



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2014 - NOVEMBER 2015

The United States – Indonesia Society

November Board Meeting

November 14, 2015

Dear USINDO Trustees and Advisors,

As we approach 2016, we appear to be on the cusp of greater opportunities for USINDO to contribute to our mission of strengthening bilateral relations than any time in the last two decades. Recognizing our role as the sole NGO working exclusively on fostering a deep-rooted US-Indonesia bilateral relationship, and our bi-national and impartial character, the two governments now appear interested in working in cooperation with USINDO in both countries to facilitate widespread civil society participation in mutually agreed aspects of the new U.S. Indonesia Strategic Partnership.

Thus, rather than work primarily in a parallel track with governments, we now may be able, along with other suitable groups, to work interactively with governments so that together we can bring about the best mutually reinforcing and coordinated results. It is too soon to say what specific forms this may take, but there is an exciting prospect for USINDO to play an even more effective role.

As concerns the present, USINDO finishes 2015 having produced the cutting-edge information and education programs promoting U.S.-Indonesia understanding you expect of us. They are described in the following report. Key events included our December Conference on the Jokowi Administration, our September Gala Dinner with Foreign Minister Marsudi, and our October co-sponsored dinner honoring President Jokowi. Our renowned and frequent Open Forums in both countries continued to provide our audiences high quality information about policies and issues in each country. Our Jakarta office is making significant contributions to the quality of USG and NGO exchange programs.

In education, our Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership has helped establish seven new university-to-university substantive partnerships, which have led to 372 more Indonesians going to the USA and 172 more Americans to Indonesia for study thus far. Our new program making it easier for Indonesian scholarship recipients to study in the US is expected bring about a doubling in the number of Indonesian scholarship recipients studying in the United States in fall 2016. Our other important education programs, and our innovative legislative partnership program, are also set forth.

I thank all USINDO members for your advice and support. In 2016 we will need these more than ever to enhance USINDO's beneficial impact on deepening relations and understanding between our two countries and peoples.

Sincerely,



David Merrill
President

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Galas

Washington, D.C.

Dinner in Honor of President Joko Widodo

October 26, 2015

Event Co-Hosts:
US Chamber of Commerce,
US-ASEAN Business Council



Remarks by **President Joko Widodo**
President of the Republic of Indonesia

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Appreciation and Concluding Remarks from
USINDO President David N. Merrill

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USINDO Washington Annual Gala Dinner
September 21, 2015

Featured Speaker:
H.E. Retno Marsudi
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Indonesia

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Featured Guest:
The Honorable Catherine A. Novelli
Under Secretary of State
For Economic Growth, Energy, and the
Environment

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Other Gala Highlights:



Welcoming Remarks from
USINDO President David N. Merrill

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Remarks by **Scot Marciel**
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
For East Asia and the Pacific

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Appreciation and Concluding Remarks from
USINDO President David N. Merrill

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View the Gala Dinner Photo Gallery [here](#).

Special Events on the Jokowi Administration

Special Open Forum

President Jokowi's Indonesia at the Five-Month Point
March 24, 2015

The Honorable Robert O. Blake, Jr.
United States Ambassador
to the Republic of Indonesia

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Special Open Forum



Joko Widodo: A New Paradigm for Indonesian Leadership?
February 26, 2015

Adam Schwarz
Distinguished Scholar and Authority on
Indonesia
Co-Founding Partner and Chief
Executive Officer-Asia of the Asia Group

View the Brief [here](#).

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Special One-Day Conference

The Jokowi Administration: Prospects for Indonesia's Democratic Governance, Economic Development, and International Engagement

December 11, 2014

Four Seasons Hotel - Washington, D.C.

USINDO held a major full-day conference in Washington December 11 to inform our Washington office about Indonesia under the Jokowi administration.

The Honorable Edward Royce (R-CA), Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, **Ambassador Budi Bowoleksono**, Indonesian Ambassador to the United States; **Ambassador Scot Marciel**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and **Ms. Kelly E. Magsamen**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, gave opening remarks on U.S.-Indonesia relations and the Jokowi administration.

OPENING SESSION VIDEOS:



[Welcome Remarks by
USINDO President David Merrill](#)



[Opening Remarks by
The Hon. Edward Royce \(R-CA\)](#)



[Ambassador Budi Bowoleksono](#)



[Ambassador Scot Marciel](#)



[Ms. Kelly Magsamen](#)

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEECH: General Luhut Pandjaitan

His Excellency General Luhut Pandjaitan gave the luncheon's keynote address on "*The Priorities and Policies of the Jokowi Administration.*"



[Introduction of Keynote Speaker](#)



[KEYNOTE ADDRESS: H.E. Luhut Pandjaitan](#)

[PowerPoint | Q&A](#)

PANEL SESSIONS:

Panel sessions with distinguished speakers from around the world were held on the Economy, Democracy and Governance, and Foreign and Security Policy

SESSION I - Indonesia's Economic Growth, Trade, Investment, and Development: Key Policy Issues and Decisions Ahead



Dr. Shubham Chaudhuri, *Practice Manager (Indonesia), Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management Global Practice; Practice Manager (EAP), Poverty Global Practice, The World Bank*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Mr. Suryo Sulisto, *Chairman of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN), Indonesia; Founder and Chairman, Satmarindo Group*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Dr. Darmawan Prasodjo, *Member of Parliament; Member of the Oil and Gas Governance Reform Task Force; Chief Economist, Millennium Challenge Account-Indonesia; and PDIP Senior Advisor*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Dr. Mohamad Ikhsan, *Advisor to the Vice President of Indonesia; Head of Team Assistance to the Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs*

[Video](#)



Dr. Sugeng, *Executive Director, Bank Indonesia Representative's Office of North and South America in New York*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Panel Discussion and Q&A

Moderated by: **Dr. Franck Wiebe**, *Professor of International Development, Georgetown University*

[Video](#)

SESSION II - Indonesian Democracy and Democratic Governance: What Does the Election Signify? What Issues Lie Ahead?



