

## PRESS RELEASE

### **EKONID and Goethe-Institut Strengthen Partnership to Prepare Indonesian Skilled Workers for Germany**

JAKARTA - The German-Indonesian Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK Indonesia/EKONID) and Goethe-Institut Indonesien have strengthened their partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Jakarta on Tuesday, 4 February 2025. The partnership aims to equip Indonesian skilled workers with comprehensive information to navigate the challenges of living and working in Germany.

Executive Director of EKONID, Jan Rönnfeld, and Deputy Director of Goethe-Institut Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand, Ulrike Drissner, signed the MoU at the EKONID office in Menteng, Jakarta. The signing was witnessed by representatives from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, GIZ, and DAAD.

Germany is facing a shortage of skilled workers and, since 2018, has introduced several initiatives to attract qualified talent from abroad. These initiatives include the Skilled Immigration Act (FEG), issued in 2020, which enables qualified workers from non-EU countries to take up employment in Germany. Indonesia, with its large pool of talented skilled workers, offers significant potential. However, aspiring workers often face challenges such as qualification recognition, language barriers, and cultural integration.

Through this partnership, EKONID and Goethe-Institut Indonesien will further develop and enhance existing counselling services for Indonesian skilled workers. They will also collaborate on joint events and activities aimed at better supporting this demographic.

Jan Rönnfeld stated, "Since 1915, EKONID has served as a strategic link between the German and Indonesian economies, with human resources playing a crucial role. Through the ProRecognition project, launched last year, we aim to connect skilled Indonesian talent with opportunities in Germany. In collaboration with the Goethe-Institut Indonesien, we support Indonesian professionals through the processes required to work in Germany. This initiative addresses Germany's skilled labour shortage by offering opportunities for Indonesian workers and providing expertise for German businesses."

Ulrike Drissner said, "Goethe-Institut in Indonesia through the offering of language courses, language exams as well as programmes for teachers of German as a foreign language at Indonesian schools and universities, has already helped many Indonesians to become sufficiently prepared for work and studies in Germany. With the signing of the MoU with EKONID we believe that we will create more and better opportunities for a smooth transition into the German labour market."

EKONID, which acts as a strategic interface between the German and Indonesian economies, will provide advice on, among other things, the recognition of foreign professional qualifications, labour market access, as well as entry and residence procedures.

Goethe-Institut Indonesien, the cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany, will prepare interested skilled workers in terms of language skills, as well as their intercultural and regional knowledge as part of the Pre-integration project in the Southeast Asia region.

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#### **About AHK Indonesia/EKONID**

The German-Indonesian Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK Indonesia/EKONID) acts as a strategic interface between the German and Indonesian economies. It represents the mutual interest in business relationships of German and Indonesian companies, organisations and institutions. Its main activity is to support companies from both nations in exploring new areas of investment and establishing business relationships. It is a meeting point, information centre, and first point of contact for companies interested in doing business in and with Indonesia.

EKONID offers a variety of services under the DEinternational brand – from general market information to services specially tailored to the respective company for a successful market entry, such as business partner search, support in legal questions, and participation in trade fairs.

#### **About Goethe-Institut**

The Goethe-Institut is the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural institute, active worldwide. We promote the study of German abroad and encourage international cultural exchange. We also provide a comprehensive image of Germany through information on German political, social and cultural life. Our various cultural and educational programmes support intercultural dialogue and enable cultural participation. These various programs strengthen the structures of civil society and support global mobility.

#### **About ProRecognition**

ProRecognition is a project funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and coordinated by the DIHK Service GmbH. The programme offers consultation for Indonesian skilled workers to have their vocational or academic degrees recognised in Germany.

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