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MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

H.E. Y. KRISTIARTO S. LEGOWO

Assalamualaikum Wr. Wb.

The 5th of July 2021 is the first anniversary of the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA) implementation, which marks another milestone in the flourishing bilateral relations between Indonesia and Australia. This achievement deserves to be celebrated amidst the challenges that we face in the world of today.

Throughout its successful implementation, the agreement has provided platforms for Indonesian and Australian businesses to build networks and promote many trade and investment deals for both Indonesia and Australia. This effort is becoming increasingly important to encourage the recovery of the two countries' economy impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The IA-CEPA is more than just opening markets or eliminating barriers to trade as well as short-term gains. The IA-CEPA is also about promoting long-term partnership, ensuring equal and mutually beneficial cooperation, investment, and capacity building through education, training, economic powerhouse, and joint efforts to enhance people-to-people connection.

The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Canberra and Indonesian Missions in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, and Darwin extend their highest appreciation to those who have contributed to the successful implementation of IA-CEPA summarized in this 3rd edition e-newsletter. I am confident that many more benefits of IA-CEPA arise in the future.

As the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Australia, I do hope that amidst the global pandemic, we will remain strong and even work closer in building the bridge of mutual understanding and eliminating misunderstanding between our two nations. On top of that, through diplomacy, both countries pursue not only cooperation for mutual benefits, but also seek to engage and encourage their partners to contribute towards the maintenance of peace, security, and stability while also striving to enhance prosperity.

Following the success of our previous editions of the Indonesia-Australia bilateral relations e-newsletter, I hope we can continuously increase our connection with all stakeholders in Indonesia and Australia for the benefits and the betterment of our relations in the future.



Again, I offer my sincerest gratitude for the efforts made by all Indonesian missions in Australia, as well as all stakeholders who have played their part in promoting the bilateral relations. I offer my best wishes to all readers and their loved ones wherever they are. Finally, amidst the global pandemic, I hope that life treats us all well in the year 2021. With the very best wishes, please enjoy this edition.

Thank you.

Wassalamualaikum Wr. Wb.



H.E. Y. KRISTIARTO S. LEGOWO CHAIRED THE OIC HEADS OF MISSION GROUP MEETING IN CANBERRA

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation Heads of Mission (OIC-HoM) Group in Canberra held a meeting at the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra on June 3, 2021, chaired by the Ambassador of Indonesia, to discuss its concern on the effects of the Israeli aggression on the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT). The OIC-HoM is the largest diplomatic Group in Canberra, with a membership of 26 diplomatic missions.

The Group welcomed the ceasefire in the region, brokered by Egypt. It stressed that the ceasefire would not be sustainable in the long term until the root cause of the Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights is addressed, which is Israel's continued occupation of Palestine.

Israel's aggression on the Gaza Strip killed at least 270 Palestinians, including 70 children, and has targeted vital infrastructure facilities, including Gaza's only COVID-19 clinic, other medical centres and hospitals, schools, and a tower housing international media office.

In this regard, Israel as the occupying power has misled the so-called self-defence. The Palestinian people, who are under Israeli's occupation and aggression, need to defend themselves. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) issued an advisory opinion in 2004 which, among others, indicated that the term of self-defence against violence coming from occupied territory under its control could not be used. And referring to UN Security Council resolution 1860 (2009), Gaza is still under occupation by Israel.

The Israeli settlers and occupation forces have continued their violations in Al-Haram, Al-Shareef, and Al-Aqsa Mosque. Hundreds of Palestinians in East Jerusalem are still facing forcible evictions from their homes due to Israel's ongoing settlement colonisation efforts. Israel has expressed flagrant disrespect for the holy sites in Jerusalem and the freedom of religion by blocking Palestinian worshippers from accessing Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Church of Holy Sepulchre. Israel's violent aggression in storming Al-Aqsa Mosque and attacking worshippers is a gross violation of international humanitarian law.

Israel's continued aggression against the Palestinian people constitutes war crimes and crimes against humanity. There is a need for accountability and pressure on Israel to ensure the protection of the Palestinian people. To ensure the safety of Palestinian civilians and to protect the status of Al-Haram Al-Sharif compound as the holy place for three religions, it is necessary to have a temporary international presence in Jerusalem.

Noting Australia's positive role in maintaining regional and global peace, the OIC-HoM Group in Canberra seeks the support of the Australian Government to take all necessary steps to prevent any future recurrence of these atrocities by Israel. The Group also looks forward to Australia's continued support for the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination based on the two-state solution, in accordance with international law and relevant UN resolutions, and to recognize the State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital.



H.E. Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo



H.E. Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo (the 5th sitting person from the left), the Indonesian Ambassador to Australia, chaired the Plenary Meeting of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Heads of Mission (HOM) Group, 03/06/21.



The audience played angklung, the Indonesian traditional instrument.

In the framework of the Service Attache and Adviser Group (SAAG) activity organized by the Defense Attache of the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, a gala dinner was held, which beautifully combined defense diplomacy activities with trade diplomacy and Indonesian culture. H.E. Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo, the Indonesian Ambassador, in his opening remarks, expressed his appreciation for the positive role of Defense Diplomacy in the framework of strengthening bilateral and regional relations. The presence of all attendees consisting of Defense Attaches representing friendly countries based in Canberra has shown the solidity of the relationship among members.

Meanwhile, Commodore Agus Rustandi, Defense Attache of the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, as the host, expressed his gratitude for the trust given to Indonesia to host the SAAG Dinner. Mr. Rustandi also used this opportunity to promote Indonesian arts and culture, featuring the Balinese gamelan and dance, as well as an interactive angklung music orchestra.

During the Balinese gamelan session, Sekar Langit Group led by I Gede Eka Riadi performed the songs of Tabuh Bapang Selisir and Tabuh Lengker, and the Bapang Gede Dance. Uniquely, this group consists of 50% Australian gamelan artists who have been diligently practicing at the Embassy under the coordination of Atdikbud - Pensosbud at the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra.

During the convivial and dinner sessions, the guests were pampered with Indonesian culinary dishes consisting of satay, rendang, urap to traditional snacks, among others martabak, onde, and lapis legit. To complete the dish's perfection, the finest products of Kapal Api coffee, which can be purchased on the Australian market, were served to the audience.

With the support of the Trade Attaché, a mini expo has also been held that showcases various Indonesia's main products, including wooden wall products, Indonesian packaged foods, and beverages that can be found in various leading Australian supermarkets, creative economy products such as shoes, accessories, home decor, and other fashion



products. Meanwhile, the exhibition of Indonesian strategic industrial products was also displayed.

In the closing session, the audience had the opportunity to play the angklung orchestra interactively guided by Ruby, an Indonesian Embassy staff who is also an angklung teacher. In a very short time, the audience enthusiastically learned how to hold the angklung and play them. The audience was impressed. The combination of the scales between the players produced great orchestral music. Popular songs of all time, such as 'Can't Help Falling in Love' was played with angklung, and the audience had a chance to sing together in a friendly Indonesian atmosphere.



