*. This year, the students attended special lectures with guest speakers from the Yogyakarta Sultanate Family; Islamic University of Indonesia; Gadjah Mada University. The special lectures discussed local governance, democratization and efforts against radicalism, interfaith relations, and small-medium enterprise. The 2018 USINDO Summer Studies Program also included a new independent study activity.

At the end of the program, USINDO organized a two-day post-program in Jakarta, where students have opportunity to meet with several prominent public figures, such as the current U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia; Deputy Speaker of The House, Indonesian House of Representatives; former Indonesian Minister of Trade and Creative Economy and Tourism; Chief Representative of Bower Group Asia (BGA); Managers of World Resources Institute, a global research organization that advocates environment and development awareness in all over the world; Chairwoman of Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Nusantara (MACAN); Chairperson of Arus Pelangi, an NGO that advocates for the rights of LGBTQ communities in Indonesia; Chairperson of Women Research Institute, an NGO that advocates gender equality in Indonesia.

USINDO accepts applicants for the Summer Studies Program on a rolling basis and is currently accepting applicants for the 2019 program.



The Geography of Universities of 2018 Summer Studies Participants

The fourteen participants for the 2018 Summer Studies were:

1. **Alaine Johnson**, Yale-NUS College (Singapore), B.A. in Environmental Studies
2. **Annemarie DiCamillo**, University of Georgia, (Athens, Georgia), Master of Fine Art
3. **Briana Blueitt**, Hofstra University, (Hempstead, New York), B.A. in Honors, Political Science & Journalism
4. **Carly Truong**, American University, (Washington D.C.), Bachelor of Science in Biology
5. **Colton Getter**, Brigham Young University, (Provo, Utah), B.A. International Relations
6. **Garrett Giblette**, Brigham Young University, (Provo, Utah), B.S. Psychology
7. **James Carty**, University of Massachusetts (Boston, Massachusetts), B.A. International Relations

8. **Jared Schwartz**, Indiana University (Bloomington, IN), B.A. Environmental and Sustainability Studies; B.S. International Studies
9. **Jonathan Donais**, Harvard University Extension School (Cambridge), Master of liberal Arts (ALM) International Relations
10. **Kelly O'Donnell**, Chatham University, (Pittsburgh), B.S. Marketing
11. **Megan Miazgowicz**, Bowling Green State University, (Bowling Green, OH.), BFA Digital Arts
12. **Perry Landesberg**, American University (Washington D.C.), B.A. International Relations (Graduate Since 2012)
13. **Samantha Ong**, City College of New York, Spitzer School of Architecture (New York City), Bachelor of Architecture
14. **Zachary Frial**, Georgetown University, (Washington, D.C), B.A Culture and Politics



The participants met their host-family for the first time during orientation. They had introductions and a gathering session.



During networking event, the participants had a chance to discuss about the volunteering project with the volunteering institutions themselves.



During cultural workshops, our participants were making their own *Batik* pattern with guidance from the tutor.



Other than making *Batik* patterns, the participants had a chance to learn Indonesian traditional dance.



Carly during her independent study; the comparison between eastern and western approaches to medicine (study case: *Jamu*).



Colton during his volunteering at *Radio Republik Indonesia Pro 2 Jogja* (radio station in Jogja).



Alaine and Garrett during *Bahasa Indonesia* class, accompanied by *ILCIC* as their tutors.



During special lectures, the participants had a discussion session with **GKR Hayu, Princess of Yogyakarta Sultanate**.



The participants at *Kotagede, Yogyakarta*. During field trips, the students spent three days discovering Yogyakarta' renowned and historical places.



Jonathan, one of our participants, organic farming at *Indmira*. This activity is a part of the field trip itinerary.



During Post Program Events in Jakarta, the students met with various high-level speakers, including **Amb. Joseph R. Donovan, U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia**.



