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The 3rd Indonesia-Australia Dialogue

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Outcomes Report

The third Indonesia-Australia Dialogue was held in Yogyakarta from 28-30 August 2016.

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 third Indonesia-Australia Dialogue was co-convened by Mr John McCarthy, Past AIIA National President and former Ambassador to Indonesia, and His Excellency Hamzah Thayeb, Indonesian Ambassador to Australia from 2005 to 2009. The AIIA was again selected by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to act as secretariat following its performance in the previous Dialogues.

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.
- Keynote address delivered by Indonesian's Minister for Foreign Her Excellency Retno L.P. Marsudi.
- Opening statements delivered by Dialogue Co-Chairs John McCarthy AO FAIIA and His Excellency Hamzah Thayeb.
- Welcome dinner for delegates hosted by Sri Sultan Hamengkubuwono B X at the Sultan's Palace, including an address by His Excellency Abdurrahman Mohammad Fachir, Indonesian Vice Foreign Minister.
- Luncheon hosted by Director General for Asia Pacific and African Affairs, Ambassador Dera Percaya, including address by His Excellency Paul Grigson, Australian Ambassador to Indonesia
- 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, culture, education, 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 establish a forum for discussion of Indonesian and Australian cooperation in regional and global affairs.
- To enhance people-to-people links through the free exchange of ideas on a range of topics facing Indonesia and Australia.
- To provide an informal dialogue between the two nations that incorporated government officials and leading individuals from both countries.
- To involve 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, culture, education, 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 five sessions, each co-chaired by an Indonesian and Australian delegate responsible for facilitating discussion among all Dialogue participants. To stimulate debate, each session began with a five minute “trigger speech” by an Australian and Indonesian delegate. The topics covered were:

- **Session 1: State of the Nations: Politics**
 - Chairs: Siti Ruhaini (Indonesia)/Greg Fealy (Australia)
 - Trigger Speakers: Nasir Tamara (Indonesia)/Greg Earl (Australia)
- **Session 2: State of the Nations: Economies**
 - Chairs: Kris Sulisto (Indonesia)/Christine Holgate (Australia)
 - Trigger Speakers: Emirsyah Satar (Indonesia)/David Uren (Australia)
- **Session 3: Cooperation in Innovation, Science and Technology**
 - Chairs: Frederik L. Benu (Indonesia)/Cheryl Praeger (Australia)
 - Trigger Speakers: Patrick Owen (Indonesia)/Caroline McMillen (Australia)
- **Session 4: Regional and Global Change**
 - Chairs: Phillips Vermonte (Indonesia)/Bill Farmer AO (Australia)
 - Trigger Speakers: Hanafi Rais/Alternate: Dr. Siswo Pramono (Indonesia)/The Hon Stephen Smith (Australia)
- **Session 5: Identifying Options for Closer Engagement**
 - Session Chair: Meidyatama Suryodiningrat (Indonesia)/Tim Lindsey (Australia)

Participants were also organised in four working groups focused on reports on conclusion of the working group and recommendations from the Dialogue. This encouraged discussion on key issues among all Dialogue participants in their respective fields to seek ways for closer engagement between Indonesia and Australia. Each working group was co-chaired by an Indonesian and Australia participant as follows:

Business	Mr Chris Sargent and Mr Iwan Lukminto.
Education and Research	Mr Paul Ramadge and I Made Andi Arsana.
Media	Ms Lynley Marshall and Ms Putra Nababan.
Social and Culture	Ms Holly Ransom and Mr Abdul Mu'ti.

Dialogue participants also had the chance to network and make contacts with counterparts at the informal welcome dinner hosted by Ambassador Hamzah Thayeb at the Sasanti Restaurant, as well as the welcome dinner hosted by Sri Sultan Hamengkubuwono X. The Lunch hosted by the Director General for Asia Pacific and African Affairs, and the visit to Sewu Temple and Prambanan Temple also facilitated networking beyond the Dialogue’s formal sessions.



