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RE: **INDONESIAN ARTS AND CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP 2020**

Dear Prof. Nguyen Minh Ha,

Since founded in 2003, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia has granted Indonesian Arts and Cultural Scholarship (IACS) to hundreds participants from dozens countries throughout the world. This year, the Government is offering the **Indonesian Arts and Culture Scholarships (BSBI) 2020** to 72 young citizens aged 21-27 years old, including Vietnamese. The 3-month-scholarship offers a non-degree program in which the awardees will have an opportunity to study Indonesian traditional culture, arts, and Bahasa Indonesia. The program will be conducted in a number of art workshops in Indonesia. At the end of the program, the awardees will be performing their abilities in front of Indonesian High Ranking Officials through "Indonesia Channel", broadcasted on national TV.

With this regard, I would like to request your kind cooperation and assistance to inform the Scholarship offer to the students, lecturers, or staffs of Ho Chi Minh City Open University.

Details of the Scholarship program and its application form are attached herewith. The form should be completed and submitted to our good office at **18 Phung Khac Khoan Str., Ward Da Kao, District 1, HCMC** along with all supporting documents **no later than 14 February 2020**. All supporting documents must be in English.

For further information and details of the scholarship program, please contact Ms. Aghata, Staff of the Socio-Cultural and Information Section, email: hmcpcensosbud@gmail.com.

Thank you for your kind cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely Yours,



Hanif Salim
Consul General

2020 INDONESIAN ARTS AND CULTURE SCHOLARSHIP
(02/05/20 – 15/08/20)

A. BACKGROUND

The Indonesian Arts and Culture Scholarship (IACS) program has been conducted since 2003 and was initially offered to and participated by member countries of the South West Pacific Dialogue (SwPD); Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Timor-Leste, and the host Indonesia.

Bearing in mind the significance and advantages obtained from the program, the scholarship was expanded over the years to include member countries of ASEAN, ASEAN+3, PIF countries, as well as many countries from all regions in the world. In the period of 2003 to 2019, the scholarship has been awarded to 920 alumni from 77 countries.

Due to the limited space and the vast amount of interest in the program, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia in cooperation with Indonesian Embassies and Consulates overseas, hold a series of selection process. Taken into considerations are, among others, the awardees' background, gender, regional representation and the interest to learn Indonesian culture.

The program is a non-degree and will be lasted for three months. During the program, awardees will be evenly divided into 6 (six) groups where each group will be placed by the organising committee to different arts centers located in 6 (six) provinces, namely: Bali; West Sumatera; East Kalimantan; East Java; South Sulawesi and Yogyakarta.

Awardees will live within or close to the arts center, allowing for the chance to experience the local heritage and interact with the local community. Synergy between theory and practices shared inside and outside the arts center would undoubtedly become the driving force for shaping international cultures and norms, and will eventually strengthen regional as well as global understanding and cooperation at a people-to-people level.

B. OBJECTIVE

The program serves to demonstrate Indonesia's commitment as an initiator of the establishment of South West Pacific Dialogue and as the originator member of ASEAN in advancing the social culture cooperation in the region. The program also has an objective to encourage better understanding amongst participants from member countries through Indonesia's immensely diverse arts and cultural heritage. Finally, the programme aims to cultivate a culture of cooperation, emerging from direct contact and sharing of cultures amongst people involved in the program, leading to thriving diplomatic relations in the region and worldwide.

C. PARTICIPANTS

Awardees of the 2020 IACS will be coming from many targeted countries: member countries of ASEAN, ASEAN + 3, East Asia Summit, ASEAN Dialog Partners, ASEAN + European Union, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, Asia-Europe Meeting, Africa Region, Melanesian Spearhead Group and members of South West Pacific Dialog as the original participants of Indonesian Arts and Culture Scholarship.

D. TIME

The program will be conducted in a three months period of time, starting on 2 May to 15 August 2020.

E. LOCATION

After 1 (one) week of orientation/introduction of the program in Jakarta, awardees are given the art center designated for them by the organizing committee on the basis of their motivation, interests, gender, regional dispersion etc. Decision of the designated art centers is **subject to the discretion of the organizing committee.**

F. LIST OF COURSES

Basically, all awardees will learn about Indonesian arts and culture in general while their staying in the art centers. However, some of the courses will be different in each art centers depending on the local arts and culture. For example, In East Java, the awardees will learn, but not limited to East Javanese arts and cultures, process of batik and its significance; traditional Javanese dance. In Bali, the awardees will learn, but not limited to Balinese dance, gamelan, and local craft. Meanwhile, in South Sulawesi, the awardees will learn, but not limited to the Sulawesi arts and culture, as well as the local language and craft.

