



The participants of Foreign Policy: Strategic Equilibrium in the Indo-Pacific – a course exploring foreign and strategic policy challenges and the options available for Indonesia and Australia to respond.

The Australia Awards Short Course on Foreign Policy: Strategic Equilibrium in the Indo-Pacific saw 25 Indonesian professionals explore foreign and strategic policy challenges while networking with Australian experts and government officials.

The course led by Professor Ian Hall and Professor Caitlin Byrne was attended by senior government officials and professionals from think tanks, international relations and media organisations throughout Indonesia.

During the course participants heard from experts from government, academia and industry, developing a strong knowledge on the evolving roles of ASEAN and regional organisations, multilateral systems, Indonesia's and Australia's responses to emerging traditional and non-traditional security challenges, countering disinformation, health, food and supply chain security, gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) and climate change.

Course Highlights

- **Pre-Course workshop**
24 – 26 October 2023
- **In-Australia program**
20 November – 1 December 2023
- **Post-Course workshop**
28 – 29 May 2024





Participants attending a presentation at Trade and Investment QLD.

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 and speakers included.

- Angie Bell MP and Josh Wilson MP, Australian Parliament House
- The Hon Paul Lucas, Queensland Parliament
- Trade and Investment QLD
- Australian Institute of International Affairs

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:

- Optimising Indonesia-Australia Partnership in Ocean Conservation to Achieve Sustainability Seaweed Culture
- Localising Diplomacy: Strengthening Indonesia-Australia people to people engagement through intercity cooperation
- Mapping Geostrategic Interest of Great and Middle Powers in Indo-Pacific Towards Strategic Equilibrium

Pre-Course Workshops

The 3-day Pre-Course workshop took place in Jakarta, Indonesia between 24 – 26 October 2023. Professor Ian Hall facilitated the workshop in Jakarta. Participants also had an opportunity to meet and networking with the Head of Mission, Ms Penny Williams PSM and staff at her formal residence. During the Pre-Course course leaders introduced the program objectives and expectations to the participants as well as provide them with an overview of the main topics.

Post-Course Workshops

The 2-day Post-Course workshop was held in Jakarta, Indonesia between 28 – 29 May 2024, facilitated by Professor Ian Hall and Professor Caitlin Byrne. 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.

“I am planning to use all the knowledges and skills to enhance my capability in my organizations, particularly to make an intervention for international forum and discuss with my colleague about the dynamic of Indo-Pacific region”.

Anonymous Participant

“With this new knowledge I hope I can gain more perspective and insight regarding the Indo-Pacific, therefore allowing me to acquire the skill to write a more nuanced articles for my work.”

Anonymous Participant

“As a journalist specialising in international stories, I find the topics and discussions in this short course very valuable in expanding my insights into the current global context. What I gain here will enrich my journalistic works in portraying the global situation and serve as material for me when speaking at seminars or webinars.”

Anonymous Participant



Participants attending the Post-Course Workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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