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Gala Dinners

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 Warijyo 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.

Special Open Forum Luncheon Series on Indonesia's 2019 Presidential Election: The Candidates' Coalitions Present their Views

USINDO held a unique Indonesian Presidential Elections Open Forum Luncheon Series in Washington again this year, ahead of Indonesia's April 17 Presidential Election. The 2019 Special Election Series provided the two coalitions an equal and balanced opportunity to present their views and platform to the Washington audience.



February 5, 2019

Bapak Hashim Djojohadikusumo

Designated Spokesperson of the Campaign Team of Presidential Candidate Lt. Gen. (ret.) Prabowo Subianto and Vice-Presidential Candidate Sandiaga Uno

View the Video [here](#).



February 13, 2019

Ambassador Muhammad Lutfi

Designated Spokesperson of the Campaign Team of President Joko Widodo and Vice-Presidential Candidate Ma'ruf Amin

View the Video [here](#).

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

July 24, 2018

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.

H.E. Enggartiasto Lukita
Indonesian Minister of Trade

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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.

The 70th Anniversary of U.S. – Indonesia Diplomatic Relations Series

In December 2019, and throughout much of 2019, Indonesia and the United States will be celebrating 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 several Special Open Forum events to commemorate our bilateral strategic partnership, to be conducted in complementarity with the two governments.

This series will cover the political, geo-political, economic, security, and military relationship, including historical pivot points, current issues, and future possibilities for the relationship. Ideas will be discussed at the Jakarta May board meeting and input received.

To date:

The Role of the United States in Securing Indonesian Independence, 1945-1949: History, Legacy, and Lessons

February 21, 2019

Professor Robert McMahon
Ralph D. Mershon Distinguished
Professor Emeritus,
Ohio State University

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

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This program will be repeated in Washington in June or July 2019.

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

Indonesia's Presidential Elections: What Do the Latest Polls Show?

March 14, 2019

Dr. R. William Liddle

Professor Emeritus of Political Science
Ohio State University

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Jakarta

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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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"



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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

Jakarta

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 Rumput

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

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Yogyakarta

Public Lecture at Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) on “Politics and Gender: Indonesia & The U.S. Perspective”

August 09, 2018

The Honorable Sara Kurovski

The Mayor of Pleasant Hill

Ulya Niami Efrina Jamson

Lecturer at Department of Politics and
Government, FISIPOL UGM

Event Co-host: AIFIS, ACYPL, FISIPOL UGM



Education, 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 currently planned to be held in June 2019, with a specific focus on the themes of Indonesian Parliament Committee 7, including on **energy, mineral resources, and environment**. The selected cohort will acquire knowledge and skills to make positive contributions to Indonesia's legislative development in the 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

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.

2018-2019 Edward E. Masters Fellow



In 2018, the Ed Masters Review Committee reviewed a total of four applicants to the prestigious Edward E. Masters Fellowship award. Among the four applicants, two conditional candidates were selected and further assessed based on their testing scores, leadership potential and capability, amongst others.

This year's recipient of the prestigious Edward E. Masters Fellowship award is Ms. Rikianarsyi A. N. Wirantoputri, a junior diplomat at Directorate of ASEAN Political and Security Cooperation, Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Wirantoputri has been admitted to several schools and will pursue her studies starting Fall 2019.

2017-2018 Edward E. Masters Fellow



The previous 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.

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:

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, stating 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 Institut 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

The 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.

Since then, USINDO has developed an MOU to collaborate with Sampoerna University on its placement of SU engineering students at US universities, including UCLA, Illinois, University of Florida, University of Arizona, and others.

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 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.

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 University of Colorado Boulder and representatives from the Indonesian Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) in February 2018. In September 2018, The Colorado representative attended a series of EducationUSA higher education fairs and met with representatives of the LPDP scholarship program to explore more opportunities to encourage qualified Indonesians to study at Colorado, an LPDP-approved university.

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 might collaboratively develop Indonesia's human resources in Indonesia's priority areas, and strengthen UCLA's partnership in Indonesia. The delegation was led by UCLA Chancellor Gene Block, 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 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

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 25th 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.

Last year, 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.

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*. The students also 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.

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.

