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Outcomes Report

The inaugural Indonesia-Australia Dialogue was held in Jakarta from 4-6 October 2011.

The Indonesia-Australia Dialogue initiative was jointly announced by leaders during the March 2010 visit to Australia by Indonesian President Yudhoyono as a bilateral second track dialogue to enhance people-to-people links between the two countries. The inaugural Indonesia-Australia Dialogue was co-convened by Mr John McCarthy, AIIA National President and former Ambassador to Indonesia, and Dr Rizal Sukma, Executive Director of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies. The AIIA was selected by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to act as secretariat for the Dialogue.

Highlights of the Dialogue included:

- Participation by an impressive Australian delegation including politicians, senior academic and media experts as well as leaders in business, science and civil society.
- Two days of Dialogue held in an atmosphere of open exchange with sharing of expertise and insights at a high level among leading Indonesian and Australian figures.
- Messages from Prime Minister Gillard and Minister for Foreign Affairs Rudd officially opening the Dialogue.
- Opening attended by Australian Ambassador to Indonesia HE Mr Greg Moriarty and Director General of Asia Pacific and African Affairs HE Mr Hamzah Thayeb.
- Meeting with Indonesia's Foreign Minister, Marty Natalegawa at Gedung Pancasila, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Reception for delegates at Ambassador Moriarty's residence, including the launch of a biography of Herb Feith and opportunity for network building at a welcome reception.
- Substantial coverage by Indonesian, Australian and international media.





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Objectives

The objective of the Indonesia-Australia Dialogue was to facilitate people-to-people links through discussion on a broad range of topics. Discussions covered domestic, regional and global issues and explored opportunities for closer engagement in business, science and technology.

Drawing on the experience of other leadership dialogues, the Indonesia-Australia Dialogue sought to build relationships between leaders in a range of fields and develop high-level commitment to advancing areas of the relationship at all levels of society. The Dialogue was conducted in roundtable format under Chatham House rule to enable a frank exchange of views.

Specific objectives of the Dialogue included:

- To create a platform for frank discussion on Indonesia and Australia's bilateral relationship.
- To enhance people-to-people links through the free exchange of ideas on a range of topics facing Indonesia and Australia.
- Involving a range of participants, including industry, media, academia and community organisations and youth representatives
- To discuss potential areas for collaboration between Indonesia and Australia in business, education, innovation, science and technology.
- To produce a final report, and provide this to participants, government and general public.





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Format

The Dialogue was divided into four sessions, each co-chaired by an Indonesian and Australian delegate responsible for facilitating discussion. To stimulate debate, each session began with a five minute “trigger speech” by an Australian and Indonesian delegate. The topics covered were:

- **Session 1: The State of the Nations**
Social and economic forces influencing Australia and Indonesia.
 - Chairs: The Hon Robert Hill and Dr Sofyan Djilil
 - Trigger Speakers: Lenore Taylor and Professor Dewi Fortuna Anwar
- **Session 2: Regional and Global Change**
Australia and Indonesia’s place in changing regional dynamics and the adjustments both countries are making to cope with global change, including climate change.
 - Chairs: Professor Andrew MacIntyre and Clara Joewono
 - Trigger Speakers: Waleed Aly and Meidyatama Suryodiningrat
- **Session 3: Cooperation in Innovation, Science and Technology**
Potential for cooperation in areas such as energy, food, water and new forms of communication including media.
 - Chairs: Andrew Downs and Professor Ikrar Nusa Bhakti
 - Trigger Speakers: Mark Scott AO, Rodney Bloom, Arif Satria and Dr Rintis Noviyanti
- **Session 4: Bilateral Economic Opportunities**
Potential for growth in new sectors of the economy.
 - Chairs: Charles Goode AC and Fauzi Ichsan
 - Trigger Speakers: The Hon Alan Griffiths and Noke Kiroyan

Dialogue participants also had the chance to network and make contacts with counterparts at an informal welcome reception at the Four Seasons Hotel Jakarta and at an official dinner for delegates at the Ambassador’s Residence including launch of the Herb Feith Biography.





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Meeting with Indonesian Foreign Minister

During the Dialogue participants were invited to attend a meeting with Indonesian Foreign Minister, Marty Natalegawa, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the Foreign Minister to welcome the Australian delegation to Indonesia and talk openly about the current state of Indonesia's relationship with Australia and its possible future. Mr Natalegawa spoke candidly about the necessity of people-to-people dialogue to strengthen the link between Indonesia and Australia, given the importance of the relationship:

- “In the recent past Indonesia and Australia have managed to find ways and means to transform challenges into opportunities. There have been plenty of challenges; problems of transnational character, counter terror, human trafficking issues. [They provide] another motivation for governments and people to work together. Having that outlook has allowed us to address challenges and turn them into opportunities”.
- “We have begun the habit of thinking as “a two”, always trying to see eye-to-eye.”
- “This forum should become an important component of these two countries’ relationship.”





