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Indonesia-Germany Enhance Bilateral Relations in Cultural Cooperation

JAKARTA - On 14 March 2024, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany signed a Joint Declaration of Intent (JDoI) concerning the operations of Germany's official cultural institute, Goethe-Institut, in Indonesia. Both parties agreed to enhance the existing bilateral relations in cultural cooperation and promote people-to-people contact between the two countries.

The JDoI was signed by the Director General for Information and Public Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Siti Nugraha Mauludiah and the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Indonesia Ina Lepel. The Regional Director of Goethe-Institut for Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand Dr Stefan Dreyer and some representatives from various ministries of the Republic of Indonesia witnessed the signing of the JDoI at Goethe-Institut Jakarta.

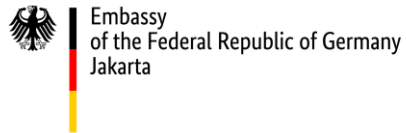
The objective of this JDoI is to detail certain aspects of the cooperation as set out in an earlier agreement on the two countries Cultural Cooperation, done at Jakarta on 28 September 1988, in relation to the operations of the Goethe-Institut in Indonesia as the implementing agency for the cooperation in cultural affairs between Indonesia and Germany.

Siti Nugraha Mauludiah stated that the signing of the JDoI represents a significant milestone in the cultural ties between Indonesia and Germany, and at the same time reaffirms the commitment of both nations to deepen cultural exchange and cooperation, following the 1988 Cultural Cooperation Agreement. "This exchange of cultural diplomacy is a two-way street, fostering mutual understanding and appreciation between our nations."

Ina Lepel emphasised, "For over 60 years, Goethe-Institut has been actively supporting and promoting the cultural relations between Germany and Indonesia. With its expertise and a strong network of trusted partner institutions throughout Indonesia, Goethe-Institut lays the foundation on which other joint initiatives strive and succeed. I am very pleased that today, we will open a new chapter of our cooperation by putting the work of the Goethe-Institut in Indonesia on a strong and solid footing for many years to come."

Dr Stefan Dreyer added, "This agreement is an excellent foundation for an even stronger collaboration in the field of culture, language and education between our countries, with a specific view to services in the context of skilled workers migration to Germany."

As a cultural institution of the Federal Republic of Germany with 158 institutes in 98 countries, the Goethe-Institut promotes the study of the German language abroad, fosters international cultural cooperation, and provides information about Germany. In Indonesia, the Goethe-Institut consists of two offices in Jakarta and Bandung.



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