The participants visited *Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Nusantara (MACAN Museum)*, and met the chairwoman, **Ms. Fenessa Adikoesoemo**.

For more photos of the "Summer Studies Program," please click [here](#).

ACYPL – YSEALI Professional Fellows Program

USINDO is proud to continue its cooperation with the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) and U.S. Embassy Jakarta to help facilitate the ACYPL – YSEALI Professional Fellows Program. The Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) is the U.S. government'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) focuses on legislative process and governance for young political and policy leaders.

Selected participants attend an orientation in Washington D.C. and participate in a four-week intensive fellowship 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. After the program, all participants 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 2017 Fall Professional Fellows Program was held October 7 – November 17, 2017. The selected delegates were:

1. Alexander Nainggolan

Internal Auditor, Ministry of Industry of The Republic of Indonesia

2. Anindita Listya

Anti-Corruption Specialist, The House of Representatives of The Republic of Indonesia (DPR RI)

3. Erwin Sipahutar

Coordinator of Knowledge Governance Division, Southeast Asia Institute for Forest and People Studies

4. Michael Sianipar

Personal Assistant to the Governor, Provincial Government of Jakarta

5. Mohammad Nurdin

Executive Assistant to Mayor of Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan
Province, Indonesia

The 2018 Spring Professional Fellows Program was held April 21 – June 2, 2018. The delegates were selected by a panel consisting of representatives from USINDO, ACYPL, and U.S. Embassy Jakarta. The selected fellows are:

1. Alldo Felix Januardy
Human Rights Lawyer, Jakarta Legal Aid Institute (LBH Jakarta)
2. Hayatun Nufus
Senior Researcher, LKPPM (Center for Public Participation Development)
3. Mas Muhammad Gibran Sesunan
Associate Director for Deputy I, Executive Office of the President
4. Reza Novandri
Supervisor of General and Programme, Pariaman City Government
5. Yohan Misero
Drug Policy Analyst, LBH Masyarakat

The 2018 Fall Professional Fellows Program is currently in the U.S. from October 6 – November 17, 2018. The selected delegates were:

1. Andy Tirta
Chancellor at Sumbawa University of Technology
2. Julia Ikasarana
Researcher at Cakra Wikara Indonesia
3. Wike Devi Erianti
Programme Officer of ASEAN Advocacy at Human Rights Working Group (HRWG)

As the in-country program partner for ACYPL in the YSEALI Professional Fellows Program, USINDO is helping ACYPL to do outreach and be part of the selection team.

USINDO also facilitated visits of YSEALI American fellows to Indonesia by conducting in-country briefings, working with the Indonesian fellows to design the program, and helping with meetings in Indonesia. USINDO collaborates with the U.S. Embassy on hosting American fellows to speak at public forums in Jakarta.

The YSEALI Professional Fellows Program Follow-On Program 2018 American Mentors to Indonesia were:

1. Mike Opat
District 1 Commissioner for the Hennepin County Government in Minneapolis
2. Mark Patoska
Manager of Local Government Research at the Civic Federation in Chicago
3. Kaletta Lynch
Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff in the Mayor's Office of Salt Lake City, Utah
4. Michael Kagay
District Attorney for Shawnee County, Kansas
5. Chris Strow
Deputy Controller, State of Idaho
6. Mũthoni Wambu Kraal
Vice President, National Outreach and Training, EMILY's List

The next ACYPL Spring 2019 YSEALI Professional Fellows Program is currently scheduled to be held April 20 – May 31, 2019. The deadline for applications for the Spring 2019 YSEALI PFP is November 16th.

Indonesia - U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism

The Indonesia – U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism was established in Yogyakarta in 2016. The Council consists of a select group of committed non-government leaders from the religious, academic, media, and civil society sectors from Indonesia and the United States.

The Council defined and adopted three priority areas for its focus:

1. Increasing religious understanding, mutual respect, and collaboration;
2. Identifying and fostering positive civic and religious education models that promote analytical thinking and respect; and
3. Empowering civil society to deter violent extremism.

