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# The Ambassador's Foreword

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*Assalaamu'alaikum wa Rahmatullahi  
wa Barokatu,*

*Shalom,*

*Om Shanti Shanti Shanti Om,*

*Namo Buddhaya,*

*Greetings of Virtue,*

Year 2021 brought us to the second year of the new era in the Indonesia-Australia bilateral relationship after the entry into force of the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA) in July 2020.

As the new Ambassador of Indonesia to Australia, I have the honour to launch the first e-newsletter published during the commencement of my term just before the concluding weeks of this year of 2021.

I hope it will present the readers with not only "a snapshot" of bird's

eye view over bilateral relations between Indonesia and Australia, but also zooming on the highlights of the activities organized by Indonesian Embassy in Canberra and Indonesian Consulate Generals in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, as well as Indonesian Consulate in Darwin.

Those highlights cover achievements gained in the 2nd Semester of FY 2021 in terms of inbound investments from Australia to Indonesia, Indonesian exports to Australia, and activities of Indonesian diaspora enterprises and their contributions to Indonesia-Australia economic relations.

The coverage of course does not stop there. Also highlighted in this edition, socio-cultural dimensions, which may ordinarily perceived as not directly related to traditional economic activities, but in the long run are nevertheless indispensable. Promotions of Bahasa Indonesia, including through digital realm, as well as engagements between youths and students of both countries, are part of the highlights.

In terms of tourism, pandemic notwithstanding, efforts to promote Indonesia, including to introduce the 10 new Bali, continuously being pursued. Events highlighting the natural beauty, Indonesian missions throughout Australia have convened exotic cultures, delicious food, and hospitable people from various parts of Nusantara during the 2nd Semester of FY 2021. Not all may be aimed to immediately invite tourists from Australia under current international travel arrangement,

but they are valuable to maintain the longing and familiarity between the two peoples, towards one another.

The idea is to maintain our closeness and vibrant partnership, enabling us to spring into action to resume our fruitful relations whenever the opportunity presents itself, hopefully in the very near future.

In light of this spirit, I am confident that this e-newsletter constitutes one of the important building blocks of our effort to continuously nurture stronger relations between the two vibrant nations. This e-newsletter is prepared by Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, Indonesian Consulate Generals in Sydney, Melbourne, and Perth, as well as Indonesian Consulate in Darwin.

Finally, I wish to present this edition of newsletter for you to enjoy.

Thank you.

Dr. Siswo Pramono, LL.M

Ambassador of the Republic of  
Indonesia to Australia

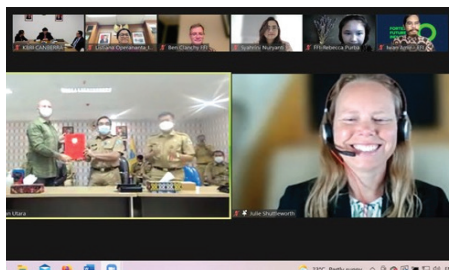


# 01 POLITIC

## Summit Level Diplomacy

In the summit level between both countries' Heads of Governments, both President Joko Widodo dan Prime Minister Scott Morrison during the brief yet cordial meeting in Rome, 30 October 2021 in the margin of G-20 Summit agreed that both nations must focus their efforts to enhance economic cooperation as the key enabling element of post-pandemic recovery.

Tourism received special attention, among others by paving the way toward the establishment of a vaccinated travel lane (VTL), and mutual recognition of vaccine certificates.



The milestone was then followed up by the signing of an implementation MoU between Australian Fortescue Metal Group (FMG) and Fortescue Future Industries (FFI) through PT Indonesia Fortescue Infrastructure (FFI) and the Provincial Government of North Kalimantan, on December 7, 2021,

The contract was estimated to be worth around 180 Trillion Rupiah, where FFI commits to build and support the

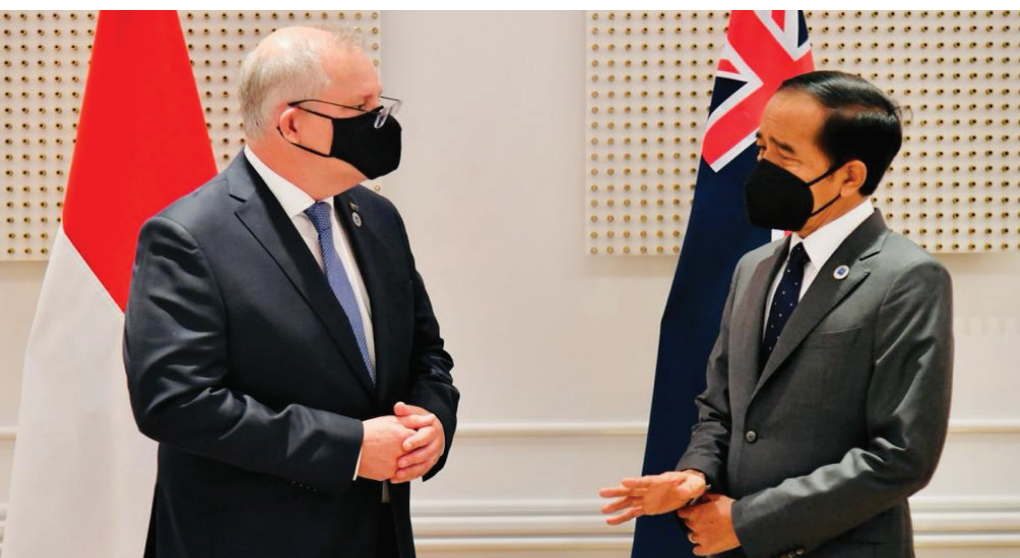
Meeting on 9 September 2021 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Resonating the principles of the 2006 Lombok Treaty, Ministers met in a spirit of friendship and partnership to address shared challenges together. Reflecting on President Joko Widodo's statement in his historic address to the Australian Parliament in February 2020 that "Indonesia and Australia must become the anchors for cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region", Ministers reaffirmed that Indonesia and Australia are stronger when seizing opportunities and tackling challenges together.



Ministers reiterated their commitment to deepen cooperation under the five pillars of our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) announced by President Joko Widodo and Prime Minister Scott Morrison in 2018, namely economic and development partnership; connecting people; securing our shared interests; maritime cooperation; and IndoPacific stability and prosperity.

In addition to the communique, both countries also agreed to establish an MoU on Counter Terrorism and Extremism; the MoU on Trilateral Cooperation between Australia and Indonesia with Island Countries in the Pacific; and the MoU on Cyber and Emerging Cyber-Technology Security Cooperation.



Another strategic issue being discussed between the two leaders was the importance of cooperation in green and renewable energy, to navigate the global energy transition.

The discussion between the two leaders on the energy sector resonate well the progress in terms of Australian investments in the development of green energy and environmentally friendly industries in Indonesia, signed in 4 September 2020.

use of green energy and reduce carbon emissions, as well as have a multiplier effect by increasing the economy through employment, increasing human resource skills, and real sector business opportunities in Indonesia.