H.E. Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo delivered a welcoming remark at the SAAG Dinner (28/05/2021)

COMBINING DEFENCE DIPLOMACY WITH THE PROMOTION OF INDONESIAN TRADE AND CULTURE

BREAKTHROUGHS TO INCREASE INDONESIAN TRADE THROUGH EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

The ITPC (Indonesia Trade Promotion Centre) in Sydney hosted a Memorandum of Understanding virtual signing ceremony between the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta and the University of Technology Sydney. This first-of-its-kind memorandum represents a strong basis upon which specific joint programs can seed collaborations between Indonesia and Australia. The first planned program will provide a platform for UTS students to research and work together with Indonesian products and producers (SMEs) to develop creative content and design for Australian markets. The cooperation agreement originates from several discussions realized by ITPC Sydney and two programs at UTS, the School of International Studies and Education's Global Studies program and the UTS School of Design's Global Studio program.

The signing of the MoU for the cooperation was carried out by Didi Sumedi, the Director-General of National Export Development, the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia, and Mr. Iain Watt, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Technology Sydney (UTS). The MoU signing ceremony was witnessed by Jerry Sambuaga, the Indonesian Vice Minister of Trade, and H.E. Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo, the Indonesian Ambassador to Australia and Vanuatu.

In his key remarks, the Indonesian Vice Minister of Trade stated, "The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding is the right momentum where this program provides a platform for UTS students to learn about sustainable products from Indonesia. The IA-CEPA has provided a strong foundation



Left to right: Indonesian Trade Attache, Mr. Agung Sochirin; Indonesian Consul General in Sydney, Mr. Heru Subolo; Indonesian Ambassador to Australia, H. E. Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo; Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (International) UTS, Mr. Iain Watt; Dean of Design, UTS, Prof. Elizabeth Mossop; Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UTS; Director of ITPC Sydney, Ayu Siti Maryam

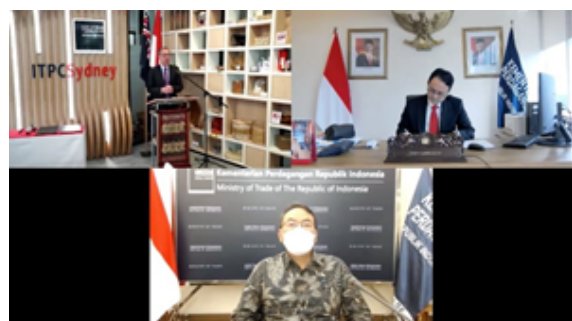
for the two countries to explore creative economic cooperation and open up opportunities to increase exports to Australia."

Meanwhile, Ambassador Legowo said, "The signing of this cooperation for the development and promotion of Indonesian products is one of the 'visionary' steps in the context of utilizing the IA-CEPA implementation which is not only limited to efforts to open market access or eliminate tariffs but also includes development capacity in various sectors including education, training and strengthening people to people connections."

UTS Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Watt, underlined the strategic importance of this collaboration, where learning programs at UTS can be integrated with the world of work (work-integrated learning opportunities - WIL) and develop opportunities for international collaboration with Indonesia".

Through this program, UTS Design students will collaborate with Indonesian designers and SMEs, and be expected to develop creative ideas and products suitable for Australia. UTS also supports this virtual collaboration of Indonesian designers with Australian partners through the bridge program of the New Colombo Plan, one of the official programs of the Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

On the sidelines of the event, ITPC Sydney announced in response to the results of a survey conducted on Australians' perceptions of Indonesian products, where Indonesian products are known to be more natural, unique, and authentic, so a collaboration was carried out with UTS Global Studies and Design students. Trade Attaché added that the role of Australian higher education in improving the image of Indonesian products is very important. "We are optimistic that with the involvement of students and the younger generation, we can answer challenges and seize opportunities for Indonesian products," he said.



Witnessing the signing ceremony virtually:
Mr. Jerry Sambuaga, Indonesian Vice Minister of Trade (top right),
Mr. Didi Sumedi, Director General of National Export Development (bottom)

FACILITATING TRADE COOPERATION BETWEEN INDONESIAN AND AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS ACTORS

The Indonesian Ministry of Trade, in collaboration with the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, has facilitated the online signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Trade Cooperation between one of the State-Owned Enterprises (BUMN), PT. Perusahaan Perdagangan Indonesia (PPI/Persero), with one of the companies owned by an Indonesian diaspora in Australia, named N Brothers Ltd/Import Station Trading Pty Ltd.

The signing of the MoU was carried out in the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra by the Director of Commercial & Development of PT. PPI and Managing Director of N Brothers Pty Ltd/Import Station Pty Ltd, and witnessed by the Indonesian Ambassador to Australia and Vanuatu, Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo; Director-General of National Export Development (PEN), Ministry of Trade; President Director of PT. PPI, DCM of the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, Director of Promotion and Image-Ministry of Trade, Trade Attache of the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, Head of ITPC Sydney, and all other ranks.

This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to continue to increase efforts for economic diplomacy and trade promotion, especially in Australia in accordance with global demands and developments, and in line with the IA-CEPA, which has been effective since 5th July 2020. The Ministry of Trade always supports every effort to increase Indonesian exports to Australia by facilitating various activity initiatives such as encouraging trade cooperation, business matching, business forums, export training, exhibition support, mentoring/advocacy, trade promotion, etc., for Indonesian businesses in the Australian market.



The Indonesian Ambassador to Australia and Vanuatu, H.E. Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo witnessed the MoU signing ceremony together with the Director General of National Export Development (PEN), President Director of PT. PPI, DCM of the Indonesian Embassy, Director of Promotion and Image, Trade Attaché, and Head of ITPC Sydney, 25/05/21.

Meanwhile, Ambassador Legowo emphasized that "IA-CEPA is of course not only aimed at obtaining business benefits but is believed to be able to provide the maximum benefit for the welfare of the Indonesian people and in the context of encouraging economic recovery in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic". Through this partnership, it is believed that PT. PPI, a BUMN in the field of domestic and international trade since 2003, is expected to be able to better take advantage of Australian market opportunities.

"This collaboration is also expected to support efforts to increase exports of Indonesian products to Australia, including SME products through various available trade mechanisms, one of which is through trade," said Agung Wicaksono, Trade Attaché of the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra. Currently, Indonesian products are increasingly being found in the Australian market. Head of ITPC Sydney, Ayu Siti Maryam, is optimistic about the products imported by N Brothers from Indonesia through PT. PPI will increase the competitiveness of Indonesian products in Australia and increase their capacity to meet Australian market demand.

In addition to signing trade cooperation activities, the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra and ITPC Sydney also previously provided facilitation in promotions for Import Station Trading Pty Ltd and N Brothers and their partners Cendani Pty Ltd at the Sydney Home Show trade show, 21-23 May 2021.

