

ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN
THE AUSTRALIA-INDONESIA INSTITUTE
OF THE
AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
IN RELATION TO A
PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF REGIONAL ISLAMIC
INSTITUTIONS

In the interests of contributing to upgrading of the qualifications of selected teaching staff at Islamic educational institutions (IAINs/ST AINs) outside Java as a means towards improving the quality of Islamic education in Indonesia and pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Education and Training between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, signed at Canberra on 10 March 2003, the Australia-Indonesia Institute (All) of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Religious Affairs (MORA) of the Republic of Indonesia (hereinafter referred to as "the parties"), have reached the following arrangement:

1. The Parties will establish a Graduate Training Program (the program) for selected teaching staff at Islamic educational institutions (IAINs/STAINs) outside Java to undertake a two-year post-graduate program of study in order to upgrade their teaching qualifications.
2. The program will comprise one year of supervised study and research skills development at selected Australian universities and one year of research and thesis preparation at their home university in Indonesia.
3. The selection of participants for the program will be the joint responsibility of the parties. MORA will advertise the program at relevant IAINs/ST AINs, receive and assess all applications and select a shortlist of approximately fifteen to twenty applicants. The parties will then jointly conduct a selection process to identify five participants to undertake the program. Participants, male and female, will be

current teaching staff at IAINs/STAINs, have some knowledge of the English language and be required to pass a medical examination before departing for Australia.

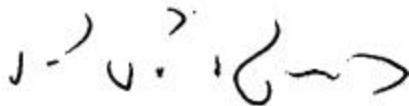
4. Participants will be enrolled in selected Australian universities, based on study programs agreed upon by the parties, giving due consideration to the specific needs and interests expressed by the participants and assessed by their supervisors.
5. Participants will apply for a visa at an Australian diplomatic or consular mission in accordance with the normal procedures required under Australia's relevant laws and regulations.
6. The Cultural Attaché or other representatives of either party may visit the educational institutions in the country of the other party at any time, at their own Government's expense, to talk to participants.
7. The parties undertake that a certificate from an Australian university will be awarded to participants in recognition of their Australian study program and that the theses produced from their Indonesian research program will be published.
8. The implementation of this Arrangement will be financed in accordance with the following understandings:
 - a. all expenses relating to international travel arranged as mutually determined by the parties in respect of Indonesian participants and Australian personnel will be met by the Australia-Indonesia Institute of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
 - b. travel expenses incurred by short-listed applicants to attend selection interviews in Indonesia will be met by the Australia-Indonesia Institute of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
 - c. all expenses relating to tuition, accommodation and internal travel while participants are engaged in study activities in Australia under this Arrangement will be met by the Australia-Indonesia Institute of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
 - d. a living allowance, book allowance and medical insurance for the participants will be provided by the Australia-Indonesia Institute of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
 - e. all expenses relating to the advertising of the program, short-listing of applicants, and the provision of preliminary English-language training for participants will be met by the Department of Religious Affairs; and
 - f. individual participants will bear their own costs for expenses incurred outside the program including excess baggage while traveling and travel independent of the program.

9. Any dispute between the parties concerning the interpretation and implementation of this Arrangement shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations.
10. Subject to funding being made available for the program by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and the outcome of a review to be undertaken in year three, this arrangement shall remain in force for a period of 6 (six) years unless either Party gives 6 (six) months prior notice in writing of its intention to terminate this Arrangement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Arrangement.

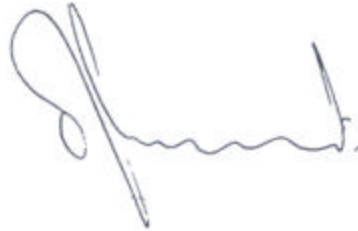
Done at Jakarta on the ninth day of June in the year two thousand and four, in two original English copies.

For the Australia-Indonesia Institute
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