Professor R. William "Bill" Liddle, *Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Ohio State University*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



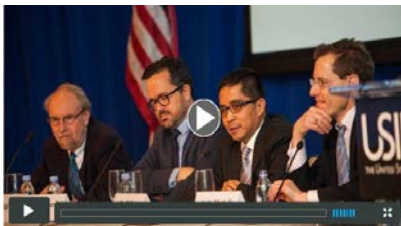
Professor Edward Aspinall, *Professor of Politics, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Dr. Philips Vermonte, *Head of Department of Politics and International Relations, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta*

[Video](#) | [PowerPoint](#)



Panel Discussion and Q&A

Moderated by: **Ambassador Mark P. Lagon**, *Professor in the Practice of International Affairs, Georgetown University, and incoming President of Freedom House*

[Video](#)

SESSION III - Indonesia's Foreign Policy and Security Issues: Continuity, Evolution, or Change?



Dr. Rizal Sukma, Presidential Advisor on Foreign Policy, and Executive Director at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta

[Video](#)



Dr. Don Emmerson, Director, Southeast Asia Forum, Stanford University

[Video](#)



Brigadier General Jan Pieter Ate, Director of International Cooperation, Directorate General of Defense Strategy, Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Indonesia

[Video](#)



Dr. Amy Searight, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, U.S. Department of Defense

[Video](#)



Panel Discussion and Q&A

Moderated by: **Dr. David Denoon**, Professor of Politics and Economics, NYU

[Video](#)

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Other Special Events

Washington, D.C.

**Executive Round Table Discussion on
Indonesia's Energy and Natural Resources
Issues: The View from Parliament**

Tuesday, October 27 2015

USINDO Conference Room



USINDO, in cooperation with the US-ASEAN Business Council organized an off-the-record round table with the Vice Chair, Satya Yudha and members of Indonesia's Commission VII.



The DPR's Enhanced Role in Indonesia's Governance

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Cosmos Club

H.E. Setya Novanto
Speaker, Indonesian House of
Representatives (DPR)



Reforming the Management of Indonesia's Energy and Mineral Resources Sector: An Update

Thursday, July 2, 2015

Cosmos Club

H.E. Sudirman Said
Minister of Energy and Mineral
Resources

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Jakarta

USINDO Jakarta Special Lunch Meeting with the U.S. National War College

Thursday, March 26, 2015

Seribu Rasa Restaurant,
Jakarta



The U.S. Embassy Jakarta's Defense Office asked USINDO to host a special lunch meeting with the delegation from the National War College, National Defense University, Washington D.C., during their visit to Indonesia.



The National War College educates future leaders of the U.S. Armed Forces, State Department, and other civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities. Its graduates will exercise a great influence on the formulation of national security and foreign policy.

The National War College delegation was led by Captain James F. Buckley, the Navy Chair and Assistant to Professor of the National War College and consist of 11 faculty members and students from the State Department and Armed Forces.

The meeting covered broad topics such as foreign affairs, politics, business, military, religious freedom, environmental and democracy.

USINDO Jakarta Special Meeting with the Business Executives for National Security (BENS)

Wednesday, November 19 2014

Four Seasons Hotel Jakarta



The U.S. Embassy Jakarta and U.S Pacific Command (PACOM) requested USINDO to host a special meeting with a senior delegation of U.S. business executives from the prominent U.S. NGO Business Executives for National Security (BENS), on their first visit to Indonesia.

BENS is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of U.S. senior executives who volunteer their time, expertise, and resources to achieve a broader understanding of a variety of U.S. and global national security challenges and find ways to be helpful in addressing them.

The BENS delegation was led by General Norton A. Schwartz, the President and CEO of BENS and Former Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, and consisted of 11 senior executive business leaders from various private sector industries and four staff members of U.S. PACOM. From USINDO, the meeting was attended by USINDO Members and Friends with various backgrounds such as the private sector, NGOs, and academics.

The two hour meetings covered various issues including the current political status of Indonesia, public perceptions toward the new government of Indonesia, foreign and private investment in Indonesia, Indonesia's competitiveness in the global market, Indonesia's national and local government accountability, religious diversity and pluralism, natural resources, and the effort to mitigate climate change.

Open Forum Series

Washington, D.C.

Indonesia's New Maritime Strategy under Jokowi

September 1, 2015

Bronson Percival, PhD
Senior Advisor,
Center for Naval Analyses'
Center for Strategic Studies

Vibhanshu Shekhar, PhD
Asia Studies Visiting Fellow,
East-West Center

S. Samuel Tumiwa
Deputy Representative,
North America Representative Office,
Asian Development Bank

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Indonesia's Economic Malaise: Chronic or Curable?

