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 1994 USINDO has enhanced Americans and Indonesians understanding of each other, fostering people-to-people ties, and building the civil society foundations of the U.S. – Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. We implement our mission through public Open Forums, unique convened topical events; and educational exchange and technical assistance programs, such as:

## Increasing Mutual Understanding

***Strategic Dialogues and Discussions.*** USINDO is the only bi-national, neutral, and independent NGO devoted to the entire range of U.S.- Indonesia issues and equally to serving 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 for an inclusive and constructive exchange of ideas on bilateral issues and possible initiatives.

USINDO's convening role permits us to inject a diverse range of bi-national civil society ideas into the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, as intended by the Partnership's objectives. We can convene stakeholder discussions involving the interested parties, including cooperation with the private sector and other NGOs, aimed at progress on selected sectoral issues ("Track Two Dialogues"). Sometimes, these are done in coordination with the two governments ("Track 1 ½ Dialogues"). USINDO facilitates inclusive, sustained bi-national consideration and then implementation of mutually beneficial US-Indonesia programs.

***Open Forums.*** These are regular on-the-record discussion programs, online simultaneously in both countries, and in person, on key topical issues in U.S - Indonesian relations, such as the U.S.- Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, U.S. and Indonesian policies and foreign policies, non-partisan programs on the economy, trade, investment and business, and others. We are aiming for up to 10 such programs in 2026.

***Gala Dinner and Topical Luncheons.*** USINDO's 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.

## Educational Exchange Programs

***Bilateral STEM and High-Tech Workforce Development.*** USINDO is examining how to upgrade the workforce of both countries in STEM/High-Tech skills. This is intended to provide much-needed expertise for the growth of bilateral trade and investment in high-tech fields.

***USINDO Summer Studies Program.*** USINDO's annual ten-week program of intensive language and cultural immersion in Indonesia has benefited over 260 U.S. students by providing Indonesian language training, networking opportunities, and understanding of Indonesia's current issues. 2026 was the final year of this program after 25 years. We are designing a new replacement program bringing Americans to Indonesia, planned for 2028.

***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) for exchange of Southeast Asian and American political and community leaders.

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