The Indonesian diaspora company was selected as the best exhibition stand for the product display category and exhibition construction design category for the 18 sqm booth category. In the midst of the pandemic, Indonesia and Australia continue to strive to improve trade and investment performance. This effort is becoming increasingly important to encourage the recovery of the two countries' economic recovery after COVID-19. The value of Indonesia's non-oil and gas exports to Australia was recorded at US\$2.41 billion in 2020, an increase of 14.52% compared to the same period the previous year. Indonesia's non-oil and gas exports to Australia were recorded at US\$664 million, an increase of 31.27% over the same period previously.

Indonesia's Main Exports to Australia are metal products, wood, television receivers, and fertilizers. Australia's main imports from Indonesia are petroleum, coal, livestock, iron ore and grain, and meslin concentrates.

INDONESIAN SMES' PRODUCTS ENTER THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET

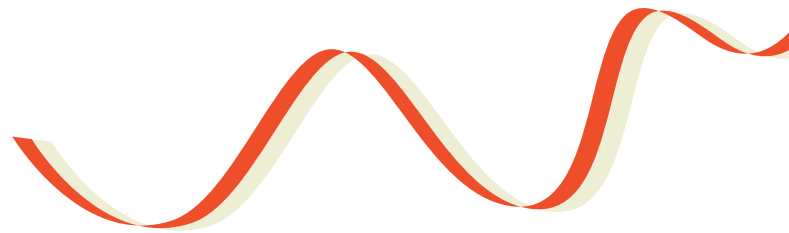


The beginning of the first batch export of Indonesian processed food products to the Australian market, following up on the cooperation between HIPMI and HoI

In January 2021, the Indonesian Consul General in Sydney, Heru Hartanto Subolo, witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between Indonesia Young Entrepreneurs Association (HIPMI) and one of the Indonesian diaspora businesswomen in Sydney, Ms. Sulyanti Sunaryo, founder of the House of Indonesia (HOI) and owner of Eastern Cross Trading Australia as a means to boost the export of Indonesian SMEs' products to Australia. This event was followed by HIPMI exporting their first batch of Indonesian products to the Australian market on April 2021. When the products arrived in May, the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney facilitated a hybrid meeting between HOI and HIPMI to test out the products and hoping that this success will encourage other Indonesian SMEs to go global.

INDONESIAN PRODUCTS KEEP SOARING THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET THROUGH INDONESIAN DIASPORA-IMPORTER IN SYDNEY, EVEN DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Through Indonesian-diaspora importer in Sydney Ivan Paulus, Vice President of Livingstone International, Indonesian-made products have been flooding the Australian market even during the current Covid-19 Pandemic. Currently, there are 17 available Indonesian-made products that are being sold in the Australian market under Livingstone International (LI), such as industrial grade aprons, protective sleeves, duct tape for packaging, plastic wrap for packages, polyethylene gloves, cutlery for take-away meals in restaurants, as well as containers for cosmetic samples. Some of the products have been purchased by several large Australian companies such as Mecca Cosmetics, Krispy Kreme, Primo, and Coles supermarket. During his visit to the LI warehouse, the Indonesian Consul General saw firsthand the export products from Indonesia to the Australian market that entered through LI, replacing export products from other countries and encouraging other Indonesia diaspora business champions to collaborate and capitalise on the momentum of IA-CEPA agreement.



Visiting Livingstone International storage facilities to see Indonesian export products



Consul General Heru Subolo with Vice President of Livingstone International, Ivan Paulus

CONSUL GENERAL DEWI TOBING: "IA-CEPA IS MORE THAN A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT"

In the opening of the Virtual Indonesia Trade Event and Cultural Exchange at Joondalup Resort, 1 April 2021, Consul General Dewi Tobing emphasized, "IA-CEPA is more than a free trade agreement; it goes well beyond the scope of simply liberating tariff in the export-import domain, for it aims to establish the foundation for a stronger bilateral partnership in a comprehensive manner, so its benefits may be felt by the people of both countries."

The Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Perth, in collaboration with the City of Joondalup, the City of Wanneroo, and the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science, and Innovation (JTSI), convened this hybrid event, where the West Australian business community attended physically to interact with their Indonesian counterparts through a digital connection.

The attending industries from both sides comprised of Health / Medical / Education; Advanced Manufacturing; Robotics/Automation; Cyber Security; Tourism; and Construction. By having 145 registered participants, this is by far the largest business event witnessed by WA in the post-lockdown phase.



The Indonesian Consul General in Perth, Dewi Tobing, delivered her opening remarks

Apart from the business segment, the event was enlivened by Indonesian culinary dishes and mesmerizing performances of Nusantara dances and Angklung musical ensemble, played by members of Dharma Wanita Persatuan of the Indonesian Consulate General in Perth.



Dharma Wanita Persatuan of the Indonesian Consulate General performed Angklung musical ensemble to the audience.



BUSINESS MATCHING TO BOOST EXPORT OF MSME PRODUCTS TO VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

The Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne, in collaboration with the Bandung City Government and ITPC Sydney, held a virtual business matching between Berdi Australia and Bandung MSME entrepreneurs, ranging from fashion, food & beverage to leather products, on 25 March 2021. The event was supported by the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra and attended by Garuda Indonesia in Melbourne and Aerojasa Group.

This business matching is a concerted effort to promote trade cooperation between Indonesia and Australia, particularly Indonesia's export to Victoria. Furthermore, it is also expected to be one of the arenas for Indonesian MSMEs to penetrate the international market.

OUTWARD INVESTMENT DISCUSSION IN A PICNIC WITH INDONESIAN DIASPORA



Consul General Heru Subolo (fourth from right), Mr. Henry Rombe, Director of IIPC (third from right), Mrs. Ayu Siti Maryam, Director of ITPC (second from right), representatives of Indonesian State's Owned Enterprises (BUMN) in Sydney and Indonesian diaspora

To end the summer season, the Indonesia Investment Promotion Centre (IIPC) Sydney and the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Sydney organised an outdoor gathering for Indonesian Diaspora in Sydney and other outward investors to show support on Indonesian business investment in Australia. The gathering was held in a seated picnic setting at Hollow Frog Picnic area inside Centennial Park on February 11. Around 13 Indonesian Diaspora, representatives from business associations and outward investors attended the gathering, including representatives from three state-owned enterprises (BUMN) of Indonesia, Telkom Indonesia, Pertamina Lubricants, and Garuda Indonesia.

Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia for NSW, QLD, and SA delivered an opening speech to encourage more Indonesian business investment in Australia and invite Indonesian Diaspora to spread the improvement made by the Indonesian government on business climate in Indonesia through the implementation of Omnibus Law.

The Director of IIPC Sydney was also in unison with him in hoping Diaspora Indonesia active participation in becoming an ambassador for Indonesian doing business improvement campaign. He also provided some information on the establishment of Batang Industrial Park and the latest updates on doing business climate, including the implementation of Omnibus Law.

During the discussion session, the Indonesian diaspora shared their feedback and know-how from their experience navigating through the competitive business climate in Australia. They also expressed their commitment to helping products from Telkom Indonesia, Pertamina Lubricants, and Garuda Indonesia to penetrate the Australian market. As a result of their commitment, follow-up meetings facilitated by IIPC Sydney have been held to discuss the cooperation further.