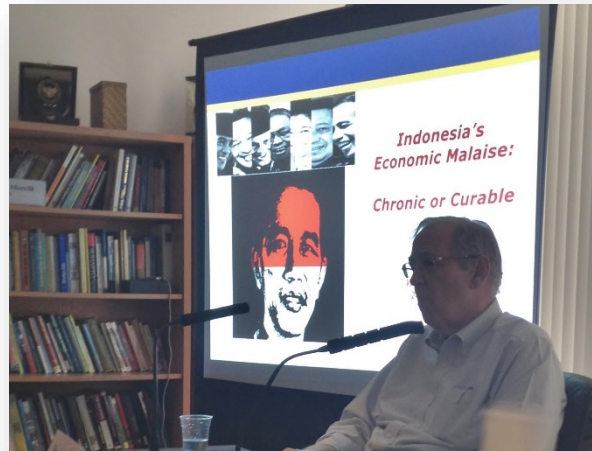
June 25, 2015

James Castle

Founder, Castle Asia
USINDO Advisor

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Roundtable with Ridwan Kamil, Mayor of Bandung

June 2, 2015

Ridwan Kamil

Mayor of Bandung,
Indonesian Architect and Lecturer, Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB)

Event Co-Host: US-ASEAN Business Council

Safeguarding Integrity and Accountability in Indonesia's Economic Reform: The Role of the Supreme Audit Board

May 19, 2015

Harry Azhar Azis, PhD

Chairman
Indonesia's Audit Board (BPK)

Event Co-Hosts: USAID and MSI

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Indonesia Update 2015: Prospects and Progress

April 28, 2015

Freddy H. Tulung

Director General of Information and Public Communication, Indonesian Ministry of Communication and Information Technology

Usman Kansong

Head of News Division
Media Indonesia

Dr. Sonny Harry B. Harmadi

Special Staff to the Minister of National Development Planning



Event Co-Hosts: The Ministry of Communication and Information (KEMKOMINFO) and Indonesian Embassy

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The Politics and Policies of Religious Pluralism and Multiculturalism in Today's Indonesia

April 23, 2015

Dicky Sofyan, PhD

Core Doctoral Faculty,
Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS)

Jeanny Dhewayani, PhD

Associate Director,
Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS)



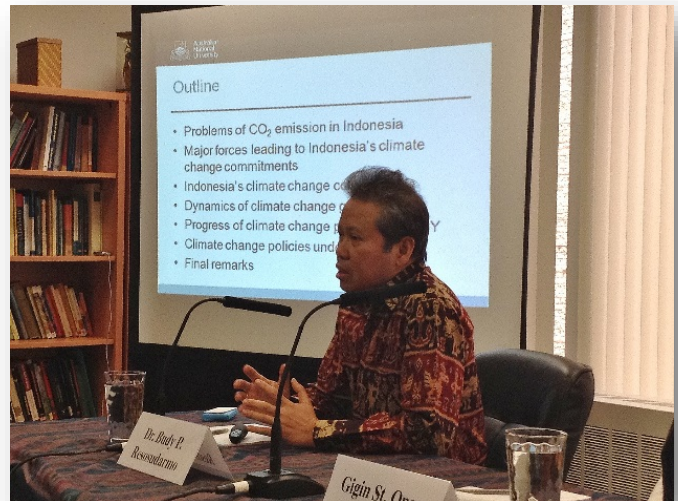
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Indonesia's Climate Change Policy under the Jokowi Administration

April 15, 2015

Dr. Budy Resosudarmo
Head, Indonesia Project,
Australian National University
Senior Fellow, Harvard Kennedy
School

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A Conversation with Daniel Ziv

April 9, 2015

Daniel Ziv
Documentary Filmmaker
Producer and Director of the Award-Winning
Documentary "Jalanan"

Event Co-Host: Rumah Indonesia

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Jakarta

Supporting U.S. & Indonesia's Creative Economy and Innovation: The Importance of Intellectual Property Rights

November 4, 2015

Ambassador Charles H. Rivkin
Assistant Secretary of State for
Economic and Business Affairs

Triawan Munaf
Chairman of Indonesian Agency
for Creative Economy (BEKRAF)

Sheila Timothy
Executive Director, Association
of Indonesian Film Producers
(APROFI)

Ruben Hattari
Director of Corporate Affairs,
Microsoft Indonesia



2016 U.S. Presidential Election: The Electoral Process and Candidates' Prospects

October 27, 2015

Chas Anderson
Former Executive Director,
Minnesota House of Representatives,
Co-Founder/Partner, MZA+CO

Paul Rowland
Former Country Director,
National Democratic Institute (NDI),
Independent Political Consultant

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

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Expanding Internet Access to support Economic Growth and Government Service Delivery in the U.S. and Indonesia

July 29, 2015

Ambassador Daniel A. Sepulveda
Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs,
U.S. Department of State

Dr. Ilham Habibie
Chair of Indonesia National
Information and Communication
Technology (ICT) Council

Shinto Nugroho
Head of Public Policy and Government,
Google

Ruben Hattari
Director of Corporate Affairs,
Microsoft Indonesia

Alvin Sheng Hui Tan
Head of Public Policy,
South East Asia, Facebook

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Disaster Preparedness and Response in the US and Indonesia