## Ministerial-Level Defence and Security Diplomacy

In ministerial level, Australian and Indonesian Foreign and Defence Ministers met for the Seventh 2+2



## Pandemic Recovery Diplomacy

Following up to the State Visit of President Joko Widodo to Canberra in early 2020, both Governments convened The First Economic, Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting (ETIMM) of Indonesia and Australia (virtual), with the facilitation of the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra and DFAT, on 6 July 2021.

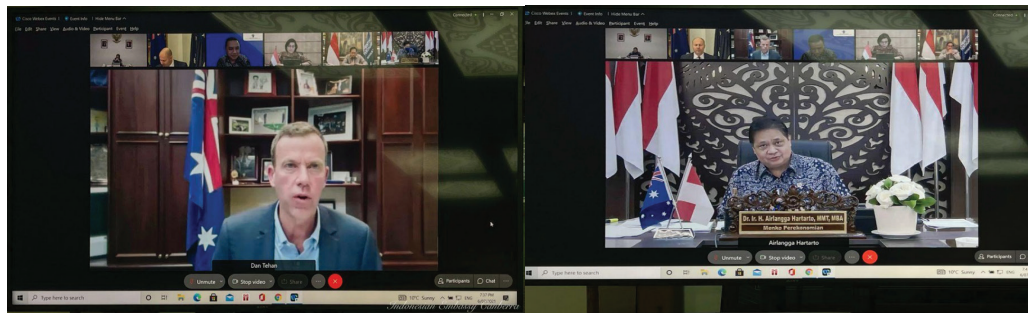
The meeting discussed strategic issues related to joint handling of efforts to recover the economy of the two countries after Covid-19, strengthening multilateral, regional and bilateral cooperation.

The ETIMM meeting was convened in a timely momentum to capture the common spirit shared by both nations. In the later half of 2021, Indonesia and Australia was gearing up to prepare themselves in resuming their vibrant cooperation during the recovery-phase of the pandemics, while continue to stand vigilant amidst the possibility of relapse under the ever present possibilities of new Covid-19 variants.

Indonesia-Australia strong spirit of bilateral cooperation during the peak of our joint efforts in tacking the Pandemics was clearly visible through Australian Government's total pledge of 10 million doses of vaccine, in which so far have been delivered 3,4 million.

Another 10 million vaccine under the \$107 million vaccine procurement through UNICEF as part of health partnership to support Indonesia's national vaccine rollout.

On top of that, Australia allocated *emergency assistance* commitment for 2021 approximately AUD 25



million, *inter alia*: AUD 12 million for *oxygen-related and other medical equipment* (including 1000 ventilator, 700 *oxygen concentrator*, 170 *oxygen cylinder*, and more than 40.000 *rapid-antigen test kit* as well as medications and related medical supplies)



## The Arrival and Presentation of the Letter of Credentials of the New Ambassador

Such strong and cordial friendship between the two nations reaches its another new milestone on the concluding days of Year 2021, when the new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Australia and Vanuatu, Dr. Siswo Pramono, submitted a Letter of Credence to the Governor General of Australia, the Honorable David Hurley AC. DSC. (Retd) at Government House, Canberra, on Wednesday 8 December 2021.



During the meeting between the Indonesian Ambassador and the Governor General which took place in a warm and friendly atmosphere, the two countries' commitments to continue to improve their excellent bilateral relations were discussed.



## 02 Economic Highlights

### Indonesia-Australia Bilateral Trade in Semester II FY 2021



As transpired during the meeting between Ambassador Dr. Siswo Pramono and the Governor General of Australia, the Honorable David Hurley AC, DSC, (Retd) as mentioned above, the relations between Indonesia and Australia continues to keep strengthening despite the current challenging times.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the total trade between Indonesia and Australia or two-way trade in Semester III/2021 (Jan-Sept) was recorded at USD 9.07 billion, an increase of 75.42 percent compared to the same period the previous year. The increase in total trade is inseparable from the use of the IA-CEPA and AANZFTA agreements by the business world of the two countries.

Until now, the improvement of Indonesia's export performance to Australia is still ongoing. In 2021 (Jan-Sept), Indonesia's exports (oil and gas + non-oil and gas) to Australia were recorded at USD 1.81 billion or an increase of 36.14 percent over the same period the previous year. Meanwhile, non-oil and gas exports in the quarter were recorded at USD 1.78 billion, an increase of 25.78 percent over the same period the previous year.

In terms of bilateral trade, the numbers continue to display promising trends. During the Trade Expo Indonesia 2021 for example, the total value of the Australian Trade Contract/Trade Commitment was recorded at USD 183 million. The scope of products in the goods trading sector consists of coal

fertilizer, merbau wood, coffee, medical devices, herbs, herbs and paper. In the service trade sector, MoUs have been facilitated for the hospitality and automotive-mechanics sectors.

During the TEI 2021, there were several activities facilitated by the Australian region such as the "Modest Fashion Trend Australia" Webinar, business forum activities, export coaching, business matching, business counselling and so on.

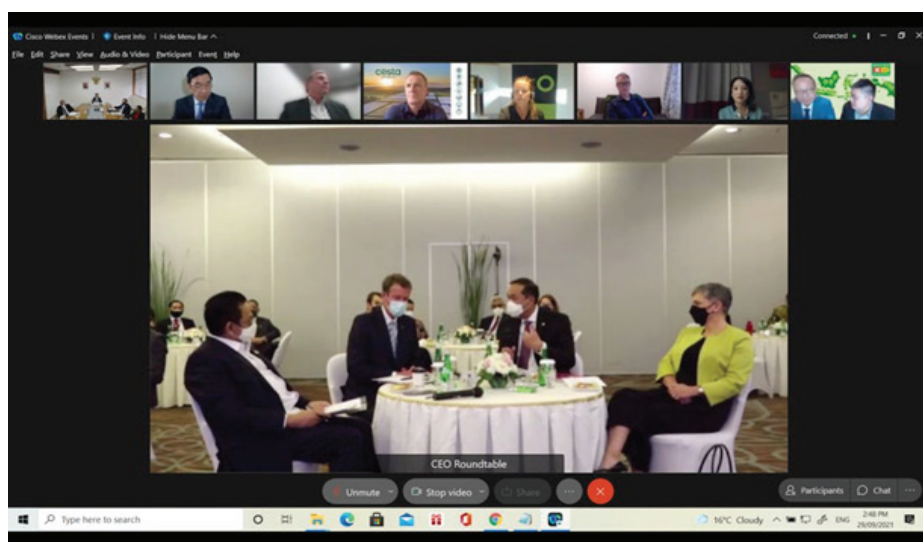
### Strengthening Trade, while Forging B2B Ties

The Embassy of Indonesia in Canberra fully aware that vibrant trade relations between Indonesia and Australia requires far more



than G to G levels of cooperation. It must be bolstered through a seamless flow of interactions and engagements between both economies' business communities, to form a solid B to B ties.

