

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AND
THE DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND SKILLS
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
ON
PARTNERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

In the framework of strengthening the cooperation between the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on behalf of the Government and the Devolved Administrations of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations of the respective countries, representatives from the UK paid a visit to Indonesia in the period from 11-12 April 2012. After discussions, both sides agreed to make a Joint Communiqué which is as follows:

Indonesia and the UK:

1. Aspire to develop a stronger relationship in the fields of education, research and innovation by implementing a unified programme of strategic initiatives in educational co-operation, designed to support Indonesia's development and to reinforce UK's position as a high quality and effective partner.
2. Intend to review and to refresh the current bilateral Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on Cooperation in the Fields of Education, Science, and Culture, signed in 2002, which is expected to be concluded by both sides on May 2012 when the Minister of Education and Culture of Indonesia is expected to visit UK, or by the end of this year.
3. Recognise that the strength of the partnership will reflect successful collaboration across a range of government departments, devolved administrations and institutions the two countries and will establish a joint working group to decide the content of the enhanced co-operation, which will be outlined in the revised Agreement.
4. Envisage that the Indonesia-UK Partners in Education will include the following components:
 - A biennial meeting of Ministers to engage in strategic dialogue and an annual Policy Review of Higher and Further Education
 - Increased student mobility in both directions
 - An expansion of joint academic programmes, joint degrees, and joint research
 - Continuation of the UK government's Chevening Scholarship programme for Indonesia

- Exploration of new programme to introduce Knowledge Economy partnerships, linking universities with business and industry in each country
 - Language support for young lecturers and those applying for Indonesian government PhD scholarships and Scheme for Academic Mobility and Exchange (SAME), delivered in part through capacity building from UK for the four lecturer development and training centres in Indonesia, established by the Ministry of Education and Culture
 - UK universities providing PhD supervision of academic staff in Indonesian universities
 - New Educational leadership programme to assist Indonesia as it upgrades the quality of its schools and universities and to share the benefits of internationalisation to both sides
 - Exploring cross-cutting areas for discussion through policy dialogues and consultancy visits, such as Quality Assurance, Education financing and Lifelong Learning, and degree recognition
 - Support for the establishment of a Certification Framework in Indonesia and provision of practical advice and support from UK to aid skills development in vocational education and in specific industries. This will involve practitioners from industry, UK certification agencies and professional bodies, working with the Indonesia National Certification Body (BNSP) and will cover themes such as the hospitality industry, creative industries, low carbon economy and the extractive industries
 - Continuation of school links and exchanges focussed on areas of mutual interest including but not limited to the fields of English language, entrepreneurship, climate change, school management and inter-faith issues and utilising the latest technologies to extend the scale and reach of training to millions of teachers
5. Confirm that this partnership will be funded with contributions from both Governments, and express their hope that private sector partners would support the programme by funding specific components or providing additional scholarships, with private partners welcome from both countries.

This Joint Communiqué was issued and signed in Jakarta, 11 April 2012.

For the Ministry of Education and Culture
of the Republic of Indonesia

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Innovation and Skills
on behalf of the Government and
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of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland



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