June 5, 2015

Air Marshall FH Bambang Sulisty
Head of National Search and Rescue Agency (BASARNAS)

Dr. Karl Kim
Executive Director,
National Disaster Preparedness Training Center,
University of Hawai'i Manoa

Rusty Witwer
Country Coordinator for ICS Program,
Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, USAID



Event Co-host: HOPE Worldwide

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Advancing STEM Development in the U.S. and Indonesia

April 27, 2015

Dr. Phyllis M. Wise
Chancellor of University of Illinois,
Urbana Campaign

Prof. Dr. Yohanes Surya
Rector of Surya University

Prof. Dr. Dwikorita Karnawati
Rector of Gadjah Mada University

Event Co-host: U.S. Embassy

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**Stories to Watch 2015: WRI's
Environment and Economic
Perspective**
April 25, 2015

Dr. Andrew Steer
President and CEO,
World Resources Institute

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U.S. Trade Policy Toward Indonesia
April 10, 2015

Christine Brown
Director for South East Asia & Pacific Affairs,
Office of the United States Trade Representative

Event Co-Hosts: AmCham Indonesia

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Government and Community Relations in Local Public Service Delivery: U.S.' and Indonesia's Perspective

March 13, 2015

John E. Baker

Policy and Program Development
Administrator City of Tallahassee, Florida

Dr. Marie Peoples

Chief Health Officer Cocoono Public
Health Services, Arizona

Manisha Paudel

Human Relations Specialist City of
Dubuque, Iowa

Dinar Dana Kharisma

Planner Staff,
Directorate of Social and Welfare
Ministry of National Development Planning

Siti Barokah

Program Manager for Poverty Eradication and Economic Governance,
the Partnership for Governance Reform (Kemitraan)

Elly Tartati Ratni

Head of Research and Development Sub Division,
Local Development and Planning Agency of Blitar City

Event Co-Hosts: U.S Embassy, ICMA, and APEKSI

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Assessing Government Accountability in United States and Indonesia

March 4, 2015

Dr. Harry Azhar Azis

Chairman, Supreme Audit Agency of
the Republic of Indonesia (BPK RI)

Joseph Christoff

Former Director of International Affairs
and Trade,
United States Government Accountability
Office (GAO)
Director of Institute for Public Accountability,
Management Systems International



Event Co-Hosts: MSI-SIAP & USAID

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North Korean Human Rights: U.S. Policy and the International Response

February 25, 2015

Ambassador Robert R. King

U.S. Special Envoy for North Korean
Human Rights Issues

Marzuki Darusman

Special Rapporteur, United Nations
USINDO Advisor

Ambassador Cho Tai-Young

Republic of Korea Ambassador to
Indonesia



Event Co-Host: U.S. Embassy

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Mind the Gap: Bridging the Divide between the Life and Social Sciences in Indonesian and American Studies

December 18, 2014

Prof. Herman Hidayat

Research Professor on Forest Policy,
Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)

Lisa C. Kelley

PhD Candidate/ Fulbright Scholar,
Dept. of Environmental Science, UC
Berkeley

Matthew Minarchek

PhD Candidate/ AIFIS Fellow
Dept. of History, Cornell University

Jenny E. Goldstein

PhD Candidate/ Fulbright Scholar
Dept. of Geography, UCLA

Event Co-Host: @america, AMINEF and AIFIS

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Upcoming Events

Jakarta

Global and Regional Economic and Financial Architecture: U.S.' and Indonesia's Perspectives

November 2015

Countering Violent Extremism: The U.S.' and Indonesia's Perspectives

December 2016

Cyber Security: How do the U.S and Indonesia Manage the Risks?

December 2016

Education Programs and Grants

Legislative Partnership Program

After its successful first Legislative Partnership Program on March 1-7, 2014, USINDO is currently preparing the second LPP program that will be held by next year.

The LPP will be implemented over three years by sending four delegations of Indonesian parliamentary staff to Washington, D.C. Each of the four exchanges consists of a customized one-week study program and a U.S. legislative orientation for eight staffers, and a one-month legislative internship for three staffers.

The participants of this program will learn practical knowledge directly from experienced U.S. practitioners about U.S. Congressional committee functioning, the role of professional staff and staff management, the use of support systems such as the Congressional Research Service, legislative drafting, government and non-government legislative oversight, and how the U.S. system engages stakeholders for inclusive policy-making. The Legislative Partnership Program also aims to improve capacity of parliamentary staffers and deepen legislative-to-legislative contacts as part of the U.S. - Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership.

On the first LPP, the participants concentrated on substantive foreign affairs issues between the U.S. and Indonesia. They had discussions with U.S. and Indonesian Executive Branch officials on the status of the U.S. – Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership, and the roles and opportunities for governments, legislatures, and NGOs.

While the first LPP focuses on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the second LPP intends to focus on the Committee on Finance, National Development Planning, Banking, and Non-Bank Financial Institutions. The other two LPP programs (on Committee on Energy, Environment, Natural Mineral Resources, and Committee on Trade, Industry, Investment, Cooperatives, SMEs, and State-Owned Enterprises) will be implemented in 2017.

The participants of this program are the secretariat staffs or political advisors of DPR who play a strategic role in their current position, between the ages of 25-50, and have more than 5 years government or parliament-related work experience.

