



**Invitation to participate in the  
AIA Indonesian Study Tour  
June 10–23 2019**

Dear Fellow AIA Members,

AIA Victoria in conjunction with AIA Western Australia is hosting a fifteen-day Study Tour Delegation to Indonesia. It will be led by Patrick Moore, President AIA Victoria. John McCarthy AO FAIA, a previous Australian Ambassador to Indonesia will participate in the Study Tour. Our Study Tour Intern is Dean Georgakopoulos.

Delegates will be met at Jakarta from Garuda flight GA719 from Bali on June 10. Some Delegates may wish to arrive before then. Those will have to make their own hotel and transfer arrangements. The Study Tour will commence in Jakarta with briefing on the evening of June 10 at the hotel. We will then meet at the Australian Embassy the following morning. We will have four days of meetings and briefings in Jakarta. These meetings will cover the briefing at our Embassy, Refugees, China, Foreign Affairs, the recently signed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA – CEPA), Austrade, Education, Business and other important topics.

The Delegation will then fly to Yogyakarta visit two of the most beautiful and important UNESCO World Heritage sites in Indonesia: Prambanan and Borobudur. We may also see the Ramayana or the Monkey Ballet.

The highlight of this Study Tour will be the visit to South Sulawesi. We will fly to Makassar, the capital. There, we will meet with our Consulate, meet with staff and students of the Hasanuddin University, visit the Pettakere ice caves near Maros with their prehistoric art and see the beautiful Bantimurung waterfall. We will visit Fort Rotterdam and visit Paotere to see the phinisi timber sailing boats.



*Image: Fort Rotterdam; a 17<sup>th</sup> century fort in Makassar on the island of Sulawesi*

After two days in Makassar, we will fly to Toraja with its fascinating megalithic and traditional culture as well as its stunning landscapes, unique customs, culture, religion and burial procedures. It must not be underestimated that different parts of Indonesia have much different cultures, traditions and history. That is why it is important to see more of Indonesia than just Java. The history of Sulawesi in particular is unique with its trading and pirates. After returning to Makassar for one day, then we will fly to Bali to connect with planes to Australia or stay a short while.

Australia has strong diplomatic ties with Indonesia. These ties need to be strengthened at the non-government level. Thus, the prime objective of the Study Tour is for the AIIA to establish strong and ongoing relationships with a Think Tank, Universities and other NGOs. Our Consul in Makassar said: our “visit may be a good public diplomacy activity for Australia.”

**RESERVE THE DATE: We will depart 10 June 2019 and tour will finish 23 June 2019.**

A considerable amount of time will be spent understanding the culture and history that underpins life in Indonesia through our local guides.

The Study Tour will be preceded by three briefings probably all held in Melbourne and given by Indonesian experts. The final briefing will be on all aspects of the tour.

The timing of the Study Tour is particularly important. It follows closely on the signing of the (IA-CEPA) by Prime Minister Scott Morrison and President Joko Widodo.

This agreement signifies the first bilateral free trade agreement that Indonesia has signed in the last decade. The IA-CEPA not only represents an opportunity for Australian and Indonesian businesses to expand and diversify their existing economic partnership, it serves as a ‘diplomatic bedrock’ on which both countries can build stronger ties.

### Costs

We do not yet have firm costings. However the Study Tour will cost about \$4,500 per person sharing. This does not include the cost of return flights from Australia of around \$1,000 Economy class. (Business Class is around \$2,000). Members must book and pay for their own return flights from Australia to Jakarta, and organise their own personal travel insurance.

### Participation

The ideal number of members on a Study Tour is between 15 and 20. We are limiting this Study Tour to 20 members.

You are asked to register your interest (without commitment) by November 15th. Preference will be given to members in order of registering. You will be asked for your firm commitment in mid-December when you will be required to make a non-refundable \$500 deposit.

**Please see the registration form on the last page of this invitation to confirm your interest.**

The first three students to register and place a deposit will be granted a \$350 reduction to their costs.



Image: Map of Indonesia; a country with over 13,000 islands and 34 provinces

### The Importance of Indonesia to Australia

This Study Tour is most important to us in understanding the dynamics of Economies, Politics and Power in the Asian Region. With a population of almost 270 million well-educated peoples, 40% of which are under the age of 24, Indonesia is predicted to surpass Australia in absolute GDP terms in the next ten years.

Indonesia is a predominantly Sunni Muslim Country (80% of Indonesians are Muslim) although Bali with its 4.2 million people is Hindu. It has a 15% Christian population. We will be discussing the changing impact of religion on Indonesia as well as its Refugee policy. There are very close and co-operative relations with Indonesia on this important issue.

We will discuss the sorry decline in the teaching of Bahasa in Australian Schools as well as the slide in the co-operation between Indonesian and Australian Universities.

“Indonesia is the largest economy in Southeast Asia and the sixteenth largest in the World. The Indonesian economy has shown tremendous progress over the last two decades. It was a victim of the Asian financial crisis in 1997, however, it has charted impressive growth ever since. The economy is now a part of trillion-dollar club with a nominal GDP of \$1.01 trillion. The World Bank cites its enormous progress on poverty reduction— “cutting the poverty rate to more than half since 1999, to 10.9% in 2016.” Its GDP per capita at \$3,875 is way higher than \$857 in 2000. Indonesia, the fourth most populous nation is the seventh largest economy with a \$3.24 trillion GDP in terms of purchasing power parity (almost three times Australia’s). Among sectors, agriculture contributes about 14% to its GDP while industry and services add approximately 43% each to its output.”

Source: Investopedia



**Bali**

Kathie and I are spending two days in Bali before flying to Jakarta on June 10th. For those wishing to extend the Study Tour for two or three extra days in Bali (another UNESCO World Heritage Site), there will be a tour to Ubud and Kintamani on one day and on the next, a tour to the Monkey Forest, Bedugul and Tanah Lot.

If you have any questions, please either ring me on 0414 904 765 or email me (ctrl click on my name below).

Regards,  
[Patrick Moore](#)

**Registration of Interest Form**

Please complete this form and then copy and paste it then send it by email to our Intern [Dean Georgakopolous](#).

Please return the form **by November 15<sup>th</sup>**.



*Image (above): Prambanan, a 9<sup>th</sup> century Hindu temple in Yogyakarta*



*Image (above): A rice field terrace in Tegallalang near Ubud, Bali*

Personal Details			
Person 1 Name (s)			
Person 2 Name (s)			
Email Address			
Phone number			
Have you been to Indonesia before?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
Longer Stay in Bali?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
Bali stay before or at end of Tour	<input type="radio"/> Before	<input type="radio"/> After	
Arriving in Jakarta early?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
If travelling alone, are you prepared to share a room with an appropriate person?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	