Since its establishment in August 2016, the Council with the assistance of USINDO, has conducted extensive research in identifying potential donors to fund the programs of the Council's three Working Groups. From this research, the Council made funding proposals to two potential donors: U.S. State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor and the Carpenter Foundation. The Council is working on how to address funding issues in 2018. Within the past year, USINDO has conducted series of discussion with U.S. Embassy Jakarta on exploring possible funding.

In addition to developing long-term project to be considered by prospective donors, the Council assisted several meetings below from October 2017-October 2018:

Discussion Meeting with Imam Mohammad Bashir Arafat during his visit to Indonesia - January 4, 2018

In January, USINDO facilitated a meeting between Imam Mohamad Bashir Arafat, President of the Islamic Affairs Council of Maryland and Founder of Civilizations Exchange & Cooperation Foundation, and Yenny Wahid, Indonesian Co-Chair for the Indonesia-U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism (CRP), as well as the Executive Director of Wahid Foundation. The meeting was aimed at exchanging views on topics such as approaches to interfaith understanding, religious education, and countering violent extremism in Indonesia and the United States, and other topics on religion and pluralism in the two countries.

Indonesian Council Members invited and attended U.S.'s Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom – July 24-26, 2018

Several Indonesian Council Members were invited and attended the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom that was hosted by United States Secretary of State Michael Pompeo at the US Department of State, Washington DC.

The Ministerial was the first-ever to advance religious freedom around the world. The event convened a broad range of stakeholders, including foreign ministers, international organization representatives, religious leaders, and civil society representatives, to discuss challenges, identify concrete ways to combat religious persecution and discrimination, and ensure greater respect for religious freedom for all. It focused on concrete outcomes that reaffirm international commitments to promote religious freedom and produce real, positive change.

US Council Member, Prof. Kathrine Marshall, participated in USINDO Open Forum on Indonesia and the Future of Islam – October 5, 2018

USINDO hosted an Open Forum on “Indonesia and the Future of Islam” featuring Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, the Founding Director of Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS) Yogyakarta, as the event speaker and U.S. Council member, Prof. Katherine Marshall (Senior Fellow at Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University) as the moderator. The discussion focused on Indonesia’s role in the future of Islam.

Indonesian Council Meeting and Reception with U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) – October 18, 2018

In conjunction with the visit of the USCIRF delegation to Indonesia, Deputy Chief of Mission Heather C. Variava hosted a meeting between the USCIRF delegation and Indonesian Council members at her residence. The delegation was represented by Gayle Conelly Manchin (Commissioner), Nadine Maenza (Commissioner), and Tina L. Mufford (Deputy Director of Research and Policy). They discussed religious issues with Indonesian Council members, Rev. Agustinus Ulahayanan, Dr. Chandra Setiawan, and Endy Bayuni. The meeting was then followed by a reception at the residence of Ambassador Joseph R. Donovan that was also attended by Indonesian religious leaders from other religious organizations.



Special Initiatives:

The 70th Anniversary of U.S.-Indonesia Diplomatic Relations in 2019

In December 2019, and throughout much of 2019, Indonesia and the United States will celebrate the 70th anniversary of US-Indonesia diplomatic relations (1949-2019). As the U.S. and Indonesia have forged a robust relationship throughout the past 70 years, and as USINDO is the only organization exclusively devoted to the US-Indonesia relationship and mutual understanding, USINDO plans to create a special series of events to commemorate our bilateral strategic partnership, to be conducted in complementarity with the two governments.

For the 70th anniversary of US-Indonesia relations, USINDO will create a series of Open Forums from January to December 2019. This series will help inform the public and especially youth on historical pivotal points of the bilateral relationship in various sectors including: economic, political, security, military, and cultural.

