

The United States-Indonesia Society (USINDO) is the premier bi-national non-governmental organization exclusively deepening United States-Indonesia relations and mutual understanding. Since its establishment in 1994, USINDO has been enhancing Americans' understanding of Indonesia, Indonesians' knowledge of America, deepening people to people relations of the two countries, and building the civil society foundations of the present U.S – Indonesia Strategic Partnership. USINDO implements its mission through open forums and discussions in each country and through educational and legislative exchange programs and partnerships.

### **USINDO Programs and Activities:**

**Open Forums.** On-the-record discussion programs in Jakarta and Washington DC on the full range of issues of interest in U.S-Indonesian relations, including The U.S-Indonesia Strategic Partnership, the new U.S. administration, Indonesia and U.S. elections, U.S and Indonesian foreign policy, economy, trade and business, etc.

Indonesia-U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism. Responding to a world increasingly at risk owing to misunderstanding and intolerance of other religions, lack of appreciation of diversity, and religious extremism, in August 2016 USINDO gathered committed non-government Indonesian and American religious, academic, and nongovernment leaders to create the Indonesia-U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism, an independent non-governmental body to undertake joint programs to share and promote the values of pluralism, diversity, and tolerance. The Council has been endorsed by Presidents Jokowi and Obama.

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

**Partnership.** USINDO founded the Joint Council in 2010 to complement official bilateral educational programs. For the past seven years, the Joint Council has facilitated nine partnerships between American and Indonesian universities, sent over 829 Indonesians to U.S. universities, and over 209 Americans to Indonesian universities.

*Executive Breakfast Discussion Series.* Featuring distinguished experts 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.

*Galas.* USINDO's Annual DC Gala Dinner features a distinguished speaker on U.S-Indonesia issues. Past

speakers have included the Indonesian President, Indonesian Vice President, and key ministers.

*Legislative Partnership Program.* USINDO, in cooperation with The U.S House of Foreign Affairs Committee and the Indonesian Parliament, sends Indonesian parliamentary staff to Washington to learn about legislative process and multi-stakeholders engagement.

*Edward E. Masters Fellowship.* For over nine years, the program funds the graduate education and manages the placement of select officials from the Indonesian government at leading U.S. universities.

**USINDO Summer Studies.** Since 1996, USINDO's annual tenweek program of intensive language and cultural immersion in Indonesia has benefited close to 300 U.S. undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students.

*Sumitro Fellows Program.* Established to honor Professor Sumitro Djojohadikusumo's legacy as the architect of modern Indonesian economics, grants are given to U.S. and Indonesian scholars for field research on U.S. – Indonesia relations and political-economic themes.

American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) Exchange Programs. Since 2008, USINDO has been an incountry program partner to ACYPL through ACYPL exchange programs and Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Professional Fellows Program. These programs aim to cultivate closer ties, build networks, and generate valuable knowledge for young American and Indonesian political and community leaders.

*Meetings, Briefings, and Workshops.* USINDO conducts meetings, briefings, and workshops for Americans and Indonesians who are interested in deepening understanding in both countries related topics.

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