In light of that, the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra has facilitated Australian visits and trade missions led by the Australian Minister of Trade, Tourism and Investment (Daniel Thomas Tehan MP) in Jakarta with a series of activities, namely a bilateral meeting between the Australian Minister of Trade and the Indonesian Minister of Trade, a bilateral meeting between the Australian Minister of Trade and the Coordinating Minister Marves and the implementation of the Indonesia-Australia Virtual CEO Roundtable led by the Indonesian Minister of Trade and the Australian Minister of Trade at



the Ministry of Trade building on September 29, 2021.

The CEO Roundtable involves various stakeholders, especially the Indonesian and Australian businesses in several sectors that have prospects for cooperation priority sector. These sectors include education, agribusiness, agriculture, health, mining, and renewable energy. On the sidelines of the implementation of the CEO Roundtable, the Australian Minister of Trade also launched a blueprint for deepening trade and investment that reflects the perspectives and interests of the Australian business community in Indonesia. The CEO Roundtable is also part of the follow-up to the results of the Indonesian President's visit to Canberra in February 2020.

## Follow-up on Fortescue Metal Group (FMG) Investment in Indonesia; MoU Signing between FFI and North Kalimantan Province, 7 December 2021

The Indonesian Consul General in Perth, Mrs. Listiana Operananta, attended the online signing of the Cooperation Agreement for the implementation of green energy and environmentally friendly industry development between PT Indonesia Fortescue Infrastructure (FFI) and the Provincial

Government of North Kalimantan, on December 7, 2021.

The Signing Ceremony was witnessed by the Indonesian Ambassador in Canberra, H.E. Dr. Siswo Pramono, through His Excellency's virtual presence from Canberra, and presented the Area Manager of Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) for the Asia-Pacific region, Malcolm Brailey, who signed the Memorandum of Agreement with the CEO/ Provincial Secretary of the North Kalimantan Provincial Government. On this occasion, Fortescue Metal Group CEO Ms. Jullie Shuttleworth, was also present to witness the signing.

This agreement is one form of realization of the umbrella Deeds of Agreement signed by the Government of Indonesia with FMG on September 4, 2020, containing an FMG investment plan of USD 10 billion in various regions in Indonesia, including an investment project worth IDR 180 trillion in North Kalimantan which signed today.

This collaboration also confirms the Government's commitment to reducing carbon emissions, improving the local economy, employment and local real sector business opportunities, as well as supporting the use of green energy in Indonesia.





## West Tech Fest Event themed “Reimagining Creative Digital Industries: Indonesia”, 6 Desember 2021; Following Up the Perth-Denpasar Cooperation MoU on Creative Economy

Consul General Listiana Operananta and Lord Mayor of Perth Hon. Basil Zempilas welcomed the convening of West Tech Fest event themed “Reimagining Creative Digital Industries: Indonesia” at the Council House, City of Perth.

The West Tech Fest is WA’s week-long tech festival providing opportunities and insights for the local startup and tech community to grow a successful business.

This year’s festival is special for Indonesia and WA where it successfully integrates the implementation activity of the Perth-Denpasar MoU concerning the creative economy ecosystem through today’s event.

Consul General of Indonesia in Perth conveyed her sincere congratulations to both city governments in realizing this progressive milestone and expressed her support for other potential collaborations with partners in WA.



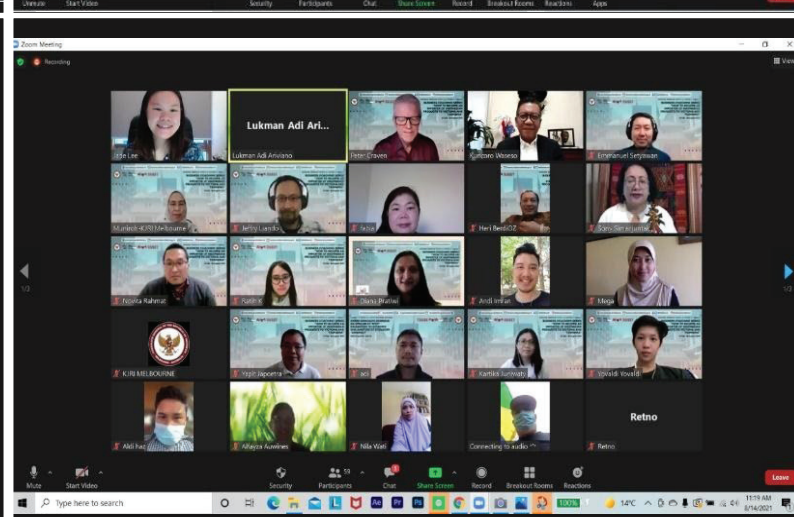
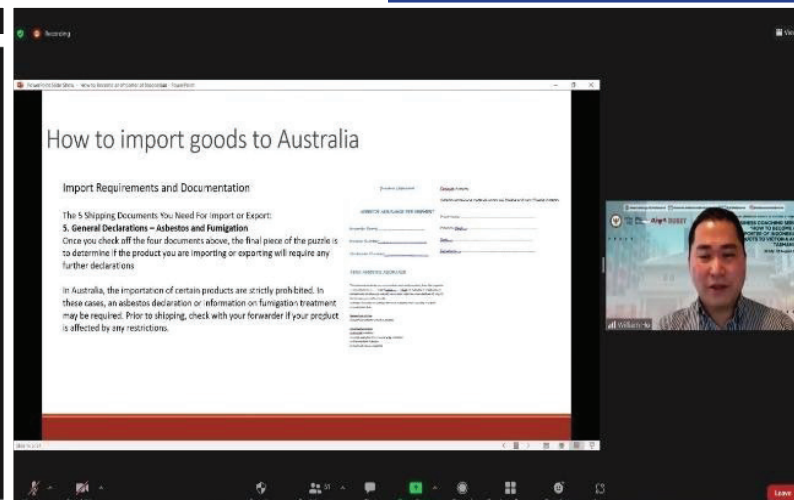
## Webinar Series Increasing Indonesian Exports to Victoria & Tasmania: Business Coaching Series “How to Become an Importer of Indonesian Products to Victoria and Tasmania”

To boost the export of Indonesian products to Victoria and Tasmania, the Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne in collaboration with PPIA Victoria and Tasmania, AIYA Victoria, and BUSET Magazine, held Webinar Series Increasing Indonesian Exports to Victoria & Tasmania: Business Coaching Series “How to Become an Importer of

Indonesian Products to Victoria and Tasmania”. The Business Coaching Series were held from 31 July – 28 August 2021 and were attended by 418 participants.

