



The United States-Indonesia Society (USINDO) is the premier bi-national non-governmental organization exclusively devoted to 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, fostering people-to-people ties, and building the civil society foundations of what is now the U.S. – Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. USINDO implements its mission through Open Forums, events and discussions in each country; and educational, exchange, and other programs, as follows:

#### **Increasing Mutual Understanding**

**Strategic Dialogues and Discussions.** USINDO is the only bi-national, neutral, and independent NGO devoted to U.S.- Indonesia issues and equally to both countries' interests. We are thus able to convene Strategic Dialogues or other programs that bring together the two countries' private sector, university, and think-tank stakeholders, and government officials, for an inclusive exchange of ideas on bilateral issues and possible programs.

USINDO's utilization of this space permits us to inject a diverse range of bi-national civil society ideas into the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, as intended by the Partnership's principles. We can convene stakeholder discussions involving the two governments and others, aimed at progress on selected sectoral issues. We facilitate inclusive, sustained bi-national consideration and implementation of mutually beneficial programs.

**Open Forums.** These are on-the-record discussion programs, online simultaneously in both countries, or in person, on key topical issues in U.S - Indonesian relations, including the U.S.- Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, U.S. and Indonesian policies and foreign policy, non-partisan programs and programs on economy, trade, investment and business, and others.

**Gala Dinner and Topical Luncheons.** USINDO's Annual D.C. Gala Dinner features distinguished Indonesian speakers and top U.S. officials on issues central to U.S.- Indonesia relations, presenting their views on Indonesia directly to our audience, and raising knowledge of Indonesia in the U.S. We also hold distinguished speaker Luncheons and Executive Discussions in both countries to deepen understanding on specific issues. such as our recent Indonesian 2024 Presidential Election Series.

**Indonesia-U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism.** USINDO created an Indonesia-U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism, of Indonesian and American religious, academic, and other leaders, to promote the values of pluralism, diversity, tolerance and cooperation on shared issues.

#### **Educational Exchange Programs**

**Promoting Indonesian Student Study in the U.S.**

USINDO develops connections with U.S. universities interested to enroll Indonesian graduate students funded by the Indonesian Endowment Fund for Education ("LPDP") scholarship. USINDO believes Increased utilization of LPDP provides great potential for increasing the number of Indonesian students in the U.S.

To boost LPDP utilization, USINDO connects Indonesian students directly with U.S. universities eligible for LPDP scholarships; conducts USINDO's unique on-line course in Critical Thinking for Indonesians applying for graduate study in the U.S.; and assists Indonesian universities with educational capacity enhancement.

**Professional Fellows Program.** A planned program for American graduate students to solve real-world problems through placement in the Indonesian ICT, energy, environment, or non-profit sectors.

**USINDO Summer Studies Program.** For 25 years, USINDO's annual ten-week program of intensive language and cultural immersion in Indonesia has benefitted over 250 U.S. students with Indonesian language training, networking opportunities, and understanding of Indonesia's current issues.

**Edward E. Masters Graduate Fellowship.** For over a decade, this prestigious program has funded the graduate education of top ranked Indonesian Foreign Ministry officers at leading U.S. universities.

**YSEALI Professional Fellows Program.** USINDO is the in-country partner for the Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative (YSEALI) program for Southeast Asian and American political and community leaders.

**Legislative Partnership Program.** With the U.S. House Democracy Partnership and the Indonesian Parliament, USINDO enhances the DPR staff's professional law-writing capacity, subject matter expertise, and inter-parliamentary knowledge exchange.

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