We currently work in interactive collaboration with governments on this program.

In Jakarta, we work in collaboration with the DPR secretariat, the staff of the relevant parliamentary Commissions, and the U.S. Embassy, who has a representative on the USINDO selection committee for parliamentary staff.

In Washington, we work in collaboration with the office of House Foreign Affairs Committee Edward Royce, with the House Democracy Partnership, and with the Embassy of Indonesia.



USINDO Legislative Partnership Program participants meeting with Chairman of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC), Edward Royce (R-CA)



Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH), speaks with participants about Congressional views on Indonesia

Reciprocal Visits of Indonesian Members of Parliament and U.S. Members of Congress

USINDO also believes in the importance of building ties between the two countries' legislatures through increased two-way visits and sharing of experience between Indonesian Members of Parliament and U.S. Members of Congress. Although this is primarily a governmental function, USINDO has an interest in fostering such visits and playing a helpful role where appropriate, in cooperation with governments. This month for example we facilitated an opportunity for members of Indonesia's Parliamentary Commission on Energy and Natural Resources and six members of the U.S. House Energy Subcommittee on Energy to meet and exchange views on how energy issues are handled in each country.

Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program

The Edward E. Masters 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 17 Indonesian diplomats at top U.S. graduate programs in international affairs and international law.

Potential Funding Opportunities

Funding continues to be available for this program, but at lower levels due to the withdrawal of some donors owing to economic conditions. Additional sources of shared funding should be sought, as follows:

1. The Review Committee has requested that the Embassy of Indonesia suggest potential companies/donors (both in Indonesia and US) to approach
2. USINDO, through the Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership, will explore the possibility of collaborating with LPDP to raise the program funds
3. USINDO will approach universities accepting KEMLU Fellows and submit requests for full scholarships or tuition credits
4. SAIS is looking into potentially funding one Fellow's tuition.

Fellows Update

Three Fellows graduated from Columbia University in the summer of 2015. Two of the graduating Fellows completed a two-year graduate program at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and one graduated from a one-year graduate program at Columbia Law School. Two Fellows are currently in their second year of graduate study at top U.S. programs of international affairs (SIPA Columbia and Georgetown's SFS respectively).

For 2016, the Ed Masters review committee has recently selected three conditional candidates and one alternate candidate. Full acceptance of the top three candidates is conditional on their official GRE and TOEFL tests, their acceptance at top graduate programs in the Fall of 2016, and availability of funds. USINDO is presently determining the extent of funds available for this cycle.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (KEMLU)

On January 2015, USINDO and KEMLU signed a new Memorandum of Understanding to extend the program for a second four-year cycle until 2017. Under the new MoU, USINDO and KEMLU will continue to share the tuition expenses 50/50. KEMLU Fellows may now choose to pursue graduate study in Public Policy, Environmental Studies, and Economics, in addition to International Affairs and International Law.

The new MOU includes the newly launched Washington enrichment program, which will be held once every semester for all current Fellows to meet and network with prominent U.S. leaders in the government, legislature, think tanks, and NGOs. The program will also include attendance at USINDO's Annual Gala Dinner or other Special Event.

To create a sense of community among Fellows and between Fellows and USINDO, USINDO has also initiated several communication forums: Spring and Fall teleconferences with all current Fellows and social media forums for general discussion among current and past Fellows, as well as with USINDO.

Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS)

The next call for applications for BAPPENAS officials is for a graduate study program beginning in Fall 2017.

New Opportunities

Ministry of Law and Human Rights

The Loyola University Chicago School of Law has approached USINDO to offer two Indonesian students through the Ed Masters Program, to do a one-year graduate law (LLM) program in the Rule of Law for Development (PROLAW) at Loyola's campus in Rome, Italy. The program prepares effective rule of law advisors from developing countries on both domestic and cross-border legal reform initiatives. The scholarship program has been awarded to two officials from Ministry of Law and Human Rights -- Mrs. Rahayu and Mrs. Rini Maryam.

USINDO has been involved in connecting The Loyola University with Ministry of Law and Human Rights to assist the pre-departure process of the two selected students. USINDO also hosted Mr. William T. Loris, PROLAW's Program Director and Senior Lecturer during his trip to Jakarta in April 2015.

Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM)

USINDO continues to be interested in pursuing extending the Ed Masters Fellows Program to the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM).

Masters Fellows

Mid-Career Fellow 2013



Ignatius Puguh Priambodo is the first recipient of USINDO's Edward E. Masters Mid-Career Fellowship. He graduated in March 2014 after completing a one-year Global Masters of Arts Program (GMAP) at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Mr. Priambodo has since returned to his post at KEMLU's multilateral unit, where he is involved in the preparation for Indonesia's bid for a seat at the UN Human Rights Council. He will assume his next international assignment in 2015.

Junior Fellows

The Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program has awarded a total of sixteen Indonesian junior diplomats to complete graduate studies in the U.S. Two Fellows are currently studying at top U.S. programs in international affairs. The program is currently selecting new Fellows for classes beginning in the Fall of 2016.