Ambassador Legowo at the State of the Nation 2021 held by the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA)

AMBASSADOR LEGOWO: “EVERY COUNTRY SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO VACCINES”

"This is not the time to show strength for dominance but the time to help one another. Indonesia always stands by the principle that every country should have access to vaccines," said the H.E. Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo, the Indonesian Ambassador to Australia and Vanuatu, as one of the speakers on the Ambassador Panel at the State of the Nation 2021 held by the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA), 24 June 2021.

During the panel, Ambassador Legowo stressed the importance of Indonesia to Australia as well as the dynamics between countries in the Indo-Pacific region. The important role of students in enhancing the people-to-people relationship between the nations as well as kick-starting economic recovery was also highlighted. On Covid-19, Ambassador Legowo emphasized the significance of working together and stated that no country is safe until all countries are safe.

CEDA Australia is an independent, membership-based think tank formed in 1960. CEDA identified the policy issues that matter for Australia's future and pursued solutions that deliver better economic and social outcomes. CEDA membership spans across Australia and in a broad cross-section of industry, government, community, and academia. This background serves as a perfect platform for Indonesia to disseminate our foreign policy as well as update recent development on various sectors of cooperation amidst the global pandemic.

CEDA's State of the Nation policy forum 2021 has been driving the quality debate about economic development for more than 40 years. This year's forum will focus on key topics such as securing economic dynamism, future-proofing exports and

working with China, rethinking tertiary education, getting the cyber balance right, defence funding and capability, and sustainable infrastructure. The 2021 conference returned to Canberra in order to have face-to-face sessions with the Parliamentarian at Parliament House. State of the Nation 2021 has been described in the media as "Australia's premier policymaker forum."

Touch upon one of his portfolios as part of ASEAN, Ambassador Legowo also reminded the audience that this regional forum is the only international organisation in the Indo-Pacific where all the major players of the region have a seat at the table. As Indo-Pacific is one of the centres of economic growth, ASEAN plays a vital role in keeping peace and stability, as well as has proven to have the ability to resolve any dispute peacefully.



WORKING LUNCHEON WITH MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS OF NORTHERN TERRITORY

Together, we can! Indonesia in Darwin had a working luncheon at Wisma Indonesia with Minister for Infrastructure Northern Territory, Honourable Eva Lawler; Minister for Multicultural Affairs Northern Territory, Honourable Kate Worden; Australia-Indonesia Business Council Northern Territory Chapter (AIBC-NT), and Rumah Indonesia Committee. The meeting was fruitful in discussing the update of the AIBC-NT 2021 program and the continuation of the "Rumah Indonesia" project

The meeting, which was arranged in the form of the Australia Indonesia Business Council Northern Territory Chapter (AIBC-NT), discussed the efforts to increase economic cooperation between Indonesia and the Northern Territory, Australia.

One of the topics discussed at the meeting was the plan to build an Indonesian cultural house (Rumah Indonesia) to be built independently by the Indonesian Diaspora in NT. The meeting has a result in an agreement that the NT Government would provide land for the construction of Indonesian Houses and asked the Team of Rumah Indonesia to submit an initial design to determine the need or area of the land required to be provided by the NT Government.



Consul Gulfan Afero & Mrs. Oeke Gumiarni with Minister for Infrastructure NT, Honourable Eva Lawler, Minister for Multicultural Affairs Northern Territory, Honourable Kate Worden, & Rumah Indonesia Committee



Working Luncheon between the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia, Honourable Eva Lawler, AIBC-NT and Rumah Indonesia Committee in Wisma Indonesia.

WEBINAR "COFFEE DIPLOMACY OF INDONESIA AND AUSTRALIA: WHAT'S NEXT?"



To explore the potentials of Indonesian coffees in Australia, the Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne held the Webinar "Coffee Diplomacy of Indonesia and Australia: What's Next?" on 3 March 2021.

The webinar discussed the potentials of Indonesian coffees in Australia, the coffee culture of Indonesian and Australian, technology in the coffee supply chain, as well as challenges and steps needed to boost Indonesian coffee exports to Australia, particularly Victoria. The webinar presented various speakers such as from Global Victoria, Specialty Coffee Association of Indonesia, and National Education University



SHOWCASING INDONESIAN FASHION DESIGNS IN AUSTRALIA'S GOLD COAST FASHION PROJECT (GCFP) 2021 FASHION SHOWS



Fashion designed by Indonesian fashion designers, Emmythee and Savira Lavinia, in the Gold Coast Fashion Project 2021 Fashion Shows

Indonesian Consul General for Sydney attended the Gold Coast Fashion Project (GCFP) 2021. The event promoted Indonesian fashion designers Emmythee and Savira Lavinia, who showcased their designs during the fashion shows in collaboration with the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney and the Indonesian Fashion Chamber (IFC). Both designers focused on the theme of sustainable fashion with a 'zero waste pattern' principle while also employing local craftsmen from various regions in Indonesia to boost the local economy. The Indonesian fashion industry is in the process of entering the Australian fashion market by collaborating with local boutiques.



Consul General Heru Subolo presented Indonesian merchandise to Simone Hickey, COO of GCFP



"TOUR BY ME": AN INDONESIA DIASPORA-MADE TRAVEL SERVICE APPLICATION TO BOOST INDONESIA'S TOURISM INDUSTRY



Consul General Heru Subolo delivered his opening remarks

As part of the effort to aid the recovering tourism industry in Indonesia, particularly in Bali, which was heavily impacted by the pandemic, the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney facilitated the launch of 'Tour By Me,' an online and application-based travel service, created and developed by Indonesian Diaspora in Sydney, Jemy Sutrisno and his team. This app is developed based on research and experience sharing by Australian travelers to Indonesia. The 'Tour By Me' travel service collaborates with the government and tourism sectors in Bali, including drivers and SME entrepreneurs such as crafters and souvenir vendors. The launch was received with overwhelming praise from those who attended both offline and online.



Consul General Heru Subolo with the creator of Tour by Me app, Jemy Sutrisno (second from the right)

GEBYAR SENI PEDULI INDONESIA



ARM-band featuring : Arum, Leni, Esti, Norida, Sophie, Jono, Deddy **zoom**
LAGU-LAGU DAERAH (various composers) - arr. : Putu Pendit, Iben RH, Anton Tobing

Although Indonesia is miles away, there are various ways to show your attention and care for our Indonesian friends and families back home. For a lot of Indonesian diaspora in Victoria, this could be by sending them care and love through art performances.

On 22 May 2021, the Consulate General, in collaboration with Aneka Ria (a community group of Indonesian diaspora in Victoria), convened a virtual cultural festival to boost the spirit and entertain the Indonesians back home during the challenging times of the pandemic. The event was also held to commemorate Indonesia's 'Hari Kebangkitan Nasional' (Indonesian National Awakening Day). The two-hour event showcased traditional dances, musical performances, poem reading, and messages to stay strong for our Indonesian friends back home.



