With a long-standing relationship over 50 years, Indonesia is a key priority country for the University of Queensland. Throughout 2015, UQ and Indonesia celebrated strong student mobility, research, and partnership outcomes. The continued fostering and development of bilateral partnerships between UQ and numerous Indonesian institutions in 2015 has paved the way for further success in upcoming years.

**FEBRUARY**

*Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) visits Indonesia*

As a sign of the university’s commitment to the country, a number of executive traveled to Indonesia to maintain our close relationship with key stakeholders. One of these visits included Professor Monique Skidmore, UQ’s Deputy Vice Chancellor (International), who visited Indonesia to attend a number of meetings. This visit was a significant milestone into the development of UQ Indonesia student mobility programs.

*UQ Delegation travels to Jakarta and Bali*

A delegation from UQ came to Indonesia to participate in a number of significant events and meetings in Jakarta. Delegates attended the Austrade Innovation Showcase, the Australia Awards information session day, meetings with the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), and a meeting with the Indonesian Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology. The delegation helped signify UQ’s strong engagement within Indonesia through fostering relationships with key Indonesian partners.

**APRIL**

*Bandung Conference and Beyond*

A joint conference, convened by UQ’s School of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS) with Universitas Gadjah Mada and Transformasi (Center for Public Policy Transformation), commemorated 60 years since the 1955 Bandung Conference. The commemorative conference, *The Bandung Conference and Beyond*, held in Yogyakarta saw approximately 200 scholars from Australia, Indonesia, and the Indo-Pacific address shared regional and global challenges the countries face 60 years on. The collaboration helped deepen existing relationships between both institutions as well as encouraged debate on the legacy and limits of Bandung.
UQ and UI extend joint articulation program

In April representatives from the Department of Communication at the Universitas Indonesia (UI) and UQ’s Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) met to discuss the renewal of their existing joint Bachelor of Communication agreement for UI undergraduates. The program has successfully been running for the past six years. Due to the success of past joint degree programs, representatives also explored extending the joint program to other programs within HASS.

JUNE

Tropical Agriculture course introduces students to Indonesian methods

A new course offered in 2015’s second semester saw 20 students from the School of Agriculture and Food Science travel to Yogyakarta and Lombok in Indonesia for a three week study tour. AGRC3054 students learned about the diverse array of intensive farming systems and rich cultural heritage through academics at UGM as well as from practical experience in the field. The course will be available for UQ agriculture and food science students in the upcoming years.

JULY

Students gain firsthand insight into development issues at UGM

Another UQ field trip hosted by UGM saw 30 UQ students studying planning, environmental management, and geography gain firsthand insight into development issues. PLAN3200 students were given the opportunity to learn from UGM academics and stakeholders within Indonesia’s Yogyakarta community. This was the first cohort of students to participate in the eight day trip, with the excursion expected to continue in Indonesia later in 2016.

UQ enters an agreement with new partner Raffles College

UQ entered an agreement with new partner Raffles College in Jakarta (formerly known as INTI College). The agreement provides a pathway for Indonesian students undertaking the Australian Degree Transfer - Business Studies program to complete one of a number of undergraduate programs offered within UQ’s Faculty of Business, Economics and Law (BEL). This new model with Raffles has the potential to expand into different schools and faculties within UQ.

AUGUST

UQ and UI Psychology program celebrates 15th anniversary

UQ and UI celebrated 15 years of a joint psychology undergraduate program, which has resulted in more than 200 students receiving Bachelor degrees from both UI and UQ. The successful program has been showcased by the Australian Government as best-practice and has been recognised through numerous awards. Interest in the program has grown substantially throughout the years with over 20 students enrolling in 2015 and it is anticipated that this trend will continue in upcoming years.

Consul General visits UQ

Mr Yayan GH Mulyana, The Consul General RI for NSW, QLD, and SA visited UQ and invited students to a presentation on Studying and Living in Indonesia. The Consul General has shown a strong commitment to support UQ’s effort to increase the number of students engaged with Indonesia.

SEPTEMBER

UQ and UGM Law faculties establish joint Master of Laws program

UGM delegates met with UQ BEL to establish a 2016 program allowing UGM Master of Laws students to complete two masters’ degrees from both institutions in the time it would take to complete one. During the visit the group also discussed potential short-term student mobility projects and academic staff visits from both Yogyakarta and Brisbane to take place as an extension of program.

UQ student Annah Piggot-Mckeller, who plans to begin a PhD at UQ in 2016, said the practical experience gained from the PLAN3200 field trip ignited her interest in research and community engagement.

“The opportunity to obtain real world research experience and interact with the local community was the highlight for me. This was the first time conducting this type of community based qualitative research and it was such a rewarding experience.

I hope to be involved in work that can provide positive change for communities being impacted by environmental stresses around the world. In what form this will take, I am not sure, but I am excited to see where my career takes me.

There is so much to be gained through getting out and understanding some of the real world issues that people are facing around the world. The more people that get involved the better.”
New partnership with UII Faculty of Economics

UQ BEL welcomed a credit transfer agreement with new partner Universitas Islam Indonesia’s (UII) Faculty of Economics based in Yogyakarta. The agreement allows UII management and accounting undergraduate students to progress to one of two UQ BEL Faculty programs: Bachelor of Commerce or Bachelor of Business Management. UQ is excited to embrace new partnerships with Indonesian organisations like UII and looks forward to expanding collaborations with UII.

OCTOBER

UQID delivers Australia Awards Indonesian Anti-Corruption Workshop

Over a two week period, UQ’s International Development (UQID) unit delivered the Australia Awards Indonesia Corruption Eradication Short Term Award (STA) in Brisbane and Canberra. The Awardees were comprised of mid-ranking investigators, prosecutors, police officers, and bureaucrats from organisations including Indonesia’s Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) and Indonesian National Police (POLRI). Facilitators for the workshop were drawn from anti-corruption and law enforcement agencies from both state and federal levels as well as from academics in that field.

UQ and LIPI run workshop in Lombok

UQ and LIPI ran a joint workshop in Lombok to identify focus areas and project timelines for work on ‘Sustainable Development of Small Islands’ and ‘Urban Resilience’. The joint project is a priority for UQ and LIPI in 2016, focusing on implementing strategies and policy outcomes for sustainable natural resource management in Indonesia and potentially the Asia Pacific region.

NOVEMBER

UQ Psychology Students celebrate Indonesian Culture

Six UQ psychology students took part in an intensive two week cultural program at UI. During their placement students attended classes at UI, lived with host families, and took part in an overnight camp with UI students at Gunung Pancar. During the camp students celebrated Indonesian culture through learning Gamelan musical instruments and the traditional Saman dance. This was the second cohort of UQ students to take part in the program with more short term mobility projects expected to continue in future years.

MORE INFORMATION

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