Edward E. Masters Fellows 2014

Shohib Masykur – second year, Georgetown – Walsh School of Foreign Service

Svetlana Anggita Prasasthi – graduated (summer 2015), Columbia Law School (LLM)

Willa Nurul Utami – second year, Columbia – SIPA



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2013

Ainan Nuran – graduated (summer 2015), Columbia – SIPA

Rudi Winandoko – graduated (summer 2015), Columbia – SIPA

Gulardi Nurbintoro – graduated (summer 2014), UVA’s School of Law (LLM); currently pursuing doctoral study at UVA, with the Indonesian Government’s LPDP scholarship.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2012

Andiputera Sparringa – graduated (summer 2014), Tufts University – Fletcher School

Erry Wahyu Prasetyo – graduated (summer 2014), Columbia – SIPA

Both have since returned to KEMLU.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2011

Narindra Bikka Mitya – graduated (summer 2013), Tufts University – Fletcher School

Gerrina Romadona Aryza – graduated (summer 2013), Columbia – SIPA

They are now awaiting their first diplomatic appointment at Indonesian Embassies.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2010

Ibrahim Caraka Debe – graduated (summer 2012), Tufts University – Fletcher School

Gracia Caroline Sidabutar – graduated (summer 2012), Columbia – SIPA

Yvonne Mewengkang – graduated (summer 2012), American University – School of International Studies

They are now serving their first diplomatic appointment at Indonesian Embassies.



Edward E. Masters Fellows 2009

Nona Siska Noviyanti – graduated (summer 2011), Tufts University – Fletcher School

Supriyanto Suwito – graduated (summer 2011), Columbia – SIPA

Awidya Santikajaya – graduated (summer 2011), Johns Hopkins – SAIS

Our pioneering Masters Fellows, Nona Siska and Supriyanto, are currently serving their first diplomatic assignment abroad, whereas Awidya is currently working toward his doctoral degree in Diplomatic Studies at Australian National University.





The U.S. – Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership

The U.S.-Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership (“Joint Council”) is the only non-governmental organization recognized in the U.S. - Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership. The two presidents specifically encouraged the USINDO-created Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership, by name, to

“harness the energies of the non-governmental, public, and private sectors in both countries in support of expanding bilateral programs in higher education, including to help build Indonesia’s capacity to provide world class university education.”

With the elevation to a new Strategic Partnership during President Jokowi’s visit, Presidents Jokowi and Obama have, in their October 26 Joint Press release, now further welcomed the theme of non-government input and engagement. They said that:

“recognizing the invaluable contributions of civil society and the private sector to the two democratic countries and their broader relationship, the two Presidents welcome civil society engagement and non-governmental tracks which will also be important to the vitality of the Strategic Partnership.”

In that context, the Joint Education Council’s important contribution to the two governments’ work in education thus far needs to be understood, and the work of the Joint Council needs fresh encouragement as a non-government track of the Strategic Partnership, if it is to be able to continue to attract support and carry on and expand its successful programs during the Strategic Partnership.

What has the Joint Council on Higher Education Partnership accomplished thus far?

1. Established **seven new partnerships** between U.S. and Indonesian universities, primarily in the science and technology fields.

These substantive partnerships have led to increased student exchanges, joint research, and capacity building at Indonesian universities.

The partnerships we were instrumental in establishing are:

- **Texas A&M University & Institut Teknologi Bandung:**
Chemical engineering, petroleum engineering, and earth sciences
 - **Rutgers University & Banda Islands' Hatta-Syahrir College of Fisheries:** Marine science and cultural preservation
 - **Northern Arizona University & University of Mataram:**
Forestry management
 - **University of Missouri & Indonesian Press Association:**
Investigative journalism
 - **University of Missouri & Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB):**
Plant and crop sciences
 - **University of Hawaii Manoa & Universitas Islam Indonesia:**
Urban and regional planning
 - **University of Illinois & Indonesian Education Endowment Fund:**
Increase the number of Indonesian graduate students at Illinois
2. Since the establishment of the Joint Council in 2010-11, it has been instrumental in sending a total of **372 Indonesians** to the United States and **172 Americans** to Indonesia for study, primarily through the partnerships and their contacts. In the past year alone, **144 Indonesians** went to study in the United States and **55 Americans** went to Indonesia to study, as a result of programs created by the Joint Council.

Now, with the advent of the LPDP Indonesian scholarship program, the Joint Council also has established a program to assist government-funded Indonesian graduate students to study in the U.S. Its goal is to double the number of LPDP scholars studying in the United States by the end of 2016.

3. **The Joint Council through its flexibility is able to identify and resolve constraints** to establishing sustainable university partnerships or increasing numbers of students studying in each other's country.

For example, as funds for GRE testing have deterred Indonesian scholarship recipients from applying to U.S. schools, the Joint Council established the Indonesian Application Support Fund:

This fund, established with initial support from seven U.S. universities, provides free GRE and GMAT test vouchers, and will also provide free GRE test preparation courses, to LPDP scholars interested in studying in the U.S. We work with U.S. Embassy – Jakarta on this.

The Joint Council foresees that by removing this financial constraint on applicants, we will be able to **double the number** of Indonesian scholarship recipients studying in the United States **from 44 to 90**.

The Joint Council **distributed 56 GRE and GMAT test vouchers** to LPDP Scholars applying to US universities. To date, the Joint Council has **purchased 143 GRE and GMAT vouchers** which will be distributed throughout fall 2016.

