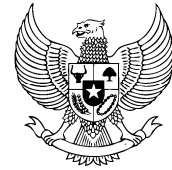




## Australia Indonesia Partnership

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### Kemitraan Australia Indonesia



#### MAY 2006 UPDATE

Applications are currently open for Australian scholarships including the new Australian Leadership Awards and Endeavour Indonesia Research Fellowships.

These awards are part of a major initiative by Australia to double the number of educational scholarships offered in the Asia-Pacific region, with nearly \$1.4 billion in funding over five years for more than 19,000 scholarships.

With up to 700 scholarships being offered in 2006-07 for Indonesians to study in Australia, there is a broad range of opportunities available for high achieving students, researchers and professionals who want to gain new skills and experiences. Details of the awards and contacts for further information appear at the end of this Update.

Australia is welcoming 300 new students arriving to commence their post graduate studies in the next two semesters. Ceremonies were held to congratulate scholars in Jakarta in May. Senior AusAID representatives attended. Forty nine students are already studying in Australia.

This edition of the Update also contains information on:

- 1. Australia's response to the Yogyakarta earthquake**
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#### News Items for May

- 1. Australia's response to the Yogyakarta earthquake:** Australia has committed \$8 million in immediate assistance to survivors of the earthquake that struck Yogyakarta on 27 May. The Australian Government's international aid Agency AusAID has provided the funding through the Indonesian Red Cross and Red Crescent Society and other key relief agencies to enable them to meet the urgent needs of victims such as medical assistance, food and shelter.

- To date, Australia has deployed 66 disaster relief personnel to assist in humanitarian relief efforts:
- A 42 member Australian and SOS medical team including surgeons, operating staff, disaster medicine specialist and logisticians has been operating at three hospital sites in Yogyakarta, providing specialist medical assistance.
- A five-person essential services team, led by an AusAID infrastructure adviser, has begun assessments of central water supplies and piped water systems.
- A team has also been deployed to assist with structural and engineering issues. A pharmacist with experience in Aceh is assisting in the receipt and coordination of pharmaceuticals
- Australia will also provide infrastructure expertise to a World Bank loss and damage assessment.
- AusAID staff are on-the-ground coordinating assistance and liaising with local authorities.

The Australian Prime Minister, on behalf of the Australian people, has offered condolences to the families of the victims.

2. **Increase in total aid allocation to Indonesia.** The Australian Government will provide an estimated \$344.3 million (Rp.2.3 trillion) in aid to Indonesia in 2006-07, following the release of the Commonwealth budget on 9 May. This forms part of almost \$2 billion in aid that Australia will provide to Indonesia to 2010. Indonesia now receives more Australian aid than any other country.

In 2006-07, AusAID, through the Australia Indonesia Partnership, will make major investments in education and roads infrastructure. It will commence programs to repair more than 2000 kilometres of national roads and 4,500 metres of steel truss bridges in Eastern Indonesia and construct or repair of around 2000 junior and secondary schools in poor and remote districts.

“In Aceh, we will help rebuild community infrastructure and re-establish health and education facilities,” said Farmer

In the lead up to the Budget, the Australian Government released its first White Paper on Australian aid. The paper, titled Australian Aid: Promoting Growth and Stability, sets the direction of Australian aid for the next decade and will see Australia’s global aid double to \$4 billion annually by 2010.

Total Australian official development assistance is estimated to be \$2.946 billion, an increase of \$455 million over the 2005–06 budget figure (\$2.491 billion).

3. **Launch of Australian Leadership Awards:** The Australian Ambassador to Indonesia launched the new Australian Leadership Awards in Jakarta on 19 May before an invited audience of over 60 Indonesian Government representatives and other organisations. The Awards are open to people who are already leaders or have potential to assume leadership roles that can influence social and economic policy reform and development outcomes in the Asia Pacific region.

ALAs provide scholarships for longer-term post-graduate study at masters or doctoral level and fellowships for short-term research, study or professional attachments. Applications for the scholarship program have already opened and close on 31 July. Applications for the fellowship program will open in August. The Awards have been promoted nationally and regionally through television, press and radio advertising as well as through direct mail and scholarship information sessions. Further information on the Australian Leadership Awards is available at the end of this Update.

4. **Ambassador's visit to Aceh and launch of RENSTRA:** During a visit to Aceh with the Indonesian Health Minister on 9 May, the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Bill Farmer, welcomed the first Provincial Health Strategic Plan (RENSTRA), which was developed with Australia's help. Mr Farmer and the Health Minister also officially re-opened the Provincial Health Office, which was severely damaged by the tsunami. Australia provided over \$400,000 for repairs and refurbishment, and has worked with the provincial health sector since the disaster to restore health services. The rehabilitation of the PHO has helped to strengthen the provincial health system so that it is better able to provide and coordinate safe, efficient and effective care for the community.

Mr Farmer remarked on the significant progress of reconstruction during his visit to a number of Australian-funded projects in Banda Aceh. He noted that Zainoel Abidin's Emergency department was fully operational, property boundaries had now been mapped for over 50,000 parcels of land, significant improvements had been made to temporary shelter and construction of village halls and schools was underway.

5. **Government Partnerships Fund:** On 2 June the AIPRD Secretaries Committee gave in-principle endorsement to four new detailed activity proposals for capacity building activities and exchanges to be undertaken by ATO with the Director General Tax (reform of tax administration), the ANAO with the Indonesian Supreme Audit Board (external audit functions) and by PM&C with the State Secretariat and Cabinet Secretariat (cabinet processes, document and internet management issues, Commonwealth-State coordination on legislative issues). All proposals have been endorsed by Indonesian counterpart agencies.