For Summer Studies 2019, USINDO has selected 14 American participants, from a pool of 34 applicants, who are enthusiastic in learning Indonesian language and enhancing their understanding of Indonesia. In addition to the previous year's program, the 2019 USINDO Summer Studies Program will include a newly designed activity, Volunteering with Structured Project, which gives students a chance to explore and interact with the professional realm in Indonesia while having a clear goal by the end of the program. The cohort is expected to be arriving in Jakarta on May 23, 2019. The fourteen incoming American participants are as follows:

1. Anna Katherine Dolliver, University of Texas at Austin, B.A. in Chinese and English
2. Ashley Justine Morrow, University of Iowa, B.A. in Global Health and Spanish
3. Eric Marcel Ordonez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.A. in Economics and Mathematics
4. Izzy Mariano, Brigham Young University, B.A. in International Relations

5. Jack Stover, University of South Alabama, B.S. in Business Administration and B.A. in Spanish
6. Lai Yuen Wo, University of Michigan, PhD in Sociocultural Anthropology
7. Lauren Schefsky, The Ohio State University, B.A. in International Relations and German
8. Lesley Ells, Lesley University, B.A. in Global Studies
9. Liam Kyle Axon, Oberlin College, Bachelor's in Mathematics
10. Madison Rose Genz, University of Iowa, Master's in Linguistics
11. Mia Dakan Cordes, Lewis & Clark College, Bachelor's in International Affairs
12. Michelle Thu Chau, George Washington University, B.A. in International Affairs and B.S. in Economics
13. Phoebe Parker, Ohio University, B.A. in Global Studies and Spanish
14. Robert Devin Burns Trice, Warren Wilson College, B.A. in Social Work and Sociology/Anthropology

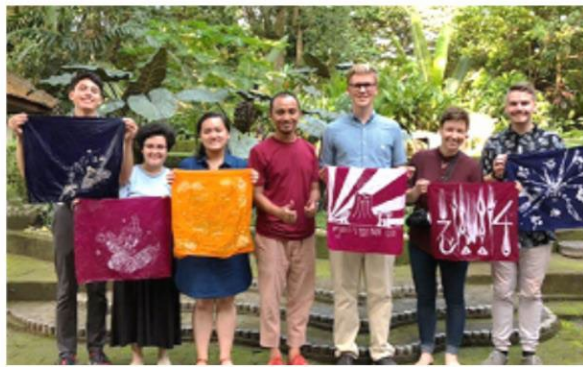
Photos from 2018 Summer Studies Program



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



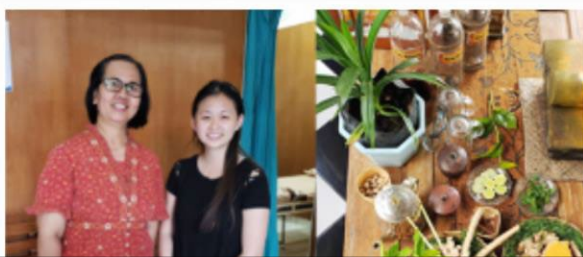
During networking event, the participants had a chance to discuss about the volunteering project with the volunteering institutions themselves.



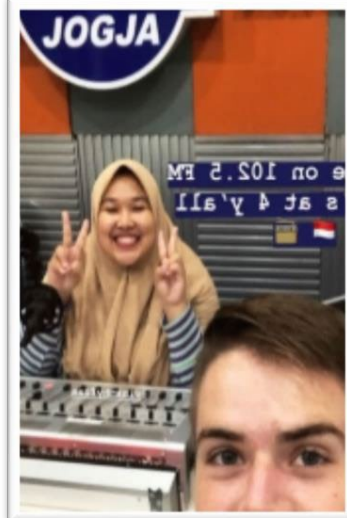
During cultural workshops, our participants were making their own *Batik* pattern with guidance from the tutor.



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's 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 YSEALI Professional Fellowship Program

The 2018 Spring Professional Fellows Program was held April 21 – June 2, 2018. The selected fellows are:

1. Alldo Felix Januarydy
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 was held 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)

The 2019 Spring PFP will be travelling to the United States from April 20 – May 31, 2019. The delegates were selected by a panel consisting of representatives from USINDO, ACYPL, and U.S. Embassy Jakarta. The selected fellows are:

1. Hasna Azmi Fadhilah
Lecturer, Institute of Public Administration, Ministry of Home Affairs
2. Ichan
Board Member and Co-Founder, Gema Lentera Peduli Tadukalo at Palu, Central Sulawesi
3. Wendy
IT Support Officer, Regional Civil Service of West Kalimantan Province

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. Additionally, USINDO has 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. Chris Strow
Deputy Controller, State of Idaho
2. Mũthoni Wambu Kraal
Vice President, National Outreach and Training, EMILY's List

USINDO is currently in the selection process stage for the upcoming ACYPL Fall 2019 YSEALI Professional Fellows Program and we are planning to select three

Indonesian fellows for this batch. The Fall 2019 Program is scheduled to be held October 12 – November 23, 2019.