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Australian Participants

Media

- Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor, *The Australian*
- Mark Scott AO, Managing Director, ABC
- Lenore Taylor, National Affairs Correspondent, *Sydney Morning Herald*

Business and Science

- Chris Barnes, Managing Director, Braehead Advisory
- Rodney Bloom, General Manager, Business Development & International, CSIRO
- Stephen Creese, General Counsel and Company Secretary, Newcrest Mining Ltd
- Andrew Downs, Managing Director, Sage Automation
- Charles Goode AC, Chairman, Flagstaff Partners, Former Chairman, ANZ and Former Chairman, Woodside Petroleum
- The Hon Alan Griffiths, Former Minister for Industry, Technology and Regional Development
- Dr Nik Senapati, Managing Director, Rio Tinto India

Politics

- Senator Trish Crossin, Senator for Northern Territory
- Ed Husic MP, Federal Member for Chifley
- Ken Wyatt AM MP, Federal Member for Hasluck

Academia

- The Hon Professor Robert Hill, Chancellor, University of Adelaide
- Professor Tim Lindsey, Chair, Australia Indonesia Institute and Director, Asian Law Centre, University of Melbourne
- Professor Andrew MacIntyre, Dean, ANU College of Asia & the Pacific

Community and Youth

- Waleed Aly, Lecturer in Politics, Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University
- Larissa Brown, Founder, Centre for Sustainability Leadership
- Samah Hadid, Human Rights Activist
- Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, AIIA





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Indonesian Participants

Indonesian participants were drawn from a similar range of backgrounds from media, business, science, politics, academia, youth and community:

- Ambassador Wiryono Sastrohandoyo, Senior Fellow, CSIS
- Ms. Eva Sundari, PDI-P, DPR-RI, Commission III
- Mr. Agus Sumule, Papua representative
- Dr. Sofyan A. Djalil, Former Minister
- Mr. Kemal Stamboel, DPR-RI, Commission XI
- Mr. Noke Kiroyan, Adviser to Indonesia-Australia Business Council (IABC)
- Mr. Fauzi Ichsan, Business/Economist
- Mr. Sandiaga Uno, Business representative
- Mr. Sabam Siagian, Director, *The Jakarta Post* and Adviser, Indonesia-Australia Business Council (IABC)
- Mr. Meidyatama Suryodiningrat, *The Jakarta Post*
- Prof. Azyumardi Azra, Rector, UIN Jakarta
- Dr. Dewi Fortuna Anwar, Academician
- Prof. Dr. Ikrar Nusa Bhakti, LIPI
- Mr. Arif Satria, Dean of Faculty of Human Ecology, IPB
- Dr. Rintis Noviyanti, Senior Scientist, Eijkman Institute for Molecular Biology
- Ms. Nova Riyanti Yusuf, DPR-RI
- Ms. Ima Abdurrahim, Habibie Centre
- Ms. Clara Joewono, CSIS Foundation
- Dr. Medelina K. Hendityo, Head of Department of Politics and International Relations, CSIS
- Dr. Maria Monica Wiharja, Researcher, Department of Economics, CSIS





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Feedback

Feedback from participants indicated that the Forum was a great success, with participants rating the overall quality of the Dialogue as 4.5 out of 5.

Participants assessed the event very positively. The quality of participants on both sides was considered high, and a number of positive outcomes were identified:

- “Reinforced the importance of the relationship and the need to invest in the people to people link.”
- “Better understanding of the gap in the relations. Ideas how we can enhance cooperation.”
- “Appreciation of relationship between Indonesia and Australia. The amount of opportunity that exists for Australian business. Openness and commitment to work with each other.”
- “The potential for further people to people relations particularly in the area of education and welfare.”

The following comments were extended in appreciation of the event:

- “Thank you to AIIA for managing our demanding group in such an efficient and friendly way. I thought the Dialogue was worthwhile and hope we continue to take all steps to further strengthen what is a very important relationship.”
The Hon Professor Robert Hill, Chancellor, University of Adelaide
- “I would like to thank you and your wonderful team for the opportunity to be involved in the inaugural Indonesia Australia dialogue. It was certainly an eye opener for me personally to be involved with such an impressive group of individuals...it was of immense value and I have gained a far greater appreciation of Indonesia and the exciting opportunities... I am keen to explore more on the subject of cooperation with technology in the areas of my expertise.”
Andrew Downs, Managing Director, Sage Automation.