Contributions to the Fund came from the following seven U.S. universities:

- Harvard University
- University of California San Diego
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Illinois Chicago
- University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
- University of Iowa
- University of Washington

Future Partnerships

The Joint Council plans to form the following new partnerships in 2016:

- **University of Maryland College Park** and the **University of Indonesia** in public policy.
- **University of Georgia** and **Institut Bogor Pertanian (IPB)** in food science
- **The U.S.-Indonesia Joint Council** and **XL Telkom Future Leaders** to develop pipelines for enrolling Indonesian undergraduate students at U.S. universities for graduate study.

Bi-National Structure

The U.S.-Indonesia Joint Council benefits from strong support from the U.S. and Indonesian governments as well as the academic community and private sector in both countries. In addition to the leadership detailed below, the Joint Council engages with over 500 U.S. and Indonesian higher education officials on a monthly basis.

The Joint Council is working with the new Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education (RISTEK-DIKTI) to appoint new Indonesian ministry officials on to the Joint Council. The Secretary General of RISTEK-DIKTI has agreed to name a new chair, vice chair, and executive director to the Indonesian side of the Joint Council before the end of the calendar year.

Leadership of the Joint Council



Chair: M. Peter McPherson,
President of A-P-L-U

Vice Chair: David Merrill,
President of USINDO

Executive Director: Bernie Burrola



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Executive Committee:

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Chevron University Partnership Program

ExxonMobil Foundation

Sumitro Fellows Program

USINDO received a total of 20 applications (6 Americans and 14 Indonesians) for the 2015 Sumitro Fellows Program. The Sumitro Fellows Review Committee met in February 2015 and selected the following as the 2015 Sumitro Fellows.

Herliana (Indonesian)



Herliana is a PhD candidate in the University of Washington, School of Law with a Fulbright-DIKTI scholarship. Her dissertation research focuses on the development of foreign investment law and investment treaty arbitration in Indonesia. Herliana earned a Master's degree in Commercial Law from University of Melbourne, School of Law under Australian Development Scholarship and a Bachelor's degree in Law from Gadjah Mada University, with a Sumitomo Bank scholarship. She is currently a tenured lecturer at Gadjah Mada University, Faculty of Law. Her teaching and research interests include:

civil law, civil procedure, alternative dispute resolution, and arbitration. She has done extensive research in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution in Indonesia, Korea and Japan under various fellowship programs. Herliana is currently an intern in the World Justice Project, Seattle office.

Sebastian Detmann (American)



Sebastian Dettman is a PhD student in the Department of Government at Cornell University. His research interests include citizenship, political participation, and citizen-state relationships in decentralized democracies. His dissertation project examines the role of citizen participation in public goods and infrastructure provision in contexts of socioeconomic inequality. He will spend a year conducting a multi-method research project on this topic in six cities across Indonesia. During the research he will be affiliated with the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Jakarta as a visiting fellow. Sebastian has also worked as a researcher and consultant in Indonesia focusing on local

politics and participation. Sebastian completed his Masters degree in Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Michigan and his BA in International/Intercultural Studies at Pitzer College.

Summer Language Study Program (Summer Studies)

In 2015 USINDO is proposing fresh changes which is intended to generate the program's impact to more American students, enrich their experience, increase the cost effectiveness per student, and leverage the impact of Freeman Foundation funds.

USINDO requested a grant at last year's level of \$40,000 from the Foundation and proposed to provide \$34,000 of its own, from a bequest dedicated to education and from an earmarked donation from Allene Masters, in honor of Ed Masters' highest priority of sending more Americans to Indonesia. The new proposal was approved by the Foundation and this has enabled us to send more students than in the previous years to participate in the program.



USINDO is also engaging a new highly capable and motivated local organization for administering all non-language activities of the program, under USINDO's oversight. The program now also offers our American students the opportunity for short internships or volunteer work at local organizations in Yogyakarta, to develop their practical skills and familiarity with current issues in Indonesia. Also new this year, USINDO in cooperation with the Indonesian Ministry of Information and Communications, hosted a three-day trip to West Java after the conclusion of the language program in Yogyakarta. Students met local leaders, had discussions with local organizations including the media, and participated in cultural activities.

The 2015 Summer Language Study Program ran from June 1 to August 8, 2015. Nine students were admitted into the program, bringing the total alumni to 214. Gadjah Mada University continued to host this intensive language study program.

The nine participants were selected from a pool of 24 applicants. They came from universities across the United States, with diverse academic background: international relations, anthropology, education, geography, political science, and Arabic studies. Most had no prior knowledge of Indonesian language.

USINDO hosted a two-day orientation in Yogyakarta for the students before they moved in with their host families and started the language classes. As in the previous years, students participated in several cultural workshops and field trips. They also attended several lectures with the following topics: democracy and politics, coffee industry, interfaith dialogue, and gender-based movement in Indonesia.

For the first time ever Summer Studies students participated in a short internship/volunteer work during the program. Students were matched with local organizations and business, ranging from hospitality industry, arts and crafts, tourism agencies, children advocacy, to research institutes.

The Summer Studies Program concluded with a three-day post-program event in Bandung, West Java, organized by USINDO in cooperation with the Ministry of Communication and Information.