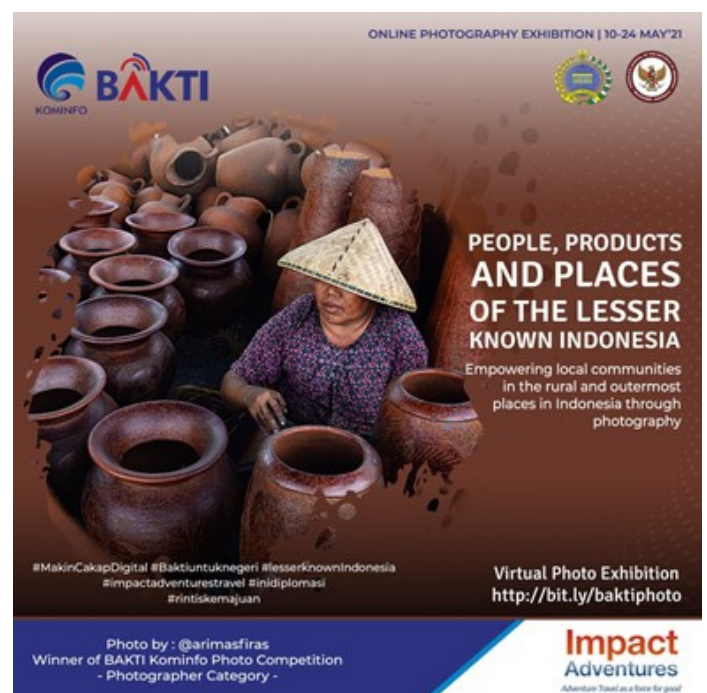
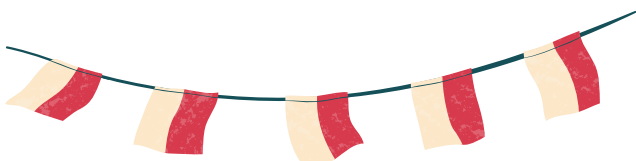
VIRTUAL PHOTO EXHIBITION “PEOPLE, PLACES, AND PRODUCTS OF THE LESSER-KNOWN INDONESIA”



On 10 May 2021, the Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne, in conjunction with BAKTI Ministry of Communication and Information and Impact Adventures, held the opening of a virtual photo exhibition to explore the potential of the rural and outermost part of Indonesia. This event was an effort to develop the Indonesian Tourism sector during the pandemic period as well as to map the potential of the rural and outermost part of Indonesia. The virtual photo exhibition started from 10–24 May 2021, featured more than 100 photos from talented local photographers and tour guides. The exhibition with the theme “Lesser Known Indonesians, Places and Products” showcased the unknown potentials of Indonesian tourism from Sabang to Merauke. The virtual photo exhibition was visited 4.127 times.



Pemenang Hadiah Utama: @yulyoyudha, dari Labuan Bajo. NTT



THE CHARM OF EAST NUSA TENGGARA ATTRACTS DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC IN CANBERRA



The Chair of the DWP as well as the Vice President of the Women's International Club (WIC) Canberra, Mrs. Caecilia Legowo explained about the NTT creative products such as weaving, sasando musical instruments to the President of WIC, 18/06/21.

In collaboration with Dharma Wanita Persatuan (DWP), the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra held a promotional activity with the Indonesian Cultural Circle (ICC) in Balai Kartini hall, the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra. This event aimed to promote the Province of East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) with the theme "East Nusa Tenggara, a Balance of Culture and Nature."

The event was opened by the Chair of the DWP as well as the Vice President of the Women's International Club (WIC) Canberra, Mrs. Caecilia Legowo, and continued with remarks from Mrs. Vera Alatas as Chair of the ICC. The event was attended by 100 guests consisting of ICC members, namely female foreign ambassadors, wives of ambassadors from friendly countries, female diplomats, businessmen, professionals, and socialites who reside in the Australian capital.

This ICC event promotes "Wonderful Indonesia," especially the wealth of arts and culture, creative economy products, and tourism in NTT that combine natural and cultural beauty to the international community, Australian public, and friends of Indonesia. Through this activity, guests are expected to get to know more about the richness of NTT arts and culture so that NTT will be among their touristic destinations after the COVID-19 pandemic ends.

Among the programs was an interactive presentation on NTT culture and tourism by a young diplomat, Ms. Fatimah Marilyn. Then the event was continued with a fashion show of NTT traditional clothes, dance performances, an exhibition of Indonesian creative economy products, and closed with a banquet of NTT dishes.

The two dances performed were the Bolelebo Dance (a dance to welcome guests) and the Gemu Fa Mi Re dance (a new creation dance from Maumere). The guests enthusiastically followed the Gemu Fa Mi Re dance movements.

The audience also had a chance to enjoy the NTT traditional culinary delights, including shredded chicken rice, stir-fried chickpeas, dried potatoes, and corn cakes, plus Sumba salad and sweet potato chips. The Indonesian export display was prepared to exhibit the jewelry, accessories, fashion, textiles, decorations, NTT creative economy products such as weaving, sasando musical instruments, and a mini photo exhibition of tourist destinations in NTT. "At this ICC event, accessories, creative economy, gems, home decor, and fashion products are promoted because they have good market opportunities in Australia," said the Trade Attaché of the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra.

The guests were quite impressed by the uniqueness of the Komodo dragon, one of the ancient animals that can only be found on the island of Komodo, NTT, which has been recognized by the United Nations as World Heritage, in East Nusa Tenggara. Mrs. Lorraine Nicholls, President of WIC, and Nicole Tucker admitted that they were fascinated by the ICC event of the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra and rated the event with a score of 11 out of 10. In the previous events, ICC promoted East Java Province. It is hoped that the audience will know better about Indonesia, love its creative products and travel to Indonesia as soon as conditions recover from the global pandemic.



Bolelebo Dance performance.

SMART LIBRARY: STRENGTHENING THE INDONESIAN LEARNING AT SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA

Good news for Indonesian learning in Australia! The Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, represented by the Education and Culture Attaché, Mr. Imran Hanafi, has signed an agreement with PT Gamedia Asri Media, one of Indonesia's biggest content providers, to provide Smart Library. This platform provides easy access to various interactive and interesting digital content of the Indonesian language and culture.