The purpose of the event was to provide a forum for the participants to learn and to understand about how to become an importer of

Indonesian products to Victoria and Tasmania. It featured speakers from government, academic and business background with Indonesian and foreign students as participants. During the Business Coaching Class, the participants learned about IA-CEPA and its benefits for business sectors, steps to start business in Victoria and Tasmania, digital transformation in business, planning a business model, making commercial contract as well as doing market research.

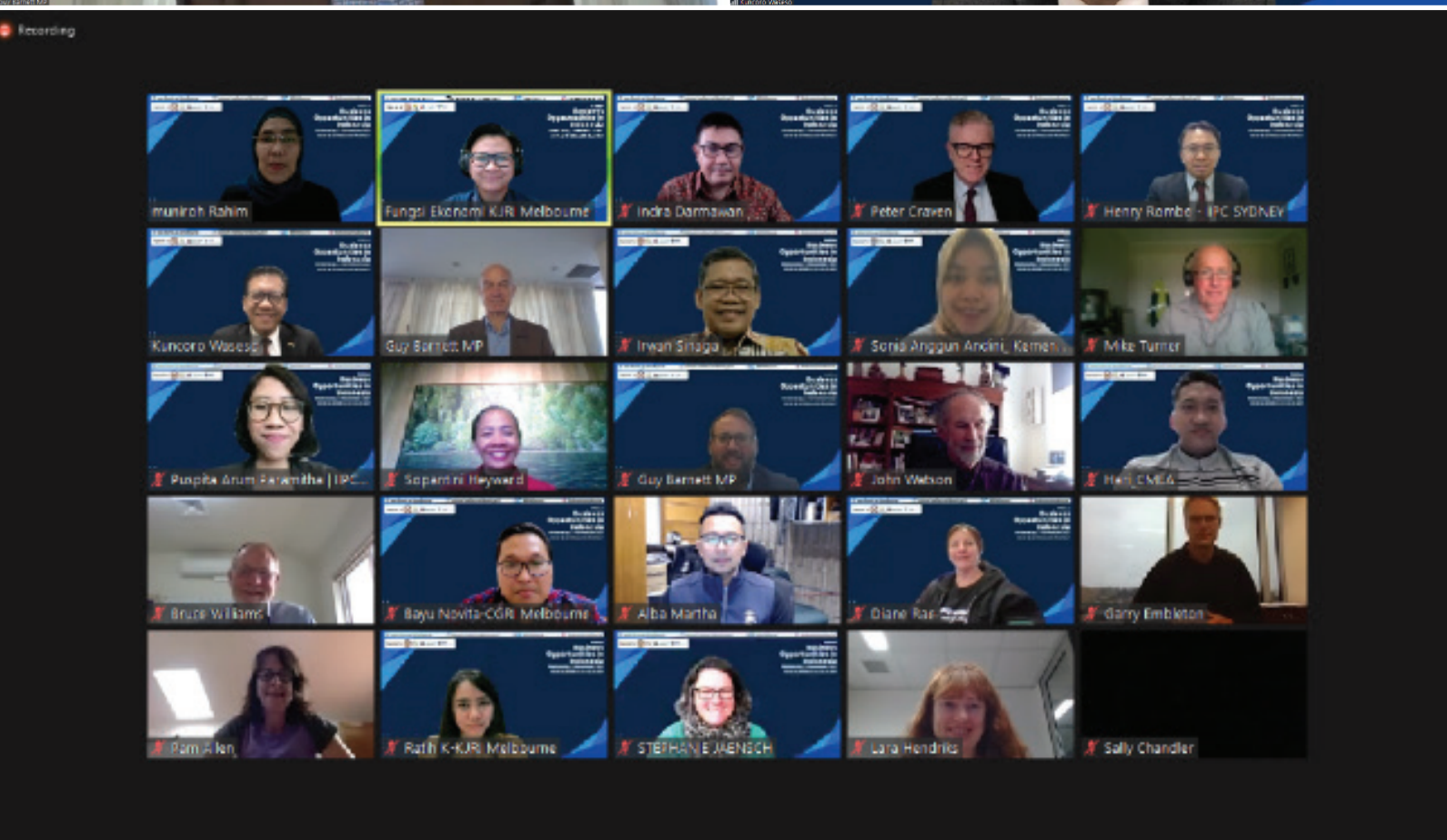
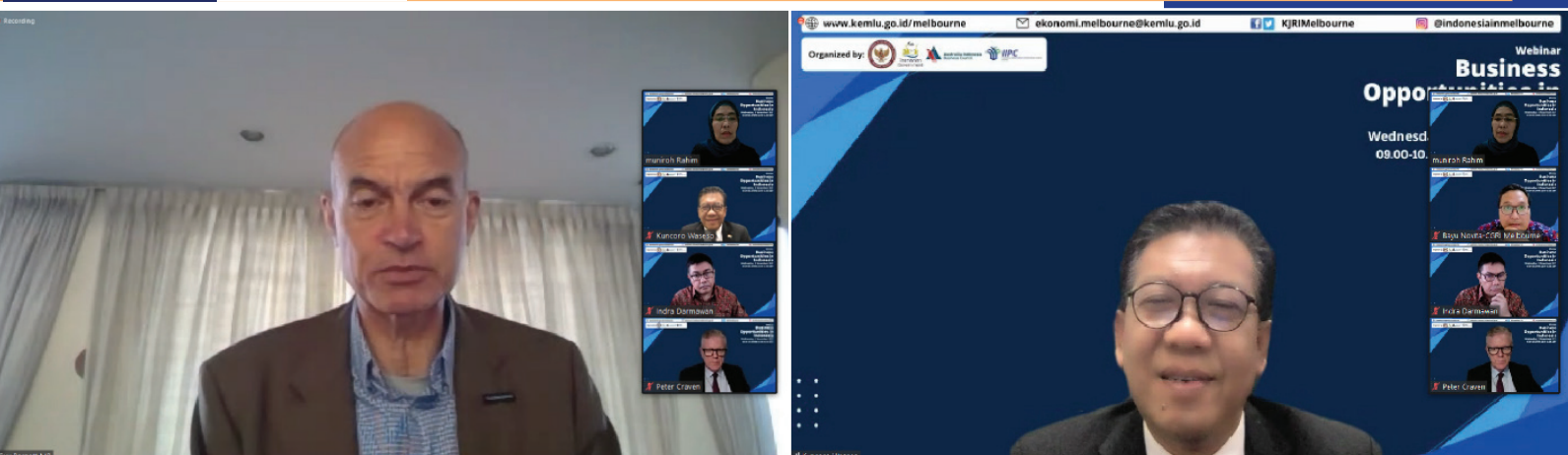


## Webinar: Business Opportunities in Indonesia

On November 3, 2021, The Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Melbourne in collaboration with IIPC Sydney, AIBC Tasmania & The State Government of Tasmania held a Webinar “Business Opportunities in Indonesia”. In his remarks, the Consul General conveyed the opportunities for cooperation between Indonesia and Tasmania, in particular by utilizing the IA-CEPA. The Minister for Trade of Tasmania, Hon Guy Barnet MP, echoed this in his keynote remarks and emphasized that now is the right time for the implementation of IA-CEPA and to boost trade between Indonesia-Tasmania.