Travel Grants

USINDO awards Travel Grants for Indonesians and Americans interested in pursuing academic research and other professional projects in the two countries. In 2014, we awarded eight travel grants to 3 Indonesians and 5 Americans. In 2015, USINDO took a prudent decision to temporarily suspend the Travel Grant Program, owing to overall USINDO funding cuts as a result of world economic conditions. The decision will be reviewed and our intention is to resume the program when funds permit.

The 2014 grant recipients are as follows:

- **Umi Rukailah Safari**, English Teacher at SMA Negeri Ambulu, Jember, to fund travel to the United States to forge sister-school partnerships between high schools in Oregon, Montana, and Jember (East Java).
- **Erica Larson**, PhD Student in Anthropology at the Boston University, to fund travel to Indonesia to conduct preliminary fieldwork for an ethnographic study of civic education in Indonesia.
- **Sanggul Rouli Manalu**, PhD Student in Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media at the North Carolina State University, to fund travel to Indonesia to study the development of Internet infrastructure in Indonesia.
- **Gregory Thaler**, PhD Student in Government Studies at Cornell University, to fund travel to Indonesia to study the politics of environmental management and development in eastern Indonesian Borneo.
- **Kian Goh**, PhD student in Urban Studies and Planning at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to fund travel to Indonesia to study urban spatial politics of climate change in Jakarta.
- **Yeni Rahayu**, MA student in Plants Biology at Bogor Agricultural Institute, to travel to the United States to conduct taxonomy study as a Smithsonian Graduate Fellow.
- **Benjamin Ruisch**, MA student in Social and Political Psychology at Cornell University, to fund travel to Indonesia to study the psychological consequences of national symbols in contemporary Indonesia.
- **Christopher Laugen**, MA student in Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia, to fund travel to Indonesia to study organizational readiness in emergency maternal and infant services in Indonesia.

The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) – USINDO American Delegates to Indonesia

As in-country partner program of ACYPL, USINDO are hosting seven young American political and policy leaders from August 20-24, 2015 in Jakarta and Bandung. 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. Ms. Valerie Dowling
Director of Women's Programs, Republican National Committee (DC),
Republican
2. Ms. Sheila Bush
Executive Director, Wyoming Medical Society (WY), Republican
3. The Honorable Jenni Tan
Member of West Linn City Council (Oregon), Democrat
4. Mr. Pete Nemeth
Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Comcast Cable, Democrat
5. Ms. Kate Sheerin
Public Policy and Government Affairs Analyst, Google, Inc. (DC), Democrat
6. Mr. Matthew Haney
Vice President, San Francisco Unified School District (CA), Democrat
7. Mr. Chris Hosek
Principal, Texas Star Alliance (TX), Republican

The participants met government officials, member of parliaments, NGOs and political consultants, General Election Commission (KPU), business and private sectors representatives, national corruption eradication commission (KPK), head of local government and ACYPL Alumnae. The delegates learned about politics and policy making, the outlook of energy in general, election system, economics, governance and education.



Clockwise from top left: Lunch Meeting with Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama (Ahok); Meeting with Hon. Dr. Anies Baswedan, Minister of Primary and Secondary Education and Culture; Meeting with Mayor Ridwan Kamil, Mayor of Bandung; Meeting with Committee on Defense, Foreign Affairs, Intelligent, Communication and Informatics (DPR RI)

Besides meeting Indonesian politicians and leaders, the participants also had the chance to visit Istiqlal Mosque (the biggest Mosque in Indonesia and Southeast Asia), Cathedral Church and historical place such as Asian African Museum, as part of cultural activities.

ACYPL – YSEALI Professional Fellows Program Fall 2015 and Spring 2016

USINDO in cooperation with the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) and U.S. Embassy Jakarta announced the development of ACYPL – YSEALI Professional Fellows Program Fall 2015 and Spring 2016. The Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) is President Obama’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 (FPF) focused on legislative process and governance for young political and policy leaders from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and the United States.

Selected participants will attend orientation in Washington DC and participate in a four-week intensive fellowships in 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. At the conclusion of the program, all participants will go to Washington DC for a 3-day Professional Fellows Congress where they will share their experiences with other international fellows from around the world.

The 2015 Fall PFP will be held from October 3 – November 13, 2015. The delegates have been selected by a panel consist of representative of USINDO, ACYPL, and US Embassy. The selected applicants are:

1. Ms. Siska Haryani
Foreign Relations Expertise to the Chairman of People's Consultative Assembly of the Republic of Indonesia
2. Ms. Jensi Sartin
Program Development Manager, Publish What You Pay Indonesia
3. Mr. Gigih Septianto
Co-Founder and Executive Chairman, Charity Lights

USINDO is also currently preparing for the upcoming 2016 Spring PFP and will be hosting YSEALI PFP American Mentor from 2015 Spring program, Chas Anderson in Jakarta on October 26 – 30, 2015.

As an in-country partner organization of ACYPL, USINDO is responsible to disseminate the program information to prospective individuals and institutions in Indonesia, as well as work closely with both ACYPL and the U.S. Embassy Jakarta in the selection process, participants' visa application, pre-departure orientation and hosting the American mentors.

-- End of President's Report --

The United States-Indonesia Society

USINDO's mission is to expand mutual understanding between the United States and Indonesia and its people, and to strengthen the bilateral relationship, including the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership. We implement our mission through expert lectures, conferences, and discussions in each country, and through educational and legislative exchange programs and partnerships.

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