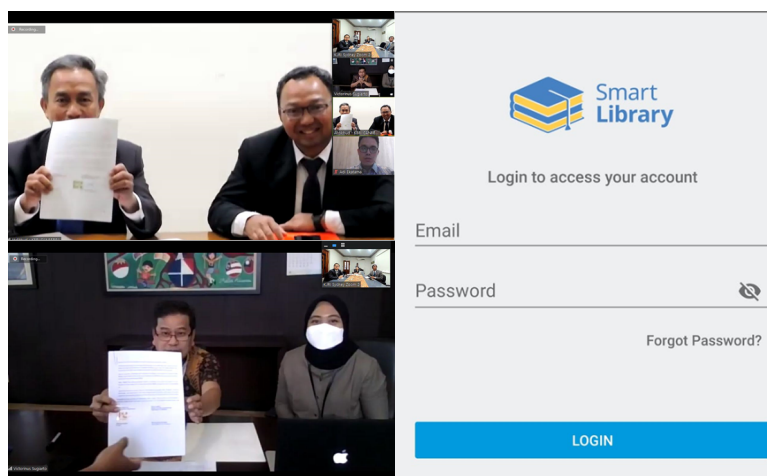
"The Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, supported by the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney and BBBI NSW, is proud to present this program in Australia in order to strengthen Indonesian language learning," said Mr. Hanafi, in his remarks in the virtual signing ceremony (15/04/2021). He added that this program is a pilot project in New South Wales that will later be developed in other states, which is very important to attract more students to learning Indonesian.

Witnessing the signing ceremony, the Indonesian Consul General in Sydney, Heru Subolo, underlined that the cooperation in providing SMART Library could answer the challenges of the declining trend of Indonesian learning in Australia.

This collaboration is the result of an initiative of Kestity Pringgoharjono, Chair of the Indonesian Language and Culture Center (BBBI) of New South Wales. Since 9 (nine) months ago, Kestity worked with the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, Gamedia, and the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney in realizing this idea. "This collaboration is a strategic step to support Indonesian language teachers who have difficulty getting teaching enrichment materials, especially since the pandemic," said Kestity.



Kestity Pringgoharjono (center) and the Information, Social, and Cultural Section of the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney



The Indonesian Embassy in Canberra (top left), Gamedia (bottom left) and the Smart Library app (right)

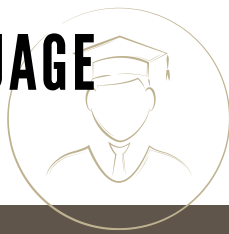
As a pilot project, schools in New South Wales will be the first users. New South Wales has 47 public schools, many private schools, and community schools teaching Indonesian language programs. Based on data from the New South Wales Department of Education in 2019, there were at least 3,866 public school students at the high school level who studied Indonesian.

"Gamedia thanks the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra for the trust to collaborate in providing digital libraries," said Victorius Sugiarto, Director of Gamedia. Victorius added that the various features available in the Gamedia Smart Library are expected to make it easier for teachers to provide a new learning experience to students. "Appreciation to Indonesian writers that with this collaboration, their work has "officially" gone international, which is a matter of pride and fosters enthusiasm to continue working," concluded Victorinus.



The virtual signing ceremony of an agreement between the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra and Gamedia

MAINTAINING AND PROMOTING THE INDONESIAN LANGUAGE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA SCHOOLS



As a further effort in maintaining the continuity of the Indonesian language in Western Australian schools, the Indonesian Consul General in Perth has held a series of visits to several schools, among others Yanchep Lagoon Primary School, Butler Primary School, Peter Moyes Anglican Community School, Tambrey Primary School, Maidens Park Primary School, and Newton Moore Senior High School. In addition, the Indonesian Consulate General has received school visits to its premises aiming to know Indonesia more closely, both through language and culture, which is carried out through workshops on Gamelan, Angklung, Batik, and traditional dancing.



Students take part in Gamelan music workshop

The ability of Australian students to understand the Indonesian language also continues to increase intermittently. “Integrating the Indonesian language into a daily routine is an effective step in grasping the Indonesian language properly,” said the Consul General in her interaction with students. The students welcomed the Consul General and her team to their school with enthusiasm and exhilaration. They also appreciated the openness and amenability of the Consulate General in welcoming their visit to the Consulate General.



Consul General Dewi Tobing interacts with students during her visit to schools

On the occasion of the meeting with the Principal and Teachers, the Consul General appreciated their tremendous support and contribution in promoting the Indonesian language as evidenced by the number of students who have reached tens of thousands. Furthermore, the Consul General also offers several capacity building programs for teachers which will be implemented within the framework of cooperation between educational institution in Indonesia and Australia. Visits to schools and conversely, received positive acknowledgement from schools, which were felt as tangible support from the Indonesian government.

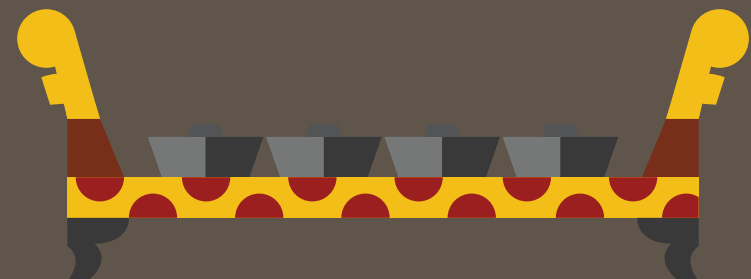


Students enthusiastically presented "Tanah Air" songs

The Consul General emphasized that “the language and cultural approach is an important pillar that will further strengthen the relationship between Indonesia and Australia through people to people contact and links, where language becomes the glue and unifier as well as a powerful means to get to know a nation.”



Students learn to play Angklung instrument





Indonesian teachers in front of the Duyfken ship

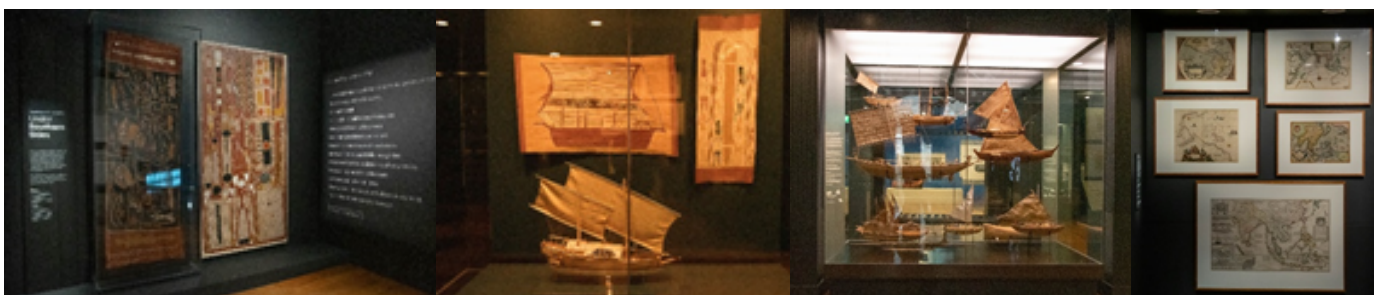
APPRECIATION DAY FOR INDONESIAN TEACHERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

On a clear sunny day, the Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney, Attache for Education and Culture, and Balai Bahasa dan Budaya Indonesia NSW (Indonesian Language and Culture Association) held an appreciation day event for Indonesian teachers in New South Wales at the Australian National Maritime Museum (14/01/2021). In his opening remarks, Consul General Heru Subolo extended the highest appreciation to all Indonesian teachers in NSW for their commitment, dedication, and contribution in promoting Indonesian to Australian students.