The Webinar was attended by Indonesian and Tasmanian business people from various sectors including agriculture, fisheries, maritime and education. The webinar featured Mr. Indra Darmawan (Senior Economic Advisor to the Minister, Indonesian Ministry of Investment/ Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM)), Mr. Irwan Sinaga (Assistant Deputy for America and Pacific Economic Cooperation, Indonesian Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs), and Mr. Peter Craven (Chair of AIBC Tasmania). They talked about the positive projection of Indonesia’s economic growth and positive Indonesian

investment realization in Q3 2021. Furthermore, they also explained about the Structural reforms done by the Government of Indonesia in order to improve the ease of doing business in Indonesia through The Job Creation Law. Several potential sectors to enhance cooperation between Indonesia and Tasmania are blue economy, training & vocation, education, fisheries and renewable energy.



## Indonesia Authentic Banquet and Wine Pairing Event

The Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney on Sunday (12/05/2021) collaborated with Hanging Tree Wines, Indonesian Restaurant Association (IRA) Sydney, and Eastern Cross Trading to introduce Indonesian spices, seasonings, and culinary delights in “Indonesia Authentic Banquet and Wine Pairing Event with Chef Ferry Tshai from The Sambal restaurant”.

The Indonesia banquet, held at the Hanging Tree Wines (HTW) vineyard, Hunter Valley, Australia, was attended by wine and culinary enthusiasts who are also members of HTW. “Today’s dish will pair Indonesian culinary and spices, namely rendang with wagyu beef from Australia. I hope that after

enjoying today’s dish, Australians will not only fall in love with the cuisine, but also visit and try other special culinary delights in Indonesia’s many tourist destinations,” said the Indonesian Consul General in Sydney, Vedi Kurnia Buana.

“Hanging Tree Wines welcomes the collaboration between the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney and IRA Sydney in supporting the Indonesia Spice Up



the World program through a network of HTW members spread across various states in Australia and even in Europe and the United States,” said the owner of the Hanging Tree Wine winery, Sylvia Lianto. Together with her husband, Venus Lianto, Hanging Tree Wines is the only winery owned by Indonesian diaspora in Sydney. One of Hanging Tree Wines premium range products is also used by Australian airlines.

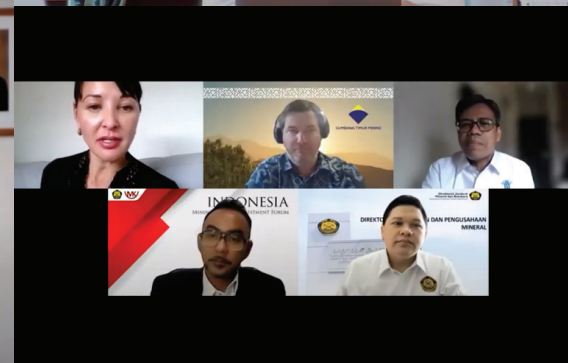


## Exploring Investment Opportunities through Indonesia Mining and Metal Investment Roundtable

On 7 October 2021, the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney, in collaboration with the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Indonesia Investment Promotion Center (IIPC) Sydney, Mutiara Khatulistiwa Utama (MKU Services LLC), and Indonesia Trading House Australia (ITHA), has successfully held a virtual event called ‘Indonesia Mining and Metal Investment Roundtable’ to discuss investment opportunities in Indonesia’s mining and metal sectors. This event was attended by Australian mining companies and financial institutions from New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, and Western Australia.

The discussion covered several topics related to the impact of

the current pandemic situation towards mining sector, Indonesia-Australia potential cooperation in the METS (Mining, Equipment, Technology and Services) sector, the implication of the increase of coal price to Indonesian coal mining sector, and the impact of the latest mining-related regulation to mining sectors in Indonesia. The recording of the discussion can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/INAMiningmetalsroundtable>.





## Collaboration between ITPC Sydney and UTS Australia: Promoting Indonesian Products with a Storytelling Concept.

The Indonesian Trade Promotion Centre (ITPC) Sydney collaborated with the University Technology of Sydney (UTS) to promote Indonesian products using the concept of storytelling in the “Indonesia Design Studio” program.

For three months, seven Australian female students learned various stories and experiences from Indonesian entrepreneurs in building and running an innovative, sustainable, and environmentally friendly business. While at the same time, the students also get multicultural experiences on how to do business with Indonesian

people. The Indonesian companies involved are Pijakbumi (footwear products that use natural materials such as water hyacinth), PT Pan Brothers Tbk (a garment and textile company), Evo & Co (a 100% biodegradable plastic replacement product), Nancy Craft Co (an eco-friendly furniture product), Chef William Wongso, Janet Rine (batik designer), and Anomali Coffee & Pipiltin Cocoa (Indonesian coffee and chocolate).

The final assignment for each student involves composing the narrative information of their chosen Indonesian products and

presenting their findings in front of the stakeholders, such as Andrew Hurley, Deputy Head of School International Studies and Global Societies of UTS, Mr Didi Sumedi, Director General of National Export Development of the Indonesian Ministry of Trade, and Mr Vedi Kurnia Buana, Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in Sydney.





## Meeting with Mayor of Alice Springs



Consul Gulfan had a meeting with the Mayor of Alice Springs, Hon Matt Paterson (24/10), to discuss cooperation between Indonesia and Alice Springs in economic and socio-culture sectors as well as the protection and empowerment of Indonesian nationals who live in Alice Springs. They specifically addressed the possibility to strengthen tourism cooperation between Bali and Alice Springs by opening direct flight from Alice Springs to Bali, initiating the sister city cooperation between Bali and Alice Springs as well as the possibility to bring more human resource from Indonesia to Alice Springs.

## Meeting with the Chancellor of Charles Darwin University

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, Consul Gulfan had a meeting with the Chancellor of Charles Darwin University, Paul Henderson, and Max Stretton from Bespoke Territory at the Indonesian Consulate in Darwin. Also present in the meeting are Consul for Economic Affairs, Mr Arief Wicaksono and Consul for Information and Social Cultural Affairs, Ms. Mardiana Warnares.

It was a productive meeting to discuss several important topics such as agriculture logistic issues and collaboration with Charles Darwin University in education sector.

## Australia Indonesia Business Council (AIBC) Breakfast Meeting at Wisma Indonesia



Consul Gulfan collaborated with Kate Heelan, Chairwoman of Australia-Indonesia Business Council (AIBC) NT, arranged a breakfast meeting at Wisma Indonesia on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Several agendas have been discussed, such as the potential for cooperation on trade and investment between Indonesia and the Northern Territory in education and agriculture sectors, future collaboration activities between the Indonesian Consulate in Darwin, NTG and AIBC NT as well as promoting the 2nd Pacific Exposition 2021 and the 36th Trade Expo Indonesia 2021 – Digital Edition.