Each art centres will arrange social and cultural projects moreover special visit to several historical places as well as renowned tourist destinations for awardees.

Prior to their residency at arts centres, awardees should participate in one week orientation in Jakarta and will learn issues such as the aim and objectives of the Scholarship; Introduction to Indonesian Culture; Indonesian contemporary arts and cultures, Information about the activities and curriculum offered by the art centers, etc.

All awardees will perform in an arts and cultural night titled "Indonesia Channel" to remark the closing of the scholarship program. The "Indonesia Channel" is scheduled to be held on **13 August 2020**. Awardees will return to their respective countries on the following days.

G. SCHOLARSHIP COVERAGE

The scholarship will cover:

- Tuition fee (including extra-curricular activities);
- A round trip economy class ticket;
- Accommodation (board and lodging);

- Local transportation during program;
- Health insurance (limited). All awardees are advised to have their own health insurance.
- Monthly allowance of Rp. 2.000.000,-.

H. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

For Indonesian applicants, the application form should be sent to:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
 Directorate of Public Diplomacy
 Tower Building, 12th Floor
 Jl. Taman Pejambon No. 6
 Jakarta 10110

Note:

The applications should be received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia on 28 February 2020.

For foreign applicants, the application form must be sent to:

The Embassy/Consulate General of Indonesia in respective countries

Note:

- The applications should be received by the Indonesian Embassies/Consulates on 14 February 2020 for initial selection process.
- Shortlisted candidates' applications should be received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jakarta on 28 February 2020 for final selection process.

I. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Candidates should be a single, between the ages of 21 to 27 years-old with at least a high school diploma;
2. Candidates should possess high interest and talent in arts. Arts students or those with an academic history on Indonesian culture are encouraged to apply;
3. Bearing in mind the intensity of the program, candidates are highly advised to ensure prime physically condition, particularly for female candidates to ensure that they do not conceive prior and during the program;
4. Participants must arrive in Indonesia a day before the Orientation Program;
5. Participants must follow the whole program, including orientation program and Indonesian Channel;
6. Candidates must complete the application form (attached) and submit it along with the followings:
 - 1) A Motivation Letter;
 - 2) 2 (two) passport-sized photographs with red-color background,

(please send the digital or soft copy of the photographs to iacs@kemlu.go.id);

- 3) A photo-copy of passport with validity period at least two years;
- 4) A photo-copy of academic diploma;
- 5) A photo-copy of the latest valid health certification from a qualified medical practitioner. On the day of leaving the origin country, participants should equipped themselves with a valid health certification from a qualified medical practitioner;
- 6) A letter of recommendation;
- 7) A personal signed statement declaring the following:
 - a. That I have never been granted any scholarship from the Indonesian Government, such as Darmasiswa, Developing Countries Partnership Program on Scholarship or other scholarships;
 - b. The willingness to be subject to Indonesian laws and regulations during my stay in Indonesia;
 - c. The willingness to follow all the rules and regulations set up by the organizing committee, art centers and community;
 - d. The willingness to accept the facilities provided by the organizing committee and arts centers and stay at the designated accommodations;
 - e. Not to work or be employed for financial benefits during the program;
 - f. The willingness to follow the travel arrangements arranged by the organizing committee;
 - g. The willingness to participate in all of the program arranged by the organizing committee and art centers, unless, during the program, declared unfit by a qualified medical practitioner;
 - h. The willingness to leave Indonesia after the closing ceremony, at a date determined by the organizing committee;
 - i. The willingness to bear any excess baggage at my expenses;
 - j. The willingness to pay penalty and to finance my own travel expenses, should I withdraw my participation during the course of the program;
 - k. The willingness to bear the consequences and be terminated from the program should I fail to comply with the regulations given by the committee.

7. The programme will include Indonesian language lesson. A mastery (be it minimum) in *Bahasa Indonesia* will be an advantage for candidates, but it is not a main criterion for the programme, meanwhile basic skill in English is compulsory.

J. CONTACT DETAILS

For further information, please send email to:
iacs@kemlu.go.id

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iv. Telephone number

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B. Academic Background

University / Higher Education Institution	Subject	Degree obtained / expected	Year

C. Language (Insert ✓ mark where appropriate)

	None	Basic	Conversational	Fluent
Indonesian				
English				
Other (specify)				

D. Professional History

Company / Organization	Position	Year

E. Travels

Countries	Reason	Year

F. Special Needs (allergies, food restrictions, etc.)

2020 Indonesian Art and Culture Scholarship

Personal Statement

Name :

State :

I declare :

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Signature _____

Place/Date _____