The Department of Finance and Administration completed a scoping visit (28-30 May) to the Indonesian Ministry of Finance (IMoF) to examine potential activities on cash management, budget management and other priorities. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has been scoping potential cooperation with its Indonesian counterpart (BPS) to strengthen national statistical capabilities. Treasury conducted further scoping of planned capacity building (22-24 May) in the formulation and

carriage of fiscal policy and, in relation to this, analyses of an appropriate organisational structure to support MoF role and functions. Treasury will deploy a senior official to IMoF later in 2006 to advise upon and coordinate its engagement with Indonesia over the long-term.

The Attorney-General's Department is exploring cooperation with the Ministry of Law and Human Rights (among others) in the areas of mutual assistance and extradition, research and legal drafting with a view to conducting detailed scoping mission/s to Indonesia at a time to be confirmed. APSC will shortly deploy a long-term consultant in Indonesia to work with the Civil Service Agency, Ministry of Administrative Reform and State Administrative Institute on civil service reform issues. Scoping and design of the Governance Research Partnership continues.

Developments over last three months, including latest proposals to be approved, signal sound growth in the partnerships being formed under GPF.

6. **Land mapping agreement signed.** On 18 May, a new \$4 million subsidiary agreement was signed by AusAID with the Indonesia's National Surveying Agency (BAKOSURTANAL) to commence work on an Aceh Mapping Assistance Program, Phase I.

The aim of this Program is to provide digital orthorectified radar and satellite imagery of tsunami damaged coastal areas of Aceh and Nias to assist community mapping, planning and rebuilding efforts. Additional phases of the Project will address topographical map production as well as technical assistance to the BRR to assist infrastructure spatial planning and surveying needs.

7. **Indonesia's first Legal Aid Handbook.** AusAID, through IALDF and Indonesian legal aid organisation YLBHI, has produced and launched Indonesia's first Legal Aid Handbook. The Handbook is modelled on an Australian publication and aims to improve community access to information on various legal issues/rights.

The Handbook has attracted high level attention and was formally launched by the Attorney General, Mr Abdul Rahman Saleh, and the Minister for Law and Human Rights, Dr Hamid Awaluddin. Future editions of the handbook will be produced by YLBHI. It is expected that over time the handbook will become a central tool for lawyers, judges and other legal practitioners as well as an important source of legal information for civil society. AusAID has distributed copies to relevant legal institutions (including Attorney Generals and Supreme Court libraries), universities, legal aid institutions and non government organisations.

8. **Roads contract.** On 12 May, AusAID advertised for expressions of interest from eligible firms to develop an appropriate performance monitoring and evaluation methodology for EINRIP. It is expected that the monitoring and evaluation of EINRIP will commence in 2007 and run until three years after project completion (2013).
9. **Australia Indonesia Partnership brand.** Guidelines for the use of the Australia Indonesia Partnership brand are available for implementing partners, contractors

and other organizations needing to access Australian aid branding requirements in Indonesia. The guidelines include sample templates. Copies of the AIP logo are also available for download. Visit [www.indo.ausaid.gov.au](http://www.indo.ausaid.gov.au) to access these tools.

Note that this May update does not provide detailed information on the implementation of agreed programs. This information will be provided on a quarterly basis, with the next full update scheduled for distribution in early July 2006. In the interim, any questions about program implementation or regarding this Update should be directed to Allison Sudradjat, Senior Representative on 3924322 x 501.

## **Australian Scholarships**

**Indonesian citizens are eligible and encouraged to apply for the following awards:**

<b>Award Name</b>	<b>Study Level</b>	<b>Opening Date</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Website</b>
Australian Leadership Awards	Masters, doctoral and fellowship	1 May 06	31 July 06	<a href="http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar">http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar</a> or email <a href="mailto:ala@ausaid.gov.au">ala@ausaid.gov.au</a>
Australian Development Scholarships	Masters and doctoral	19 June 06	8 Sept 06	<a href="http://www.adsjakarta.or.id">http://www.adsjakarta.or.id</a>
Endeavour Indonesia Research Fellowships	Postgraduate or postdoctoral research	26 April 06	14 July 06	<a href="http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au">http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au</a>
Endeavour Asia Awards	Postgraduate study or research	29 May 06	25 Aug 06	<a href="http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au">http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au</a>
Endeavour Cheung Kong Awards	Postgraduate or postdoctoral research	3 April 06	30 June 06	<a href="http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au">http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au</a>
Endeavour Postgraduate Awards	Postgraduate	29 May 06	25 Aug 06	<a href="http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au">http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au</a>
Endeavour Executive Awards	Professional Development	15 May 06	18 Aug 06	<a href="http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au">http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au</a>
Endeavour VTE Awards	Diploma/Advanced Diploma	26 April 06	31 July 06	<a href="http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au">http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au</a>
Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (Endeavour IPRS)	Higher degree by research (Masters or PhD)	Applications made directly to Australian universities.	Applications made directly to Australian universities.	<a href="http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au">http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au</a>

In addition, the Australian Partnership Scholarships (APS) program is a special awards program for Indonesia, announced following the December 2004 tsunami. Applications are open from 8 May to 7 July. The website is [www.apsprogram.or.id](http://www.apsprogram.or.id).