The discussion was fruitful with inputs from Luke Gosling, OAM MP, Federal Member for Solomon, Sandra Henderson from DFAT NT Branch, Gina Cassimatis, Director for International Engagement at NTG. AIBC NT members and several representatives from the business community also joined the discussion. Under the IA-CEPA framework, the Indonesian Consulate in Darwin hopes that Indonesia and Australia can continue to work together and create mutually beneficial relations that would benefit the Northern Territory.



## 03 Socio-Cultural Highlights (KJRI Perth)

### Festival Indonesia 2021

On 24 October 2021 the Indonesian Consulate General in Perth collaborated with the Indonesian community in Western Australia to hold the Festival Indonesia 2021, which was packaged in virtual format and broadcast via digital media platforms. This year's event takes the theme "Exploring the Archipelago".

Starting the event, the Indonesian Consul General in Perth Listiana Operananta in her welcoming remarks emphasized that the implementation of this event is a continuation of the success of the previous Indonesian Festivals, and is aimed at maintaining the momentum of Indonesia's exposure as one of Australia's favorite destination destinations, including Western Australia .

This activity was also intended as an expression of our readiness to resume the close cooperation between the two nations.

Ambassador H.E. Kristiarto S. Legowo underscored in His Excellency's remarks that mutual understanding between neighbors and having the willingness to be familiar with each other generates closer and stronger bonds of friendship.

Through the Festival Indonesia 2021, people-to-people connection between the two communities may be further enhanced. Such closeness is important in our common endeavour to resiliently navigate this pandemics, and to strive afterwards, stronger, and more prosper, than where we were before the crisis.

The event was officially opened through virtual inauguration video remarks presented by His Excellency Mr. Sandiaga S. Uno, the Minister for Tourism and Creative Economy/ Head of National Agency for Creative Economy of the Republic of Indonesia. In the opening remarks, His Excellency emphasized Festival

Indonesia 2021 celebrates the newborn optimism that the world soon will see the light at the end of the tunnel, although challenges remain imminent.

As in the previous years, the Festival Indonesia 2021 was attended by multitude of people, numbered no less than 37.000 attendees, despite the glaring summer sun. The event resonates the message of vibrant optimism amidst current challenges, through the sheer strength of uniquely Indonesian typical community spirit of gotong royong and creativity.

Furthermore, the Festival Indonesia 2021 expressed the cross-cultural optimism from the people of the two countries, in facing a brighter future, and is aimed at maintaining momentum and brand awareness of the beauty of Indonesia as a foreign tourist destination.

Befitting its vibrance, the colossal and exotic kecak dance from Bali concluded the Festival just after sundown.





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## Commemorating the Pledge of Youth, Launching “Bahasa Kita” Software Application for Foreign Speakers, 28 October 2021

Driven by the spirit of one homeland, one nation and one language, Indonesian, right on the 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Youth Pledge, Indonesia-phile who are members of the *Bahasa Kita* (Our Language) team, supported by the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Perth, have launched a software for foreign speakers named as *Bahasa Kita*.

The birth of this software is an initiative of figures who are members of the Bahasa Kita Team, consists of Indonesian citizens in Perth, Western Australia who are interested in learning Indonesian or have the task of teaching Bahasa Indonesia in various primary and secondary schools in Western Australia.

The launch of our Bahasa Kita software was also enlivened by a

dialogue titled “Reviving the Spirits of the Youth Pledge in the Digital Age; One Language, Our Language, Indonesian”. The Dialogue brought together the founder and initiator of our Bahasa Kita application, Mrs. Wieke Gur; President of the Westralian Indonesian Language Teacher Association (WILTA), Ms. Danielle Horne; and Director of the Indonesia Institute, Mr. Robbie Gaspar. Also present were Mr. Mohammad As’ad, Commissioner of Drilchem Pte. Ltd. representing the industry and energy community; and Mr. Nanda Avalist, Consul for Information and Socio-Cultural Affairs of the Indonesian Consulate General in Perth.

The Indonesian Consulate General in Perth welcomes and supports the initiative to launch this software as an

effort to strengthen the supporting ecosystem for the promotion of Indonesian in the working area of Western Australia, with a worldwide reach because this application can be accessed and used globally by anyone who has an internet data connection, using a mobile phone. smart based on Android or IOS system from 5 continents.

It is hoped that the Bahasa Kita application and its supporting features can be a contribution for Indonesians in Western Australia, in a joint effort to encourage the promotion and preservation of the Indonesian language as a national heritage.

This launch is also expected to strengthen Indonesia’s efforts to maintain the level of interest in Indonesian abroad, especially



in Western Australia. So far, there have been around 14,000 students spread across 40 public and private schools that teach Indonesian in their curriculum, supported by around 150 Indonesian language teachers, both in full time equivalent (FTE) and language assistants.



## (KJRI Melbourne) Flag Hoisting Ceremony in the Occasion of 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Indonesia Independence Day.

On 17 August 2021, the Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne in collaboration with PASKIBRA KJRI Melbourne held a virtual Flag Hoisting Ceremony. Whilst in the middle of lock down in Victoria the ceremony went well and smooth. Even though the ceremony was held in a virtual arrangement, but the excitement of the Indonesian Citizen in Victoria and Tasmania was not dampened, they were very excited in following all the ceremonial progress and all the side program.





## 101 Tempe Making in Melbourne

In December 2021 the Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne in collaboration with Australia Indonesia Association Victoria (AIAV) and Indonesian Ladies Association (DWP KJRI Melbourne) held Indonesian culinary promotion with a live cooking demo called “101 Tempe Making in Melbourne”.

The Chairlady of Indonesia Ladies Association Mrs. Mantarina Herlianti is becoming the speaker of this event assisted by Mrs. Nina Michalides (member of AIAV). With the audience from various Indonesia-Australia community in Melbourne, the event went smooth and well and bring excitement to the audience whose mostly Australian.

The consul General in his remarks said that this is the right place to promoting Indonesian culinary because Melbourne is a Australia culinary capital, and a foodie city. Especially there are more than 40 Indonesian restaurants in Victoria and Tasmania.





## (KJRI Sydney)

### Celebrating Indonesia's 76. Independence Day, red and white lights up in Brisbane

Things looked different in Brisbane on the evening of 17 August. Red and white lights are lit and illuminate the three symbols of Brisbane: Brisbane City Hall, Victoria Bridge and Story Bridge. The lighting of the red and white lights is part of the “IndOz Independence Day 2021” program organized by Synergy of Indonesia Australia, in collaboration with the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney, the Indonesian Diaspora Network (IDN) Queensland, the

Australian Indonesian Student Association (PPIA) Queensland, and the Australia Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA) Queensland.