The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) – USINDO American Delegation Visit to Indonesia (March 2019)

As an in-country partner program of ACYPL, USINDO hosted eight young American political and policy leaders from March 22-28, 2019 in Jakarta and Yogyakarta. This program aims to deepen the delegation's knowledge and understanding on politics, economy, education, and U.S.-Indonesia bilateral relations. The participants are:

1. The Honorable Chad Banks
Member, Whitley County Council – Republican
2. Ms. Lauren Barnes
Director of Defense, Space and Security at the Boeing Company – Republican
3. Ms. Silky Malik
Vice President, Strategy at OWLFA, LLC – Democrat
4. The Honorable Kerry McCormack
Member, Cleveland City Council – Democrat
5. The Honorable Samantha Paradis
Mayor, City of Belfast, Maine – Democrat
6. Mr. Andrew Silvestri
Head of Technical Infrastructure Public Policy and Community Affairs (Americas), Google Inc. – Republican
7. Ms. Cameron Schupp
Development & Special Projects Director, American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) – Democrat
8. The Honorable Sara Kurovski
Mayor, City of Pleasant Hill, Iowa – Republican

The participants were able to meet government officials including Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan, members of parliament, NGOs and political consultants, business and private sector representatives, media representatives, heads of local government,

representatives from civil society and religious organizations, General Election Commission (KPU), Executive Office of the President, National Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK), and ACYPL alumni.

The delegation also visited Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) where they had two parallel events: 1) a roundtable discussion with UGM lecturers on Indonesia's democracy and 2) a public lecture where a delegate spoke on "Politics and Gender: U.S. and Indonesia Perspective". The delegates learned about politics and policy making, electoral systems, business and economics, governance and education, peace building, and conflict resolution.



Meeting with Political Consultants



Meeting with Governor Anies Baswedan



Meeting with Representatives from
Private Sectors



Meeting with Pesantren Krapyak at
Yogyakarta



Meeting with National General Election Commission (KPU)



Meeting with National Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK)



Meeting with Executive Office of the President



Meeting with Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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- March 2019:

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 Mr. 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.



Indonesian Council Meeting and Reception with U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs – November 5, 2018

The Deputy Chief of Mission Heather C. Variava hosted a meeting between U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and Indonesian council members at her residence. Present from ECA were Ambassador Jennifer

Zimdahl Galt (Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary) and Brett A. Walkley (Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer); and from Indonesian Council members were Mr. Endy Bayuni and Dr. Bahrul Hayat. The meeting discussed about the work and challenges of the Council as well as the issues on religious and pluralism in general.



USINDO Activity under the Indonesia-US Council on Religion and Pluralism

March 11, 2019



On March 11, USINDO hosted a discussion on interfaith activities in the United States and Indonesia between members of the Indonesia-US Council on Religion and Pluralism and nine Indonesian Imams and Islamic religious scholars visiting the United States.

USINDO brought three prominent Christian US members of the Council to meet with the Indonesian Imams and Islamic religious scholars to discuss interfaith initiatives, and the role of religion in politics, in both countries: Jim Winkler, President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches; Galen Carey, Vice President for Government Relations at the National Association of Evangelicals; and Virginia Farris, International Policy Advisor of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

View the Photo Gallery [here](#).

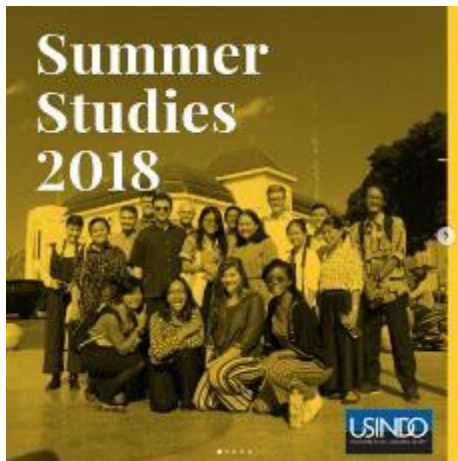
Online Presence

Social Media Presence

Continuing the efforts on increasing social media presence last year, USINDO has been active in social media outlets, including Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. The effort to boost social media presence was implemented more aggressively on Instagram starting in September 2018. In the span of one month, USINDO's Instagram account saw 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.

USINDO also uses social media to support partner organizations' events, including for EducationUSA and American Council of Young Political Leaders.

Visit USINDO's 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.

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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

Sample Facebook Post 1:

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>






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For more information about this program visit our website at usindo.org or acypl.org

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Kindly note, we do not accept direct or hard copy submission.

**YSEALI Professional Fellows Program
Spring 2019**



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



Sample Twitter Post: *Hello friends of USINDO! Last Friday, October 5th, USINDO DC hosted a talk on "Indonesia and the Future of Islam" with Dr. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, the author of "Living in a Sacred Cosmos: Indonesia and the Future of Islam." Please find below the pictures from the event, enjoy!*

-- End of President's Report --

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