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## **NEW ZEALAND**



### Message from Minister of Foreign Affairs

My warmest greetings from New Zealand on Waitangi Day - a time of national celebration in our country,

Today New Zealand celebrates 170 years of partnership between the original inhabitants of our country - the Maori - and more recent waves of migrants from around the world. We celebrate that New Zealand is a dynamic multi-ethnic society, with a promising future.

Given our two countries' shared interests as fellow democracies and neighbors in the Asia Pacific region, New Zealand and Indonesia are natural partners and well-positioned to work together to meet 21st century challenges.

New Zealand regards Indonesia's democratic transformation as one of the great achievements of the last decade.

For these reasons I have been very pleased with the progress that our two countries have made over the last year. New Zealand and Indonesia are expanding cooperation in a



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number of areas, including between our security forces, and on pressing issues such as climate change and

counterterrorism. New Zealand's largest Asian development program is located in Indonesia and it is set to increase.

I am also delighted that New Zealand's trade relationship with Indonesia is steadily growing and is well-

Two-way trade has doubled since 2006 - an impressive achievement demonstrating the complementary nature of our economies. The ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement creates further opportunities.

Last year I had the pleasure of visiting Jakarta and seeing for myself the promise of Indonesia. I am committed to realizing the potential of our relationship and finding ways to increase people-to-people links so that New Zealanders and Indonesians are able to get know each other better.

New Zealand welcomes visitors from Indonesia, whether you come for business, study, or tourism.



### New Zealand: A great place for studying, holidaying

Situated in Oceania, New Zealand has two main islands known as the North and the South Islands and some inshore and smaller outlying islands. The total land area is 268,670 square kilometers, making it about double the size of Java.

Despite its small size and sparse population of 4.1 million, the country is crammed with magnificent natural beauty and has an incredible amount to offer. Fresh air, breathtaking scenery and outdoor activities are the main attractions of New Zealand, which has a tremendously friendly, honest and helpful population, invariably referred to as kiwis after the country's national symbol, the kiwi bird.

Ranked 20th out of 179 countries on the Human Development Index (HDI), New Zealand is indeed a great place to live, study or visit. HDI is a comparative measure of life expectancy, literacy, education and standards of living for countries worldwide. New Zealand tops other international rankings. Transparency International ranks New Zealand as the least corrupt country in the world. According to the Institute for Economics and Peace, New Zealand is also the world's most peaceful nation. The World Banks rates New Zealand second in the world for ease in doing business.

New Zealand's education system is known as one of the best in the world. Education institutions in the country offer world-class facilities. resources and teaching staff, and the qualifications are valued and transferable throughout the world. The country provides opportunities to study under internationally recognized academics and researchers in a wide range of disciplines. Qualifications from the country's universities rank alongside the world's outstanding educational institutions and have a reputation for being practical and modern. In some niche areas, such as biotechnology, forensic science and marine engineering, New Zealand degrees are acknowledged as world leading. Students educated in the country are earning a reputation as a new breed of innovative thinkers, and enjoying success the world over.

International students can stay at places where safety and security are valued. New Zealand has strong guidelines for education and home stay providers to ensure international students are always well looked after. New Zealanders are a famously hospitable people with a lively interest in other cultures and an education here is frequently the beginning of lifelong friendships.

For Indonesian students, the favorable exchange rate enables their parents to pay less for tuition and living costs than they would in the US or Australia. James Waite, Second Secretary

of the New Zealand Embassy in Jakarta, said New Zealand's universities performed very highly on a

"In addition to the great educational excellence, international students in New Zealand can enjoy a sophisticated lifestyle and high quality, affordable accommodation. There were around 470 fee-paying Indonesian students studying in New Zealand in 2008." Kirk Yates NZAID's programme manager in Jakarta explains that there are also those studying in New Zealand educational institutions on NZAID scholarships. "The scholarship program aim is to share New Zealand's excellent education system with the rest of the world, and bring the best academics from elsewhere to share their knowledge. The scholarships reflect the country's commitment to strengthening human resource capacity in other countries, including Indonesia and to establish education institutional partnerships," he

Gloriani Panjaitan, Development Programme Coordinator of the New Zealand's International Aid and Development Programme (NZAID), said New Zealand offered study awards for young and bright Indonesians through two categories of New Zealand Development Scholarships (NZDS), namely NZDS Public

primarily intended to strengthen from the public sector may apply to the New Zealand Embassy in Jakarta, and short-listed candidates are endorsed by the Government of Indonesia. The NZDS Open category is available to individuals who in-



global level, and several featured in the world's international university

category and NZDS Open category.

"The NZDS Public category is public sector capacity. Applicants

tional institution."

tutions participate in the program including the University of Otago, Massey University, Victoria University of Wellington, the University of Canterbury, AUT University, Lincoln University, the University of Auckland and Unitec. Travel- and tourism-wise, New Zealand offers a huge variety of action-packed and laidback activi-

dependently apply for a scholarship.

Applicants should apply directly to

a participating New Zealand educa-

Panjaitan said 75 Indonesians had

won the study awards since 2001,

adding that nine educational insti-

ties, from bungee jumping to skiing, swimming with dolphins, scenic flights and boat cruises on the fjords, as well as several world-famous walking trails with unrivalled scenery. Visitors can alternatively immerse themselves in culture at the museums and galleries of the country's main cities -- Auckland and the capital Wellington in the North Island, and Christchurch and Dunedin in the South Island. The success of *Avatar*, the most expensive and the highest grossing

movie ever made which was made in New Zealand, and several other movies shot in the country like *King* Kong, The Last Samurai and The Lord of the Rings trilogy, has already given a boost to the tourist industry of this island-nation too as its tourist destinations are showcased to the global audience in a very tempting manner. These productions have also consolidated the New Zealand film industry, which has boomed in recent years. The country is now more than a location for shooting scenery - big budget films are regularly produced for Hollywood by New Zealand companies.