“IndOz Independence Day 2021” was held with the full support of Lord Mayor Brisbane, Adrian Schinner, and the Brisbane City Council. The flashing of the red and white lights not only reflected the good relationship between Australia and Indonesia, but also

the local government's appreciation for the presence of the Indonesian people in Brisbane. This year is the second time the red and white lights have been lit in the three symbols of Brisbane, after the first one was carried out last year. The event is part of a series of activities of “IndOz Independence Day 2021” to enliven the anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia.





## Consul General Vedi Buana: “A great nation is a nation that always remembers the services of its heroes”

Rainy weather and strong winds did not prevent dozens of people and the Indonesian diaspora in Australia to visit the graves of Indonesian freedom fighters at the Cowra Indonesian Graves, 307 km west of Sydney. The visit was initiated by the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney and Indonesian diaspora volunteers in Sydney. At least 70 people participated in the visit, including Mayor of Cowra, Bill West, Deputy Mayor Judi Smith, Defense Attache of the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, First Admiral TNI Agus Rustandi, along with several officials from the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, as well as the Indonesian community and diaspora, including among others, representatives from Indonesia Diaspora Network Australia and several other organizations.

In his remarks, Mayor Bill West paid tribute to the Indonesian freedom fighters who were buried in Cowra. Mayor West emphasized that the presence of an Indonesian cemetery in Cowra is a sign of the special relationship between the Indonesian community and the people of Cowra.

“A great nation is a nation that always remembers the services of its heroes,” said the Indonesian Consul General Vedi Kurnia Buana in his remarks. The Consul General hopes that through the visit, more people and the Indonesian diaspora, especially

the younger generation in Australia, will know about the existence of the Indonesian graves in Cowra.

The Cowra Indonesian Graves is a small part of the complex for war victims in Cowra. Among the Indonesians buried in these graves are political prisoners of the Dutch colonial government in the 1920-1930s who were exiled to Boven Digul, Papua. Due to concerns that these political prisoners were fighting the Dutch by taking advantage of the Japanese arrival in Indonesia at that time, the Dutch colonial government decided to bring about 500 prisoners to Australia. During the period 1942-1943, about 1,200 people were detained in Cowra. Many of them died due to unpreparedness for the Australian weather in June, the beginning of winter.

## Indonesia Goes to School Program: Forbes Primary School

The cold weather in Adelaide that morning was warmed by the joy of the Forbes Primary School students, along with their parents, teachers, volunteers, and guests who attended the Indonesia Goes to School program (12/11/2021). The program has become the flagship program of the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney in promoting the Indonesian language and culture since 2018. This time, the program was organized in collaboration between the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney, Forbes Primary School, and the Australia Indonesia Association South Australia (AIASA), and also supported by several Indonesian communities in South Australia.

A number of distinguished guests attended the program, including The Honorable Jing Lee MLC Assistant to the SA Premier, SA Member Parliament, Jayne Stinson MP, Deputy Mayor of Unley, Cr. Jordan Dodd, and AIASA representative, Joyce Hassan, and the Indonesian Consul General, Vedi Kurnia Buana, who participated virtually.

During the program, the students had the opportunity to learn simple batik techniques. They also learned how to process rice into flour by pounding it using *aluk* and mortar. The handicrafts of Indonesian artisans were also displayed side by side with the work of students, including *damarkurung* (a paper lantern made of a wooden frame, natives in Gresik, East Java). Guided by several trainers, the students also learned Balinese Kecak Dance and Sundanese Batik Dance, as well as played *angklung*, *kendang*, and several other musical instruments that were combined into an orchestra.

The audience also enjoyed the traditional costume performances and the variety of batik clothes.





Kuda lumping arts from Central Java, East Java, and Yogyakarta were also paraded to enliven the event on the art stage. During the break time, students enjoyed various traditional Indonesian games, such as congklak, high jump, and marbles, as well as badminton and sepak takraw. Furthermore, the students were also served with typical Indonesian snacks, including fried bananas and durian ice cream, which were the result of cooking demonstrations carried out by volunteers.



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### The Signing Ceremony of the Letter of Intent (LoI) Sister City Relationship between Government City of Denpasar and City of Darwi

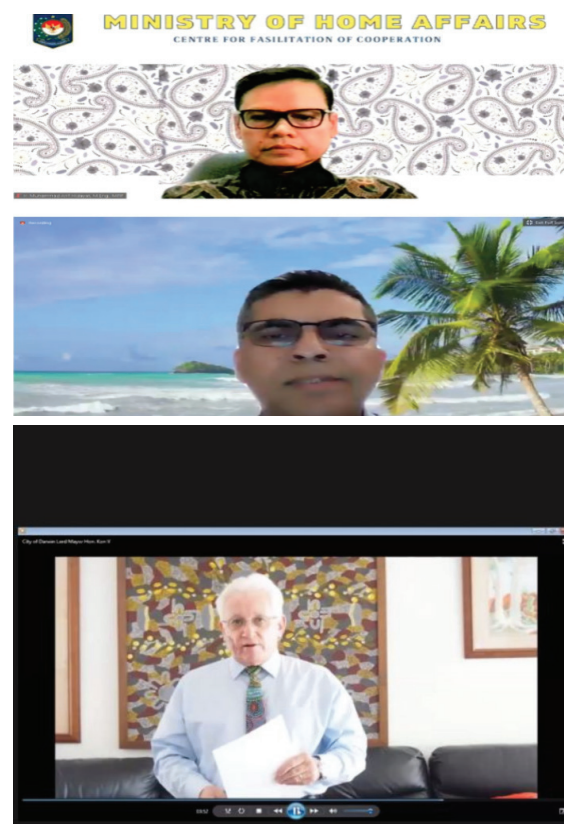
Indonesian Consulate in Darwin became a witness in the Signing Ceremony of the Letter of Intent (LoI) Sister City Relationship between the Government City of Denpasar and City of Darwin (28/06).

The event was held virtually via zoom meeting. The Indonesian Consul in Darwin was giving his remarks by underlining that the signing of LoI comes with the benchmark to enhance the relations between the City of Denpasar and Darwin. Furthermore, the Letter of Intent is hoped to be pursued by the signing of MoU with more concrete action-oriented programs in 3 (three) areas, such as promoting culture, tourism, creative economy and developing human resources.

### The Online Webinar ‘Bincang Santai: Mengenal Lebih Dekat Program Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing (BIPA)

Indonesian Consulate in Darwin in collaboration with Ministry of Education of the Republic of Indonesia through BIPA organized an online webinar titled ‘Bincang Santai : Mengenal Lebih Dekat Program Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing (BIPA).

In this event (15/07), the Chief of Badan Pengembangan dan Pembinaan Bahasa, Prof. H. E. Aminudin Aziz, M.A., Ph.D. was attended as a resource speaker and Indonesian Consul Gulfan Afero as the Keynote Speaker. Not to forget, the Lecturer for Indonesian Studies, College of Indigenous Futures, Arts and Society at Charles Darwin University, Dr. Nathan Franklin, Ph.D. was also attended in the webinar as a moderator.