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Keynote Address by Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Retno Marsudi delivered a keynote speech which highlighted that Indonesia and Australia are neighbors by destiny. She commended that the dialogue has been able to create interactive and fruitful dialogue among participants on a wide range of areas in the spirit of mutual trust and friendship. Having graduated from the University of Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta and having been assigned to the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, Australia, she welcomed the convening of this third Indonesia-Australia Dialogue in Yogyakarta as both Yogyakarta and Australia have special meaning to Minister Marsudi.

Indonesia-Australia relations have been through thick and thin; nevertheless, it continues to be one of the most important relationships which is clearly reflected by the signing of the Comprehensive Partnership in 2005 and the Lombok Treaty in 2006. Minister Marsudi specifically referred to the Javanese proverb "*Rukun Agawe Santosa, Crah Agawe Bubrah*" which means: "*If we maintain cordial relations, it will bring prosperity if we damage relations, it will create adversity*". The message of this proverb could well be set within the context of Indonesia-Australia bilateral relations.

Minister Marsudi further highlighted the key modalities to strengthen Indonesia-Australia relations, namely the shared value of pluralistic democracy and the common and shared interest to enhance mutual understanding.





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Welcome Dinner at the Sultan's Palace

Participants were invited to the Welcome Dinner hosted by Sri Sultan Hamengkubuwono X at the Sultan's Palace (*Keraton Ngayogyakarta Hadinigrat*). The guest of honour for the dinner was His Excellency Abdurrahman Mohammad Fachir, Indonesian Vice Foreign Minister. Participants were welcomed with a guided tour of the Sultan's palace and traditional Javanese cultural performances.

The Australian Delegation presented the Sultan a painting by Aboriginal artist Lindsay Bird, one of few men to work with the Utopia movement that travelled to Yogyakarta 1977.





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Australian Participants

Co-chair

- John McCarthy AO FAIA

Politics

- The Hon John Anderson AO, former Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the National Party
- Professor the Hon Stephen Smith, former Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence, Australian Labor Party

Media

- Greg Earl, former Asia-Pacific Editor, *Australian Financial Review*
- David Uren, Economics Editor, *The Australian*
- Lynley Marshall, CEO, ABC International

Business

- Christine Holgate, CEO, Blackmores
- Chris Sargent, QBE Insurance
- Astrid Vasile, CEO, GV Construction
- Rohini Kappadath, Chair of Multicultural Ministerial Business Advisory Council

Education and Research

- Paul Ramadge, Director, Australia-Indonesia Centre
- Professor Tim Lindsey, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne
- Professor Caroline McMillen, Vice-Chancellor, University of Newcastle
- Professor Cheryl Praeger AM FAA, University of Western Australia

Regional and Global Change

- Bill Farmer AO, former Ambassador
- Associate Professor Greg Fealy, Australian National University

Culture and Society

- Michael Abbott AO QC, Chariman of Board of Art Gallery of South Australia
 - Joseph Mitchell, Director, Oz Asia Festival
 - Holly Ransom, Emergent Solutions
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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:

- Duta Besar Hamzah **Thayeb**, former Ambassador to Australia 2005-2009, (Co-Covenor)
- I Made Andi **Arsana**, International Office University of Gadjah Mada
- Prof. Frederik L. **Benu**, Rector Universitas Nusa Cendana (NTT)
- Dr. Siti Ruhaini **Dzuhayatin**, Director of Kalijaga Institute for Justice; Commissioner, Human Rights Commission, Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (2012-2018)
- Duta Besar Sudaryomo **Hartosudarmo**, Alternate Co-Convener Indonesia
- Fatimah **Husein**, Islamic State University Sunan Kalijaga
- Prof. Ir. Dwikorita **Karnawati**, Rector University of Gadjah Mada
- Hans **Lukiman**, GM Ascend/Indonesia Young Entrepreneurs Association (HIPMI)
- Iwan S. **Lukminto**, President Director Sritex
- Dr. Abdul **Mu'ti**, Secretary General Central Board Committee of Muhammadiyah
- Putra **Nababan**, Editor in Chief METRO TV
- Patrick **Owen**, Indonesian Fashion Designer
- Rene **Pattiradjwane**, Senior Journalist KOMPAS
- Dr. Siswo **Pramono**, Head of Central of Development & Policy Planning Foreign Ministry
- H.A. Hanafi **Rais**, Deputy Chairman Commission I House of the Representative
- Emirsyah **Satar**, Chairman Matahari Mall.com
- Kris **Sulisto**, Indonesia Australia Business Council
- Meidyatama **Suryodiningrat**, President Director ANTARA
- Nasir **Tamara**, Senior Journalist
- Phillip J. **Vermonte**, Executive Director CSIS
- Dr. Toni V. M. **Wanggai**, Nahdhatul Ulama Papua Province
- Velix **Wanggai**, Politician/Formal Chairman of Indonesian Student Association Australia





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Feedback

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

- “Very productive, relevant and well run program.”
- “Excellent event, anticipant many positive outcome.”
- “Potential that exists for Australian and Indonesian partnership, and improving relations”
- “Opportunities to work together on emerging strategic challenges in the region”

The following comments were extended in appreciation of the event:

- “Thank you for the opportunity of attending the Indonesia-Australia Dialogue these last few days. I found the experience interesting, and illuminating – I learned a lot, and met some important new ideas and people.”

Professor Cheryl Praeger AM FAA, University of Western Australia

- “Thank you so sincerely for the opportunity to be involved in the Indonesia-Australia Dialogue, I learned an enormous amount, my brain is buzzing with ways I can influence the conversation and understanding of young Australians regarding the opportunity that exists in Indonesia. Also, to deepen the social and cultural engagement between our two nations. I am really looking forward to becoming more involved in the Indonesian-Australian relationship, the Dialogue has really spurred me on. I built some wonderful relationships and am very eager to be involved in the future.”

Holly Ransom, Chief Executive Officer, Emergent Solutions

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





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Media Coverage

Media coverage was substantial in both Indonesian and Australian print and online media. Various forms of new media were also used to promote the Dialogue. Selected coverage includes:

Australian Media:

- *Australian Financial Review* (07/09/16): Greg Earl article titled “Indonesia-Australia ties bounce back”, which states that Australians and Indonesians face similar strategic challenges

Indonesian Media:

- *Metrotvnews.com* (25/08/16)
- *Jurnal Sumatra* (25/08/16)
- *The Jakarta Post* (26/08/16)
- *Kiryu-times* (29/08/16)
- *KOMPAS.com* (29/08/16)
- *ANTARA* (30/08/16)
- *Skala news* (30/08/16)
- *Beritasore* (30/08/16)
- *Okezone news* (31/08/16)
- *Media Indonesia* (31/08/16)



Twitter

The Dialogue was tweeted through at least six Twitter accounts including Astrid Vasile, Greg Earl, Lynley Marshall, Paul Grigson, Australia’s Role and Melissa Conley Tyler.

Video

Metrotvnews covered the Dialogue in Headline News on 30 August, available in this link:

<http://video.metrotvnews.com/headline-news/GNlj87gk-dialog-bilateral-indonesia-australia-digelar-di-yogyakarta>



The Dialogue was posted on a number of pages including the AIIA National News item with hundreds of members.



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- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia
- Australian Embassy, Indonesia
- The Australian Indonesia Centre, Australia

The event would not have been possible without the dedication of the following:

- John McCarthy, AO FAIIA
- Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, AIIA
- Rory MacNeil, National Operations Manager, AIIA National Office
- Ms Tarisa Yasin, Intern, AIIA National Office
- Mr Jeremy Chiang, Intern, AIIA National Office
- Ms Tingting Luo, Intern, AIIA National Office