Participants noted the importance of such dialogue between Australia and Indonesia and expressed interest in participation in future years.





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Outcomes and Ongoing Links

While the Dialogue was conducted under Chatham House Rule to enable candid discussion, a summary of proceedings and final report will be prepared and distributed to policy-makers and interested experts.

The Dialogue achieved its aim of enhancing people-to-people links between Indonesian and Australian participants. As evidence of this participants have begun following up on discussion from the Dialogue. The following developments have been reported to date:

- Joining the Australia Indonesia Business Council to develop links with Indonesian companies.
- Engaging Austrade in how Australian businesses may be able to work with Indonesian businesses.
- Specific focus on specialised training in the area of industrial controls and instrumentation to tap into the huge potential in Indonesia.
- Representation to Members of Parliament by Australian participants in order to link initiatives from the Dialogue with existing programmes.
- Investigation into education programmes set up between Australian and Indonesian schools, in particular Bridge Program run by Asialink that operates with funding from AusAID.





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Media Coverage

Media coverage was substantial in both Indonesian and Australian print and online media:

Media Coverage in Indonesia:

- *The Jakarta Post* (05/10/11): John McCarthy article entitled “Travelling Together”, which states that it is time for Australians and Indonesians to take another look at each other and see old stereotypical images as clichés from the past.
- *Antara* (05/10/11)
- *thejakartapost.com* (06/10/11): Rizal Sukma of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies writes an article under the heading “Taking Indonesia-Australia Relations to the Next Level”.
- *Okezone.com, Media Indonesia* (06/10/11)
- *Rakyat Merdeka* (06/10/11): interview with John McCarthy.
- *Theglobalreview.com* (06/10/11)
- *faktapos.com* (06/10/11)
- *mediaindonesia.com* (06/10/11)
- *Media Indonesia* (07/10/11)
- *suarakarya-online.com, dnaberita.com* (07/10/11)
- *beritadaerah.com, Suara Pembaruan* (07/10/11)
- *Rakyat Merdeka* (10/10/11)
- *Jakarta Globe* (10/10/11): Olivia Cable, Dialogue volunteer, co-writes an article under the heading “Indonesia and Australia Should Make Friends on Facebook, Forum Hears”
- *Suara Pembaruan, suarapembaruan.com* (10/10/11)

Media Coverage in Australia:

- *Newshit.com.au* (03/10/11)
- *Tradingroom.com.au* (05/10/11)
- *Nine MSN* (05/10/11)
- *Investinaustralia.com* (05/10/11)
- *Radioaustralia.net.au* (06/10/11)
- *The Australian* (08/10/11): Greg Sheridan, Indonesia-Australia Dialogue participant, writes article interviewing Indonesia’s Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa.
- *The Age*: Lenore Taylor, Indonesia-Australia Dialogue participant, writes article on the potential for a carbon market between Australia and Indonesia.
- *Newshit.com.au* (12/10/11): Olivia Cable, Dialogue volunteer, co-writes an article under the heading “Indonesia and Australia Should Become Facebook Friends: Forum”

Media Coverage Internationally:

- *Xinhuanet.com* (04/10/11)
- *Siamdailynews.com* (04/10/11)



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Various forms of new media were also used to promote the Dialogue:

Blogs and Lists

The following blogs and lists were used to email more than 25,000 subscribers:

- Australian Policy Online
- ACICIS, the Australian Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies
- Australian Institute of International Affairs members and media contacts
- News Hit
- Pnyx

Twitter

The Dialogue was tweeted through at least eight Twitter accounts including Pnyx, Andrew Zammit, Gammonator, Security Scholar, ojicable, AIIAVic and two Dialogue participants during the Dialogue.

Facebook

The Dialogue was posted to at least three pages, including the AIIA Access Network with 100 members

Video

Video interviews were conducted with the following:

- Professor Andrew MacIntyre, Dean, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU
- Professor Tim Lindsey, Director, Asian Law Centre, University of Melbourne
- The Hon. Professor Robert Hill, Chancellor, Adelaide University
- Ms. Samah Hadid, Human Rights Activist
- Mr. Mark Scott, Managing Director, ABC

Videos will be posted to You Tube and linked to the AIIA website.





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- Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, AIIA
- Ms Fay Terrett, Intern, AIIA National Office
- Mr Tom Rollason, Intern, AIIA National Office
- Ms Olivia Cable, Intern, AIIA National Office
- National Deputy Director, Mr John Robbins CSC, and current interns at AIIA National Office

