



Country Brief – Indonesia

Indonesian policy developments

1. Human resource development and innovation in Indonesia is being guided by the Indonesia Economic Masterplan (MP3E1) which aims to accelerate and expand economic development to support its transformation to a developed country by 2025. Human resource development is one of the key pillars of the plan to provide skilled labour and innovation in each of the six Indonesian economic corridors. A copy of the MP3E1 is available at http://www.ekon.go.id/media/filemanager/2011/07/06/m/p/mp3ei-english_final.pdf.
2. In July 2012 the Indonesian Parliament passed the Bill on Higher Education. The Bill includes several new provisions which should facilitate greater collaboration with foreign HEIs including greater autonomy for Indonesian HEIs and provisions for foreign HEIs to deliver education services in Indonesia in partnership with local HEIs. A copy of the Bill is available at <https://aei.gov.au/International-network/indonesia/PolicyUpdates-Indonesia/Pages/Article---Indonesian-Higher-Education-Bill.aspx>.
3. In August 2012, the Indonesian Directorate General of Higher Education (DGHE) announced a moratorium on establishment of new HEIs and programs until 31 August 2014. The moratorium aims to support the new Bill to ensure performance of existing HEIs and programs. Further information is available at <https://aei.gov.au/International-network/indonesia/PolicyUpdates-Indonesia/Pages/Moratorium.aspx>.
4. Ministry of Education and Culture is supporting HRD and innovation through several initiatives:
 - Improving quality, access and governance of tertiary education as set out in the National Education Plan 2010-2014
 - Establishing Centres of Excellence to support innovation development in economic corridors
 - Improving quality, access and relevance of polytechnics (including \$100,000 ADB polytechnic development project)
 - Establishment of 269,000 community colleges to deliver Diploma 1 and 2 regional industry based courses
 - 181 vocational high schools (SMK) to link with polytechnics to deliver a 3+1 year program offering additional competencies for students to enter workforce or provide pathway to Diploma 2 at polytechnics.

Looking ahead

1. A two year VET Mentoring Pilot program is scheduled to commence in May 2013 which will support 40 polytechnic future leaders undertaking a 2 week leadership and training program in Australia. The aim of the program is to improve the quality and relevance of training in polytechnics to meet industry needs (including Australian businesses operating in Indonesia) and provide basis for possible establishment of joint programs leading to recognition of qualifications in both countries to support worker mobility. The pilot is being jointly funded by DIISRTE and Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture (MoEC) and administered by TAFE Directors Australia.
2. The first round of negotiations for the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (I-A CEPA) is expected to be completed in late March 2013. This follows the commencement of first round of negotiations in September 2012 in Jakarta. The Australia Indonesia Industry Partnership Group (comprising AIBC, IABC, ACCI and Kadin) submission identifies several opportunities to help build education and research sector performance and consequently Indonesian labour market performance. See <http://www.dfat.gov.au/fta/iacepa/submissions/>.
3. DIISRTE at Post will be hosting an Indonesia-Australia science seminar series in 2013 with the support of the Australian and Indonesian Academy of Sciences. The aim of the seminar series is to promote Australia's excellence in science and to encourage greater research cooperation between Australia and Indonesia.
4. In 2014 the Australian Government will undertake a major cultural promotion in Indonesia under the auspices of the Australia International Cultural Council (AICC, situated in DFAT). The program will broaden public perceptions and community attitudes, foster stronger people-to-people links and seed meaningful partnerships in culture, science, innovation, sport and education. The program of events will be decided early this year. Sponsorship packages are being put together now and formal approaches to the corporate and government sectors will be made soon.

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