USINDO plans to hold regular Open Forums leading up to December 2019, highlighting different topics in the bilateral relationship so that the richness and strength of the US-Indonesia bilateral relationship throughout both good times and difficult ones is better understood by all. USINDO Washington DC and USINDO Jakarta are working in consultation with the two governments towards these ends.

To complement the Open Forum series, USINDO plans to hold an Instagram Competition and a community-based project, U.S.-Indonesia Inspirational Class, where both events intend to engage millennials and younger audiences. Through these series of events, USINDO expects to expand its audience base and network to all generations.

Online Presence

Social Media Presence

In addition to redesigning the website, USINDO has also made efforts to be more active in social media outlets, including Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. The effort was implemented more aggressively on Instagram starting in September 2018. In the span of one month, USINDO's Instagram account has seen at least an 80% increase in followers from the starting follower count then. The number of followers still need to be improved and USINDO Jakarta office has been developing strategy to increase our outreach. These social media presences also supported by a more regular update in our Website and sending feature/stories or newsletter on USINDO Programs and Activities to our mailing list.

Visit our Instagram [here](#), Facebook [here](#), and Twitter [here](#).

Instagram



Sample Instagram Post 1:

In 2018, USINDO hosted 14 American students from various universities in the United States for the Summer Studies Program. Participants ranged from undergraduate seniors to master's students, between age 19 to 30. The program ran for approximately two months - from May 24 to August 2 2018.

This is a series looking back at the 2018 USINDO Summer Studies Program: an intensive 10-week language & culture studies fellowship held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia for U.S. university students and recent graduates. Interested to learn more? Click the link in our bio and follow our hashtag!

#USINDO #2018SummerStudies
#StudyAbroad #studyabroadinAsia #exchange #exchangeusindonesia #Indonesia
#indonesianculture #summerabroad #summerinindonesia
#indonesianhome #indonesiafamily #usstudentsinasia #summerinasia



Sample Instagram Post 2:

Internship Matching and Networking Event of 2016 USINDO Summer Studies is held after the Orientation. In this picture, one of our fellows, Allison DiMase is listening attentively about internship at DIAN Interfidei.

#USINDO2016SS #USIndonesia #BisaBahasaIndonesia

Facebook



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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

YSEALI Professional Fellows Program Spring 2019

Applications Deadline:
November 16, 2018

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For more information about this program visit our website at usindo.org or acypl.org
 The Application can be accessible thorough

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The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) and the U.S. Department of State, in cooperation with The United States – Indonesia Society (USINDO) are pleased to announce the application process and deadlines for the Spring 2018 Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Professional Fellows Program. The YSEALI is the U.S. government's signature program to strengthen leadership development as well as networking in Southeast Asia, particularly between young leaders from United States and Southeast Asia.

The YSEALI PFP Spring 2019 will be held from April 20 – May 31, 2019. This year will focus on the theme of Legislative Governance and Society. It is open to young political and policy leaders from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam. The YSEALI PFP includes a week of political and policy discussions in Washington, DC; a month-long individual fellowship in an American office; and participation in a three-day global Professional Fellows Congress in Washington, DC.

The Application is accessible through the link: <https://bit.ly/2CeSA6C>

To see the program at a glance, check out the link <https://bit.ly/2CxAQVI>



Sample Facebook Post 2: *USINDO wishes Indonesia happy 73 years of Independence!*



Sample Facebook Post 3:

On August 9, 2018, USINDO Jakarta held an Open Forum on Traditional Music in New Spaces: Promoting Indonesian Music in the United States. The Open Forum featured Ms. Tricia Sumarijanto, Key Angklung Promoter in Washington DC and Conductor of House of Angklung; Ms. Hannah Standiford, Fulbright Scholarship Recipient and US-based Orkes Keroncong Rumput Singer; and moderated by Mr. Mochamad Achir, SCTV News Anchor and Producer, Angklung Muhibah Board of Producers.

Twitter



USINDO Twitter Feed Landing Page



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