During this event, the Indonesian teachers had the opportunity to visit the Under the Southern Skies gallery and learn some historical and cultural artifacts, which informed early interaction between Indonesian-Makassan fishermen and Australian indigenous communities. Furthermore, the teachers also boarded the Duyfken, a stunning replica of the first European ship to reach Australia in 1606, long before the arrival of Captain James Cook in 1770.



Consul General Heru Subolo delivered his opening remarks



Some historical artifacts and cultural objects at the Under the Southern Skies Gallery

SCHOOL VISIT FROM HUMPTY DOO PRIMARY SCHOOL

A total of 43 students with five teachers of Humpty Doo Primary School has visited Indonesian Consulate in Darwin in order to be able to know more about Indonesia (4/6/2021).

Besides having sharing & caring experience using Bahasa with the Indonesian Consul, Gulfan Afero, the students from Humpty Doo also had the opportunity to learn traditional music Angklung, enjoy Shadow Puppet performance, and taste Indonesian snacks; pukis cake and chicken rissoles.

The students from Humpty Doo enthusiastically listened to the Indonesian Consul regarding the importance of learning Bahasa. Indonesian Consulate in Darwin also gave an appreciation to Humpty Doo Primary School who has been consistently held Bahasa Indonesia program.

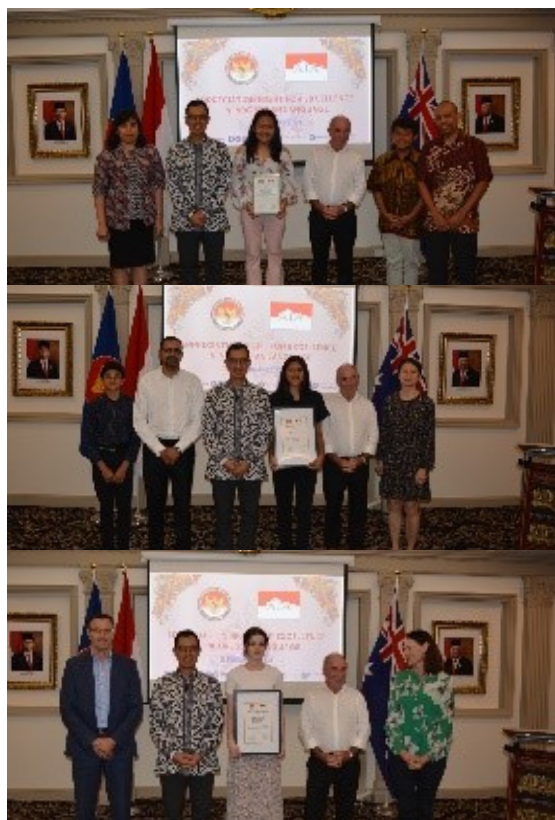
Sampai bertemu lagi di lain kesempatan!



Consul Gulfan emphasized to the students of Humpty Doo Primary School on the importance of learning Bahasa Indonesia and the culture of Indonesia

The students from Humpty Doo Primary Schools showed enthusiasm towards Shadow Puppet performance at the Indonesian Consulate.

ACHIEVING THE HIGHEST IN INDONESIAN, AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS WIN THE LOTTIE MARAMIS AWARD



Consul General Heru Subolo, President AIA NSW, Neil Smith, and Karen, Priyanka, Amanda with their families

Thursday, 18 February 2021, was a special day for Karen, Priyanka, and Elizabeth, 3 (three) Year 12 students in New South Wales (NSW), Australia. Do you know why? Because the three students won the "Lottie Maramis" award and Certificate of Appreciation, which was presented by the Indonesian Consul General in Sydney, Heru Hartanto Subolo, and the President of the Australia Indonesia Association (AIA) NSW, Neil Smith, on the occasion of the "Appreciation Night for Excellence in the Indonesian Language" at the Indonesian Consulate General office in Sydney.

The Award Night program was even more special because it brought together families and Indonesian language teachers from each student. The event was also attended by representatives of Balai Bahasa dan Budaya Indonesia NSW (the Indonesian Language and Culture Association), the Australia Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA) NSW, and representatives from the Indonesian language study program at the University of Sydney.

For the 2020 HSC, there are 4 (four) students who attained the highest scores for the Indonesian language in the state. They are Natasha Susanto from Glenwood High School for the Beginners category, Priyanka Maniam from Ryde Secondary College for the Continuers category, Elizabeth Meredith-Daly from Burwood Girls High School for the Extension category, and Karen Amanda from the NSW School of Languages for the Indonesian and Literature category. The award for Natasha Susanto was presented during the School's Assembly at Glenwood High School on 19 February 2021.