The webinar has aims to incentivise language for foreigners to learn Bahasa Indonesia as well as to develop more interests for Indonesian young educators to teach Bahasa Indonesia worldwide. By organizing this event, it is hoped an encouragement for deeper communication, respect and understanding between both nations, Australia and Indonesia can be emerged.





## 04 Consular Service Highlights

### Webinar on “The Dynamics of Citizenship Problems in the Context of Protecting Indonesian Citizens”, 15 October 2021

The Indonesian Consulate General in Perth has held a webinar ‘The Dynamics of Citizenship Problems in the Context of Protecting Indonesian Citizens’ on Friday, October 15, 2021.

The webinar was held in a hybrid manner, attended directly by the Indonesian people at the Consulate General in Perth and around 100 Indonesian participants, both from Indonesia and the Indonesian diaspora in Perth, several countries virtually.

The webinar was opened by the Indonesian Consul General in Perth, Mrs. Listiana Operananta and presenting resource person Dr. Baroto, SH., MA, Director of State Administration, Ministry of Law and Human Rights.

The webinar discussed, among others, the dynamics of the limited dual citizenship status of children born from mixed marriages, the legal consequences of the single citizenship system adopted by Law no. 12 of 2006 concerning Citizenship, relinquishment of citizenship and procedures for regaining Indonesian citizenship.

Interesting discussions also surfaced regarding the Government’s efforts to develop a Single Data for Indonesian Citizens, in particular population data, citizenship and civil registration as an infrastructure to improve the protection of Indonesian citizens that is better and integrated.

The webinar ended with an appeal for the importance of Indonesian citizens to comply with the provisions of Indonesian law, as well as the laws of the country wherever they reside.





## Consular Services for Indonesian Citizens in the Victoria Regional Area

In the second semester of 2021, The Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne has conducted meetings and shared information about the protection service to Indonesian citizens, self-report through Portal Peduli WNI and all matter of consular services to the Indonesian people in three different areas, Bendigo, Shepparton, and Traralgon. The three activities were attended by around 180 people. These activities were intended to disseminate updates about the Indonesian Government’s policies regarding the protection of Indonesian citizens, immigration, and other related matters, including self-report. They were also used to provide consular services to Indonesian citizens, and there were parts of the working agenda to visit Indonesian citizens in the Victoria regional area.

The service in Shepparton on 13 November 2021 collaborated with Kabo Lawyers was held to give free legal advice and consultation and also provide legal service for the Indonesians who have issues on an immigration matter.

On those three occasions, the Indonesian Consul General in Melbourne gave his speech to the audience to maintain health, follow the public protocols, keep updated about news and Covid-19. And as Indonesians, we need to care about our togetherness, harmony, and look up to each other. He also stated that the Indonesia Government will always put Indonesian citizens first wherever they are. He also requested every Indonesian citizen to report themselves through *the Peduli WNI website*, so that the Indonesian Consulate General can immediately respond and provide assistance for those who need help.



## Amy Dhewayani Received the Hassan Wirajuda Award

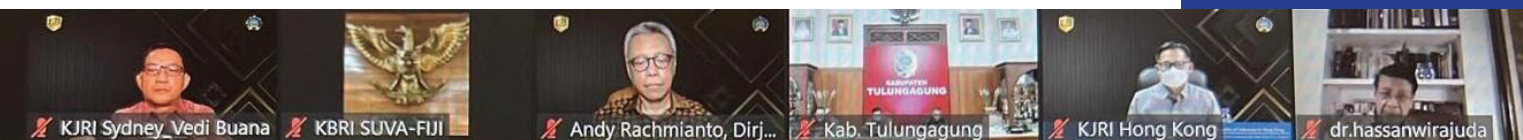
At the 7<sup>th</sup> annual event of the Hassan Wirajuda Award (HWPA) in 2021, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs virtually awarded Ms Amy Dhewayani, an Indonesian citizen living in Brisbane and a partner of the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney, for her role in protecting Indonesian women’s rights and on the issue of Domestic Violence prevention. The Award was based on the nomination of Ms Dhewayani

by the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Sydney for her extraordinary achievements in protecting Indonesia women’s rights.

Since June 2020, the Consulate General, together with Ms Dhewayani, has initiated a Domestic Violence prevention program by conducting a routine counselling event on Women’s

Rights in Australia for Indonesian citizens living in New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia.

Ms Dhewayani is an Indonesian social worker in Australia with expertise in handling domestic violence issues. She is a Senior Trainer in Human Rights and Law in Australia and works as a lecturer at TAFE Queensland.



## Providing Better Indonesian Citizen Services, the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney Received the ISO 9001 and ISO 37001 Certificates and the Award for the Development of Integrity Zone for Serving and Clean Bureaucracy

For the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney, the year 2021 is special. This year the Consulate General received three recognitions for its better Indonesian Citizen Services. The first two are the ISO 9001 Certificate on the quality management system and ISO 37001 Certificate on the anti-bribery management system, which become significant achievements and major milestones for the Consulate General. It is another step forward in improving the capabilities, processes, quality, and productivity we can provide to our citizens.

Following the Award for the Development of the Integrity Zone of the Corruption-Free Area (ZI-WBK) achieved in 2019, the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney also made another achievement as the only Indonesian mission this year that won the Award for the Development of the Integrity Zone for Serving and Clean Bureaucracy Zone (ZI-WBBM).

The award was presented by the Minister of State Apparatus Empowerment and Bureaucratic Reform (PANRB) in the Appreciation and Awarding Integrity Zone Towards WBK/WBBM event, Monday (12/20/2021). The Inspector-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Ibnu Wahyutomo, was present at the event, as well as receiving an award on behalf of the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney.



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# Indonesia Consulate in Darwin held a gathering with the Indonesian Community





On Friday (26/11) Indonesia in Darwin held a gathering with the Indonesian community as well as the diaspora for a socialization of consular matters, continued with bidding of farewell to two Consulate staff; Mrs. Paramitha Wistia Navrilia (Treasurer) and Mr. Yandra Lubis (employee in charge of Administration) and introducing the new Treasurer, Ms. Hotmaida Hutabarat, and the new employee in charge of Consular and Protocol matters, Ms. Siti Nurzaqiyah S. Widiastuti.

The gathering was held in compliance with the COVID-19 health protocol standards set by the local government. It took place in a relaxed atmosphere and received high appreciation from all guests.

The Consulate expresses its gratitude and wishes a safe return to Indonesia to both Mrs. Mitha and Mr. Yandra, along with his family members, and congrats the new staff, Ms. Hotma and Ms. Widia, in taking charge of their respective duties at Indonesian Consulate in Darwin.