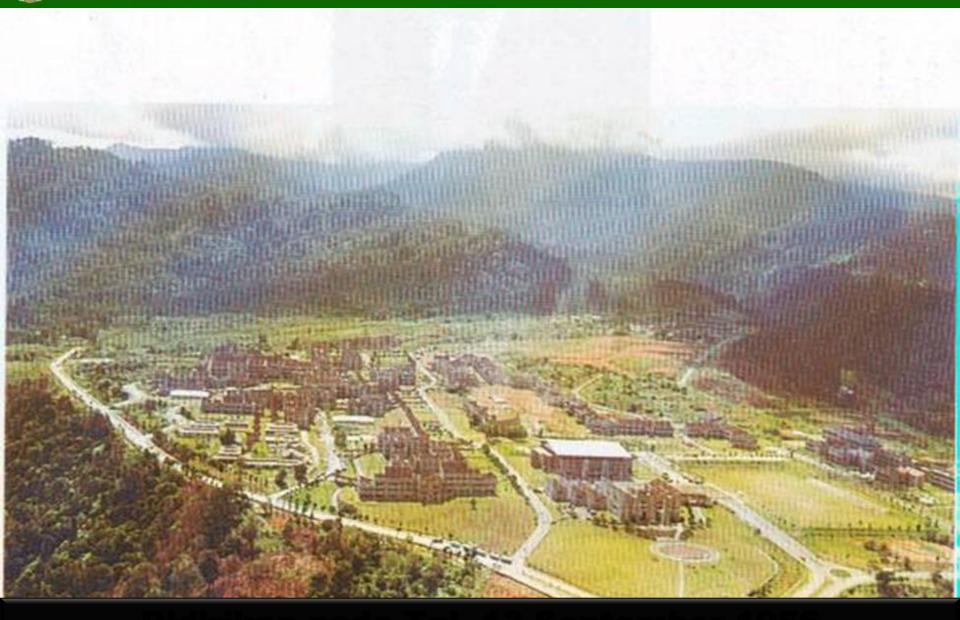
AUSTRALIA-INDONESIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR HUMANITY AND DEVELOPMENT (AIRIHD):

Experience in Building
Inter-university Cooperation Between
Deakin University, Andalas University (UNAND) and
Padang State University (UNP)

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- Established 13 September 1956
- Student body 22.900, with 11 faculties
- Lecturers 1454, 300 PhD, 950 MS (50 alumni of Australian Universities).
- 150 lecturers are studying in overseas, 15 in Australia
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- Collaboration with Government and private sectors as well as NGO
- Collaboration with many public and private university in Indonesia and overseas
- International program in fac. of economic and Pharmacy

- There are visiting professor from New Zealand, USA and Japan
- We are quite strong in research on medicinal plant, so that we established a laboratory of Biota Sumatra
- We currently have 1800 dormitory units
- We accept 50 students from Malaysia per year
- We are focusing our learning outcomes in character building and entrepreneurship

Background

- Australia is one of the major destination for Masters and Ph.D degree by Indonesian Universities including UNAND and UNP.
- Several researcher from UNP and UNAND are alumni of Deakin, that will make tie stronger.
- There are similarities Field of Studies offered and interest among to do collaborative research among researchers from the parties.

Process of Establishment

- Exploring the area of cooperation:
 Visit by Deakin Staff to Padang (UNP and UNAND);
- Identifying focus of collaboration → Seminar (Padang);
- Preparation of AIRIHD institutional arrangements (as part of MoU);
- Signing MoU at Deakin University in Melborne







INSTITUSIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Objectives of the Institute:
 - provide a focus for research activities and development among the parties;
 - foster applied research projects in Padang and other regions of Indonesia through partnerships with industry, government and the professions;
 - secure research funds, as appropriate, for the effective conduct of research in the field, data analysis, travel between the parties' campuses, dissemination of findings and other research project support;

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 - provide an intellectual environment for the development of research capacity in young academics, higher degree by research students and post-doctoral researchers;
 - develop and sustain collaboration between researchers at the parties which values visiting researchers at the campuses of the parties, the preparation of joint papers and research work on joint projects;
 - presentation of conferences and symposiums on topics of mutual interests for researchers in Padang and other regions of Indonesia; and
 - publication of papers and articles on the findings of the research in international journals.

INSTITUSIONAL GOVERNANCE

Governance:

- The Directors, 2 persons (1 Deakin, 1 UNP/Unand));
 - Liaise with researcher members, contribute ideas and plans for research project to the institute.
- Management Committee, 6 members (2 by each party));
 - Responsible for the management and operations of the institute and makes all decisions for the effective achievement of its objectives
- Advisory Board, 6 members (1 from each party + 3 from governments and industry selected)
 - Oversee the governance, accountability and annual reporting the institute.

Indonesian Advisory Board

- Prof. Dr. Dewi Fortuna Anwar from LIPI now she is also deputy in Vice President Office
- Ir. Irwan Syarkawi, President Commisioner of Bakrie
- Dr. Romeo Rizal, Bank Indonesia, Head of Padang
- Ir. Tresdi Alma, director of Production PT.
 Semen Padang

Current Project

- Follow up action: Projects
 - Seeding grant;
 - a grant for a project that is a scoping/pilot study and the basis for an intended application for further funding. Such projects include the aim of applying for a larger grant and journal publication as end results
 - Implementation grant;
 - a grant to continue with a research project where the method, survey instrument has already been developed
 - Writing grant.
 - a grant aimed at directly producing a publication from an already completed project and existing data.

Current Project

- 14 projects currently: 7 projects collaboration (Deakin & UNP) and 7 projects collaboration (Deakin & UNAND):
 - Seeding grant → 12 projects;
 - Implementation grant;
 - Writing grant → 2 projects;

Future Expectations

- At this moment, financing only available for small scale activity → bigger scale of activities in the future
- AIRIHD needs future support both from Australian and Indonesian donor agencies/government to address scientific and practical issues related to humanity and development.
- Expansion of number of University involve in AIRIHD



