



The participants of Building Modern Cities – a course exploring smart city design, stakeholder consultation and alignment, environmental design, sustainability, disaster resilience and enhanced liveability.

The Australia Awards Short Course on Building Modern Cities saw 25 Indonesian professionals explore the themes of smart city design, stakeholder consultation and alignment, environmental design, sustainability, disaster resilience and enhanced liveability while networking with Australian experts and government officials.

The course led by Dr Aysin Dedekorkut-Howes and Dr Tony Matthews and designed by Dr Ben Mullen was attended by government officials and professionals from across Indonesia, engaging participants who are contributing in the design, construction, or maintenance of Indonesia's new capital city Nusantara.

During the course participants heard from experts from government, academia and industry, providing case studies, practical evidence and site visits to demonstrate the many factors in the development of a modern city.

Course Highlights

- **Pre-Course workshop**
30 January – 1 February 2024
- **In-Australia program**
17 February – 3 March 2024
- **Post-Course workshop**
4 – 6 June 2024





Participants visiting Parliament House, meeting the Hon Kristin McBain, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.

Site Visits

During the In-Australia program, participants had the opportunity to visit a variety of organisations and senior experts in the field. Featured site visits included.

- Cross River Rail Experience Centre
- Springfield City Group
- Gold Coast Waterways Authority
- Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct
- Capital Renewal Authority
- Parliament House

Participant Projects

Course participants were required to prepare Award Projects based on the learning outcomes. These projects were continuously reviewed and discussed with their group mentor throughout the course.

Projects included:

- Broadening Government Support to Encourage Private Investment in Nusantara
- The Evaluation of Early-Stage Planning and the Improvement Recommendations: The Readiness of Housing and People Migration Policy
- Recommendation on the Most Potential Railway Line to be Implemented by Indonesian Railways Company (KAI) in Nusantara

Pre-Course Workshop

The 3-day Pre-Course workshop took place in Balikpapan, Indonesia between 30 January and 1 February 2024. The pre-course was presented by the course leaders and was designed to introduce the program objectives and expectations to the participants as well as provide them with an overview of the main topics.

Post-Course Workshop

The 3-day Post Course workshop was held in Balikpapan, Indonesia between 4 – 6 June. During the Post Course participants completed workshops and activities, summarising their learning from the course. Participants also had the opportunity to present their Award Projects, providing an opportunity for peer feedback and potential collaboration.

“This has been an amazing experience. I’ve made new friends, expanded my network, and enhanced my professional skills. Learning about Australia’s government structure has given me valuable insights.”

Anonymous Participant

“Thank you for the knowledge shared. This has been an exceptional experience for me and serves as invaluable preparation for fulfilling my responsibilities in overseeing the development of IKN.”

Anonymous Participant

“This course has broadened my perspective about the potential collaboration with participants and Australia’s institutions.”

Anonymous Participant



Participants visiting The Mini Farm Project at Loganlea State High School to learn about the work Griffith University and Cities Research Institute is working on to progress urban food planning.

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