PANEL DISCUSSION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021

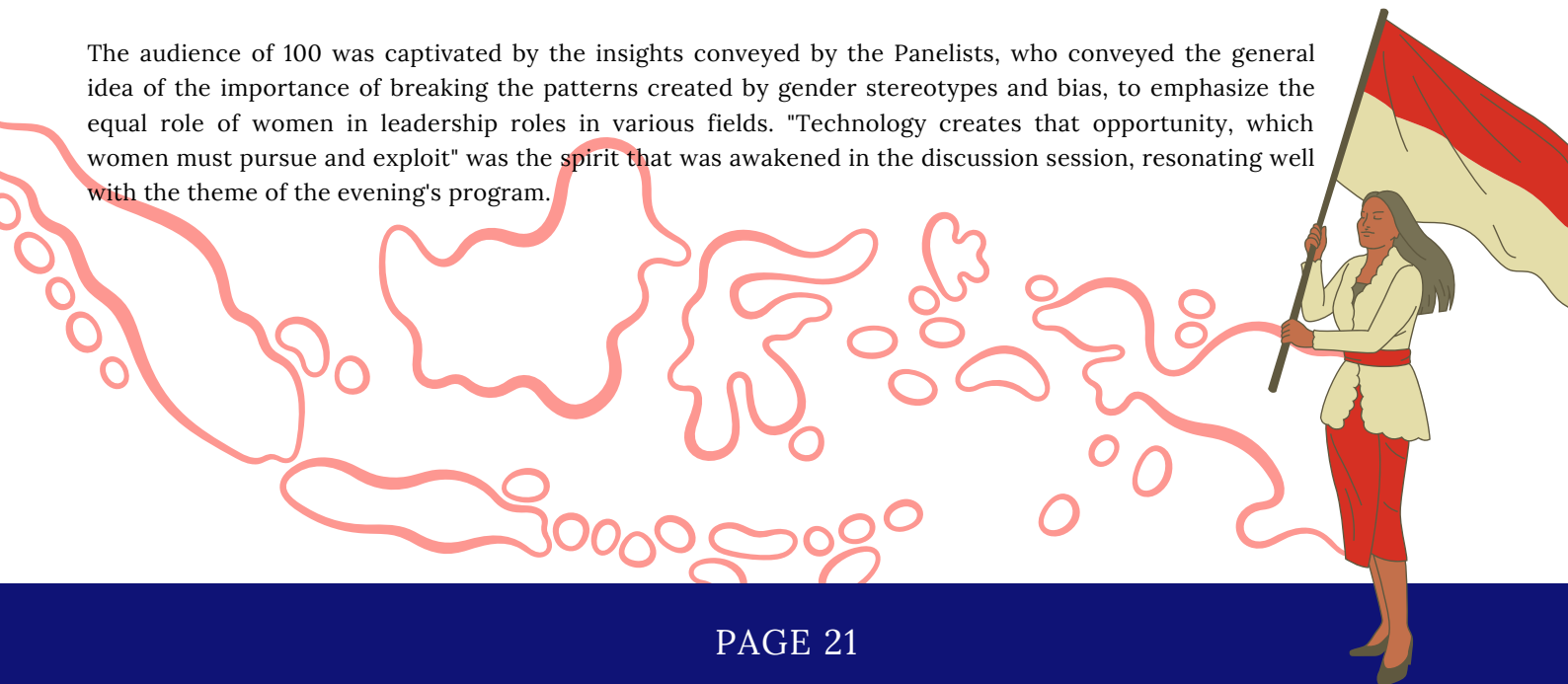


Ms Sarah Hooper, WA State Director DFAT (first left), moderated the event; Consul General Dewi Tobing (centre) with other panelists

In her capacity as Dean of Consular Corps Western Australia (CCWA), the Indonesian Consul General in Perth and her committee held a panel discussion in the commemoration of International Women's Day (IWD) 2021 under the theme Chose to Challenge, which took place in the Hall of the Indonesian Consulate General. "The theme is to celebrate the extraordinary efforts of women to fight for a more equal future, with the courage to challenge gender bias and inequality in various fields. Without this courage, the path to equality between men and women will never be opened, let alone achieved," stated the Indonesian Consul General In her opening remarks on March 4, 2021.

IWD Commemoration is part of the CCWA Annual Activities Calendar, and this year's event has a special theme, "Women in Leadership." The event presented 5 (five) outstanding women as panelists, namely Honorable Kate Doust MLC, President of the Legislative Council; Associate Professor Parwinder Kaur, UWA, Superstar STEM, Australian Science & Technology; Ms. Zara Fisher, General Manager Utilities at Fortescue Metals Group, and Ms. Sarah Hooper, WA State Director DFAT, who moderated the event.

The audience of 100 was captivated by the insights conveyed by the Panelists, who conveyed the general idea of the importance of breaking the patterns created by gender stereotypes and bias, to emphasize the equal role of women in leadership roles in various fields. "Technology creates that opportunity, which women must pursue and exploit" was the spirit that was awakened in the discussion session, resonating well with the theme of the evening's program.





EID AL-FITR CELEBRATION



Eid al-Fitr Open House at the residence of the Indonesian Ambassador in Canberra

Minal Aidin Walfaidzin... In a warm and friendly atmosphere, the Indonesian Embassy and Consulates General in Australia celebrated Eid al-Fitr 1442 Hijrah.

For instance, the Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne held Eid prayer at its office with limited participants. The event was convened in an intimate and friendly atmosphere, with no more than 100 people. As the crowd ends the prayer, everyone enjoyed warm 'bakso komplit' (meatball) and enjoyed each other's company.

The Indonesian Consulate in Darwin held an Open House event at Wisma Indonesia, Darwin (15/05). The event was organized with the Indonesian nuances and had been attended by 80 invitees, including The Administrator of the Northern Territory, Her Honour the Honourable Vicky O'Halloran AM; Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Honourable Kate Worden; Mayor of Palmerston, Her Worshipful the Mayor of Palmerston Athina Pascoe-Bell; Mayor of Litchfield, Her Worshipful Mayor of Litchfield Maree Bredhauer along with Northern Territory



Eid prayer at the Indonesian Consulate General, Melbourne

government officials, DFAT and diplomatic circles and business people.

The two-hour event, which was canceled last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, provided an Authentic Indonesian foods menu such as Chicken Satay + Lontong, Vegan Fried Rice, Gado-Gado, and the traditional Indonesian snacks like Chicken Rissoles, Lapis Surabaya, and Nagasari cake.

On the same day, still in an amiable atmosphere in the evening, Indonesia in Darwin also held an Open House which invited Indonesian communities in Northern Territory. The level of attendance of the Indonesian Diaspora was quite high compared to previous years. In total, 420 guests were attended and showed appreciation as well as gratitude to Indonesian Consulate for them to be able to maintain good friendship among Indonesian people and enjoy Indonesian specialties in a very close and warm family atmosphere.

The event also featured performances by Madrasah students managed by one of the Indonesian Diaspora in Darwin. The Open House event held by KRI Darwin is still carried out by following the COVID-19 Health protocol in accordance with the NT Government.



The Singing Performance by Madrasah students in Darwin.



Consul Gulfan, Mrs. Oeke Gumiarni, and diplomats from the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia in Darwin with the Administrator of the Northern Territory, Her Honour the Honourable Vicky O'Halloran AM for First Session of Open House Idul Fitri 1442 H at Wisma Indonesia.

THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

For years, the issue of domestic violence towards Indonesians in Australia has become one of the concerns of all Indonesian missions in Australia.

On 7 April 2021, the Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne, in collaboration with Kabo Lawyers and Buset Magazine, held a webinar on legal protection in domestic violence cases. The event is a part of the Consulate General's commitment to collaborate with mass media and partners in the legal area to increase public awareness regarding Indonesian citizen protection services. The activity commenced with remarks from the Acting Consul General, followed by a presentation by Mr. Konfir Kabo.



Mr. Konfir Kabo delivered his presentation

CONSULAR SERVICES IN THE VICTORIA REGIONAL AREA



Following the easing of restrictions in Victoria at the end of February 2021 and the policy to allow intrastate movement within Victoria, the Indonesian Consulate General was able to convene a number of consular services for Indonesians in Regional Victoria, such as Warragul (27 February 2021) and Swan Hill (3 April 2021). During these visits, the staff gave a presentation to encourage self-register (lapor diri) through Portal Peduli WNI, policies and the protection of Indonesian citizens, immigration, and consular services. Various consular services were also provided, including mobile passport renewal. These visits are hoped to provide convenience and practicality for Indonesian citizens who reside in the regional area of Victoria and Tasmania.



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Top: Consul General Heru Subolo delivered his remarks

The Indonesian Consulate General in Sydney, in collaboration with the Caring is Culture Organization has organized a Domestic Violence Prevention Training activity, BETA SIAGA (Bersama Kita Saling Jaga). The training was delivered by Mrs. Amy Dhewayani, President of CIC/Senior Human Rights Trainer for CALD, and participated by representatives of the Indonesian community in Queensland. This training provided the participants with in-depth knowledge on the prevention of domestic violence. The participants are expected to be part of the relief network so that Indonesian citizens becoming the victims of domestic violence can get help in accordance with Australian Laws.

Since its launch in July 2020, the BETA SIAGA Program has been carried out in the form of legal counseling activities four times in 2020 and three times training in 2021 with increased and in-depth material in each training activity.



Participants of the Domestic Violence Training