



THE AUSTRALIA-INDONESIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR HUMANITY AND DEVELOPMENT: AN INNOVATIVE RESEARCH COLLABORATION INITIATIVE

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BACKGROUND

UNP FIRST SIGNED A MOU WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA IN 1993.

FOCUS OF ACTIVITY WAS LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR STUDENTS UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA.

IN 1996, UNP AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA AGREED TO CREATE AN INNOVATIVE (TAYLOR MADE) POST-GRADUATE PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW UNP STAFF MEMBERS TO UNDERTAKE DOCTORAL DEGREES IN TASMANIA.

TEN STAFF MEMBERS FROM UNP RECEIVED DEGREES UNDER THIS PROGRAM, A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT GRADUATION RATE. THE FUNDING FOR THESE POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMS CAME MAINLY FROM UNP WITH SOME SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA.



RELATIONSHIP WITH DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

UNP ENTERED INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH DEAKIN UNIVERSITY IN 2002.

IT STARTED WITH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR DEAKIN STUDENTS, FOLLOWING THE TASMANIA MODEL.

IN 2010, THE TWO UNIVERSITIES THEN EXPANDED THEIR ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMS, AGAIN USING THE TASMANIA MODEL.

THERE WERE A FEW IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES, HOWEVER, BETWEEN THIS POST GRADUATE PROGRAM AND THAT AT UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA. THE UNP-DEAKIN PROGRAM WAS FUNDED BY INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION (DIKTI).



RESEARCH INSTITUTE

DEAKIN AND UNP FELT THAT RESEARCH COLLABORATION WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT IN ADDRESSING RESEARCH NEEDS AT EACH UNIVERSITY.

WE BEGAN TO TALK ABOUT MODELS OF COLLABORATION AND WHAT WE MIGHT DO TOGETHER. UNAND JOINED THE DISCUSSION ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF RESEARCH COLLABORATION.

AT THE BEGINNING OF LAST YEAR, A DECISION WAS MADE AND AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT THE THREE UNIVERSITIES WOULD DEVELOP A MECHANISM FOR RESEARCH COLLABORATION. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE INITIAL AREAS OF RESEARCH TO BE PURSUED WOULD BE GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT, IN THE BROADEST SENSE OF EACH TERM.



TO DEVELOP RESEARCH IDEAS FURTHER, THE THREE UNIVERSITIES AGREED TO HOLD AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PADANG WITH GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AS ITS THEME.

THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD FROM DECEMBER 14TH TO 16TH, 2010. AT THIS TIME, THE IDEA OF THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE WAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME, EVEN THOUGH IT HAD NOT YET BEEN NAMED THE AUSTRALIA-INDONESIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR HUMANITY AND DEVELOPMENT.

THE CONFERENCE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF THE IDEAS THAT EMERGED AND WAS WELL ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 400 PEOPLE.



In April 2011, delegations from UNP and Unand went to Deakin to formally sign an MoU and launch the institute





AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION

THE THREE UNIVERSITIES AGREED THAT THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

- **EVERY RESEARCH PROJECT MUST BE COLLABORATIVE AND THE RESEARCH TEAM MUST CONSIST OF AT LEAST ONE RESEARCHER FROM DEAKIN AND ONE RESEARCHER FROM EITHER UNP OR UNAND. IDEALLY, THE TEAM SHOULD CONSIST OF RESEARCHERS FROM ALL THREE UNIVERSITIES, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS NOT REQUIRED.**
- **THE THREE UNIVERSITIES WILL SEEK FUNDING TOGETHER, EITHER INTERNALLY OR EXTERNALLY.**
- **THE COLLABORATION MUST NOT BE LIMITED TO RESEARCH BUT MUST ALSO INCLUDE COLLABORATION IN PUBLICATION. A RESEARCH PROJECT, THEN, MUST HAVE PUBLICATION PLANS, AND A PROJECT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETED UNTIL IT RESULTS IN PUBLICATION(S) IN INTERNATIONALLY REFEREED JOURNALS.**



THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE IS ALSO UNIQUE AND INNOVATIVE FOR ITS FUNCTIONS. THESE INCLUDE:

- FACILITATING RESEARCH TRAINING AND BUILDING RESEARCH CAPACITY FOR RESEARCHERS AT THE THREE UNIVERSITIES;
- HELPING TO PREPARE STAFF MEMBERS FROM UNP AND UNAND WHO ARE GOING TO UNDERTAKE POST-GRADUATE DEGREES AT DEAKIN;
- CONDUCTING JOINT SEMINARS, SYMPOSIUMS, AND CONFERENCES ON A REGULAR BASIS.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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