

MEDIA RELEASE

INOVASI launches new partnership agreements with education organisations in Indonesia

The role of educational institutions and NGOs in improving the quality of basic education

Surabaya, 7 November 2018 – Innovation for Indonesia's School Children (INOVASI), a partnership program between the governments of Australia and Indonesia, has selected 17 non-governmental organisations (NGOs and foundations) and universities/educational staff development institutions (LPTK) to collaborate with the program and implement a range of education pilots. This includes with CIS Timor, Dompot Dhuafa, Edukasi 101, Forum Lingkar Pena, Sahabat Pulau Indonesia, Jaringan Semua Murid Semua Guru, SIL, Taman Bacaan Pelangi, Universitas Bina Nusantara (BINUS), Universitas Borneo Tarakan (UBT), Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Ampel (UINSA) Surabaya, Universitas Nadhlatul Ulama Surabaya (UNUSA), Universitas Negeri Makassar (UNM), Universitas Negeri Surabaya (UNESA), Yayasan Literasi Anak Indonesia (YLAI), Litara-OPOB, and Yayasan Sulinama.

The partnerships were launched at a 'Partnerships for Learning' event in Surabaya this week at the Hotel JW Marriott. Those stakeholders present at the launch included national representatives from the Ministry of Education and Culture (MoEC) and Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA), including Moch. Abduh, Head of Puspendik (Education Assessment Centre, Research and Development Agency, MoEC), and Awaluddin Tjalla, Head of Puskurbuk (Centre for Curriculum and Books, Research and Development Agency, MoEC). Provincial and district government representatives, and education practitioners were also present.

Similar to INOVASI's current pilots, these new partnerships will work to improve learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy in INOVASI's partner provinces. This includes in East Java, North Kalimantan, Sumba Island in East Nusa Tenggara, and West Nusa Tenggara. Improvements to quality basic education will ultimately contribute to improved human resources and a brighter future for Indonesia's upcoming generation.

The partnership programs will take place over a 9-12 month period. Key areas of focus include in-service teacher training in early grade literacy and numeracy, inclusive education, leadership, parent empowerment and community engagement, child friendly libraries, and several initiatives to strengthen early grade literacy and numeracy. INOVASI will monitor these pilots carefully and share results and progress with Indonesian policy makers.

Said Mark Heyward, INOVASI's Program Director, "these new partnerships help to expand INOVASI activities in our partner districts and will contribute to our growing body of evidence and approaches to improve literacy and numeracy for primary school students. These partnership pilots are also a way for INOVASI to extend its reach and work with parents, community members and educators. Combined, these stakeholders play a key role in improving education quality in Indonesia."

Chris Barnes, Consul-General for Australia in Surabaya, spoke of the importance of these new partnerships and the significance of the launch event. "By working with a diverse range of local education organisations, INOVASI will strengthen its efforts to improve learning quality. These new partners will help contribute to improved education policy and practice. They bring valuable experience and local knowledge, which will contribute to the success of the partner pilots. This week's launch event is an opportunity to bring these partners together and foster valuable engagement and collaboration between education institutions and NGOs and local government."

About INOVASI

INOVASI (Innovation for Indonesian School Children) is an Indonesian and Australian Government education partnership program that aims to find and understand ways to improve student learning



outcomes - especially those related to literacy and numeracy skills, both in class and at school. Working with the Ministry of Education and Culture and Ministry of Religious Affairs, INOVASI has established partnerships with 17 districts spread across four provinces, including West Nusa Tenggara, East Nusa Tenggara, North Kalimantan, and East Java. The program will run from 2016 – 2019 and is managed by Palladium on behalf of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

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