The landscape is diverse, and sometimes spectacular. Visitors are drawn to the glacier-carved mountains, lakes, beaches and thermal springs. Because of the islands' geographical isolation, much of the flora and fauna is unique to the country.

New Zealand offers visitors an incredible amount to enjoy, including some of the most stunning landscapes in the world, a unique cultural heritage, spectacular natural environments, world-leading adventure activities, fine food and wine, and excellent shopping.

For information on visiting New Zealand and obtaining visas go to http://www.newzealand.com/travel/ International and http://www.imigration.govt.nz

For information about study, visit http://www.newzealandeducated.

# New Zealand seeks deeper ties with Indonesia

New Zealand and Indonesia have enjoyed friendly diplomatic ties since the establishment of relations more than five decades ago. On the commemoration of Waitangi Day on Feb. 6, New Zealand reiterates the importance of bilateral relations with Indonesia by highlighting several important events in recent years, particularly development assistance to the republic.

Commenting on the commemoration of Waitangi Day this year, New Zealand Deputy Ambassador to Indonesia Chris Langley said that his country and Indonesia shared mutual trust and respect, as well as interdependence and

Waitangi Day is a significant day in the history of New Zealand and commemorates the Feb. 6, 1840 signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, the nation's founding

"Building on more than five decades of diplomatic relations with Indonesia, New Zealand is seeking to improve bilateral ties with more cooperation in various fields," said Langley, who is currently the chargé d'affaires at the New Zealand Embassy in Jakarta.

"Indonesia is a very important country in Southeast Asia and is playing a greater role in the broader region. In terms of its size, status as a leader in democracy and its economic stability, Indonesia is important to work with." He said there had been visits by leaders, several ministers and other senior officials from each country to bolster relations in certain key areas.

"Both governments are working hard to realize the potential of the relationship. Bilateral cooperation has increased in recent years, including between the two police and defence forces which are collaborating on training and personnel exchanges. New Zealand is also supporting some important Indonesian government initiatives such as the Bali Democ-

racy Forum." There is also great potential in the private sector, Langley said. Trade has increased steadily in recent years, and is evenly balanced between imports and exports between the two countries. Langley hoped that the new Australia-New Zealand-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement would encourage New Zealand companies to look seriously at the Indonesian market and that more Indonesians will consider New Zealand as a trade and investment destination.

"Indonesia receives New Zealand's largest bilateral aid allocation in the Asian region. The figure for the bilateral programme extended to Indonesia, which reaches Rp 87 billion for 2010, will increase within the next two

years." The NZAID programme is the vehicle by which the New Zealand Government's official development assistance (ODA) programmes are implemented and has an overarching goal of promoting sustainable economic development in Indonesia'.

Kirk Yates the NZAID programme manager in Jakarta explains "New Zealand works closely with the Indonesian Government to ensure its programmes are aligned with national and local government development priorities and strategies as well as to other key donors' programmes."

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At present NZAID supports around 28 programmes and activities. An example is a joint UNES-CO and UNICEF project called Creating Learning Communities for Children in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Religious Affairs, which has proved critically important in raising the quality of primary education and in creating child-friendly learning environments at the school and community level.

To support good governance initiatives in Indonesia, New Zealand has contributed to a programme in Papua and West Papua provinces called the People-Centered Development Programme. This joint UNDP and Bappenasled programme aims to strengthen local government and civil society capacity to develop, implement and monitor the achievement of Millennium Development Goals in Papua.

New Zealand has also been involved in providing assistance following natural disasters in Aceh, Nias, Yogyakarta and most recently West Sumatra. "We provided Rp 8 billion following the Padang earthquake in September 2009

targeted at front-line emergency relief supplies and assistance through two agencies operating on the ground in Padang: a New Zealand NGO, SurfAid International and the Indonesian Red Cross (via the Federation of Red Cross). We went on to support UNDP with technical support in structural engineering for building assessment.

New Zealand, which is no stranger to natural disasters, has realized that there is a need for society as a whole to focus on the ability to manage and minimize the impact of disastrous events,"

said Yates. In the field of peace-building and conflict prevention, there is further cooperation between the two countries, according to Langley. "The New Zealand Police, for example, were funded through the NZAID programme to support community policing and conflict prevention workshops in Maluku, participated in by Indonesian National Police officers." Similar community policing programmes have also run in Aceh and Papua.

In the education sector, there are study awards for young and bright Indonesians through New Zealand Development Scholarships. The scholarships are available for master and doctorate degrees, with priority given to candidates from the eastern part

Next month, the New Zealand Embassy in Jakarta will hold the second Regional Media Programme, which will bring journalists from 16 Asian nations to Jakarta to discuss the challenges of journalism at the intersection of culture, politics and religion.

Bilateral relations with Indonesia are also underpinned by cooperation on the wider level, specifically in the ASEAN region.

"New Zealand participates in a series of consultative meetings with ASEAN, including the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), the ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue and the meetings of the ASEAN-New Zealand Joint Management Committee," said Langley.

He added that ASEAN-New Zealand relations had been strengthened through building upon areas of mutual interest and comparative advantages of both

"This year is the 35th anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand dialogue partnership and we are working to develop a new Joint Comprehensive Partnership with ASEAN and hope to have a ASEAN-New Zealand Summit later in the year to mark the occasion" he said.

With considerable importance placed on engagement with Indonesia and ASEAN, New Zealand is committed to having broader relations and working together on important development issues as well as diplomatic, security and economic interests.

