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29 Indonesians Prepare to Study at US Community Colleges through AMINEF – US State Department Program



Jakarta, June 28, 2018 –Twenty-nine Indonesians have been awarded fellowships as part of the AMINEF-US Department of State’s Community College Initiative Program (CCIP). The CCIP fellows will study at various US community colleges for 10 months. They hail from 15 different provinces.

They are currently undergoing a three-day pre-departure orientation from June 28-30 at the Mercure Hotel, Ancol, Jakarta. US Cultural Attache Ms Karen Schinnerer will open the orientation on Thursday am, June 28, and Mr. Simon Morin, of P.T. Freeport Indonesia, a sponsor of the CCIP, will make remarks. Freeport Indonesia is generously covering the expenses of 9 CCIP fellows from the provinces of Papua and West Papua this year.

The orientation is organized by AMINEF (American Indonesian Exchange Foundation), which administers the US State Department-funded CCIP in Indonesia. The fellows will be briefed on various aspects of living and studying in the US. CCIP alumni have been invited to share their experiences with the departing fellows. The CCIP alumni network has proved valuable for both grantees and alumni. A representative of the Community College Consortium that manages the program in the US will lead a telephone conference session.

About CCIP

The Community College Initiative Program (CCIP) provides a quality non-degree academic program at US community colleges intended to build technical skills, enhance leadership capabilities, and strengthen English-language proficiency. The program also provides opportunities for professional internships, service learning, and community engagement activities. CCIP participants are recruited from historically underrepresented and underserved communities in various countries. In Indonesia, AMINEF recruits applicants beyond Indonesia’s major cities and in provinces beyond Java who have historically had fewer opportunities to study or travel abroad. In 2017, CCIP celebrated its 10th anniversary. In those ten years, almost 350 Indonesian CCIP fellows have increased their skills and technical expertise in various fields, such as agriculture, early childhood education, media, tourism and hospitality management, and public safety. Profiles and achievements of some recent alumni are provided in detail at the AMINEF website; see <http://bit.do/ccipsuccessstories>

About AMINEF

AMINEF was founded as a binational Fulbright Commission and incorporated as an Indonesian foundation in 1992 to manage the Fulbright Program and other US State Department exchange programs in Indonesia. Its Board of Management is made up equally of Indonesian and American members, with as honorary co-chairpersons the US Ambassador and the Minister of Research, Technology, and Higher Education. AMINEF celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2017; the Fulbright Program in Indonesia was initiated 66 years ago. For more information on degree scholarships and non-degree fellowships offered, please visit the AMINEF website at www.aminef.or.id.

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