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## **Innovative practices across East Java is showcased in Temu Inovasi forum**

**Surabaya, 26 April 2018** – The government of East Java province in partnership with Innovation for Indonesia's School Children (INOVASI), an education partnership between the Australian and Indonesian governments, today held a Temu INOVASI forum in Surabaya. The event was held in the governor's meeting room Hayam Wuruk and was attended by five regents of Bondowoso, Sumenep, Batu, Malang, and Mojokerto and 18 stakeholders from the local development body (Bappeda), the education commission of local representative council, and education and religious offices.

The forum, which was held to celebrate upcoming National Education Day (2<sup>nd</sup> May), provided an opportunity to present key results and promising basic education practices from INOVASI's recent education innovation stock take across East Java. From the stock take, 27 of the strongest practices were shared at the forum. Those teachers and principals participated in the event, sharing their local learning innovations and their experiences in finding local solutions to local education challenges.

According to INOVASI Program Director Mark Heyward, INOVASI works to understand and tackle learning challenges, particularly those related to literacy and numeracy. "We believe that East Java offers enormous potential in helping INOVASI answer its core question of 'what works to improve learning outcomes in what context'.

Totok Suprayitno, Head of the Research and Development Agency at the National Ministry of Education and Culture, explained that, "the current challenge is not how students can access education, but more on how they can improve their competence in order to compete in a global economy, and innovation is an important element to do this. Therefore, learning should not be conducted conventionally, where teachers lecture and students listen. Teachers should help students to reach their full potential".

INOVASI commenced the education innovation stock take study in late 2017, in selected areas of East Java. At today's Temu INOVASI, top teaching practices were featured, with selected teachers sharing their experiences on a talk show panel with the Governor. During the afternoon, a workshop was held with key district participants, to discuss plans and ideas for further dissemination of these best education practices.

"Indonesia and Australia have been working together for many years to strengthen the education system in Indonesia. Australia believes that educational quality is of great importance to Indonesia, contributing directly to human development and a healthy and productive society and workforce. Through INOVASI program, we look forward to working with East Java and strengthening our partnership to improve student learning outcomes," said Australia's Consular General in Surabaya, Chris Barnes.



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East Java Governor, Soekarwo stated his support to INOVASI. “Following this event, government education offices and INOVASI will issue a recommendation for selected partner districts. INOVASI will continue until December 2019. The selected district/municipals are those whose policy is focused on student learning and social inclusion in learning,” he said

The Temu INOVASI forum also served as a launching point for further provincial activities and pilot selection. The results of the stocktake study were exhibited during the ‘Jambore Inovasi’ in December 2017 in collaboration with Australian Government funded program KOMPAK and the East Java Government.

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