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Message from the Chairman Board of Trustees



Democratization Must Go On!

Democracy and the protection of human rights must be fought for with the greatest of determination as they will not emerge by themselves. Democracy and human rights are even embodied in the national motto of Indonesia, “Bhinneka Tunggal Ika” (Unity in Diversity). Indonesia is not only looking forward to developing issues surrounding our democracy and human rights at the local or national level but also wider at the regional and even international levels. The Habibie Center was established as a vehicle for the people of Indonesia to continue the process of developing issues surrounding democratization and human rights issues. Globally, the rise of populism, terrorism, and radicalization remain challenges that we must all face.

The year 2024 was a very dynamic and challenging year for our democratization. Rising tensions in the run up to simultaneous local elections provoked the rise of identity politics where religion, race, and group issues seemed to matter more than policies and exchange of ideas. In this sad situation, we should remind ourselves that this Republic was not built to represent only particular group. Our founding fathers aimed to provide a livable world for each and every Indonesia citizen who calls this archipelago their home. In connection to this, The Habibie Center is committed to be part of the solution.

As a vehicle for the people of Indonesia, we cannot do all of this alone in creating a better Indonesia. Thus, I call on all members of society - the government, civil society, the media, and the public - to join us, support us, and work with us under the rallying cry of “Democratization Must Go On!”

Dr.-Ing. Ilham Akbar Habibie, M.B.A.

Foreword from the Chairperson Board of Directors

“Democratization Must Go On”. This conviction has guided The Habibie Center since its founding and remains our compass in a world marked by uncertainty, polarization, and democratic backsliding. Across regions, we witness the erosion of trust in institutions, the narrowing of civic space, and the normalization of illiberal practices—even in long-standing democracies. These trends confirm that democracy is never a finished project; it is a continuous struggle that must be renewed by every generation through ideas, institutions, and everyday practices.

In 2024, The Habibie Center responded to these challenges by deepening our work across four key pillars: democracy and human rights; democracy, economy and ecology; democracy, science, technology and innovation; and the maritime continent. Through programs on politics, media, and governance, ASEAN regionalism, peace and development, and just energy transition, we sought to connect democratic values with concrete policy debates and community needs. Our Democracy Dialogue series explored the integrity of the 2024 elections, local democracy, anti-corruption, and the future of democracy in the digital age, reminding us that democratic consolidation depends on transparent institutions, critical citizens, and accountable leadership.

Regionally, the ASEAN Studies Program strengthened our engagement with key strategic questions—from Laos’ ASEAN Chairmanship and Indo-Pacific dynamics to youth connectivity and digital transformation for poverty alleviation. These initiatives underline that democratization in Indonesia cannot be isolated from broader regional developments; it must be anchored in cooperative, rules-based, and people-centered regionalism. Our collaboration with partners across Asia, Europe, and beyond reflects our belief that knowledge exchange, dialogue, and joint research are essential to safeguard open societies in a contested geopolitical environment.

At the community level, our Peace and Development programs in Poso demonstrate that democratization is also about healing, dignity, and inclusion. Through ProPosoku and related psychosocial initiatives, we accompanied former combatants, their families, and local communities on difficult journeys of reintegration, trust-building, and economic empowerment. Their stories of transformation affirm that when individuals are given space, support, and recognition, they can move from exclusion and stigma to active, peaceful citizenship. Democratization must go on in these everyday spaces—markets, villages, families, and local institutions—where fear is replaced by dialogue and prejudice by cooperation.

Our work on just energy transition highlights another frontier of democratization: ensuring that the shift toward a low-carbon future is fair, participatory, and grounded in social and environmental justice. Through dialogues, research, and publications such as “Re-imagining Indonesia’s Just Energy Transition” and “Climate Action 101,” we emphasized that climate and energy policies must be inclusive, gender-responsive, and attentive to vulnerable communities. Democratization must go on in how we design, debate, and implement policies that will shape livelihoods, ecosystems, and inter-generational equity.

None of these efforts would be possible without the dedication of our researchers and staff, the wisdom of our Board of Trustees and Board of Experts, and the trust of our partners, donors, and communities. I extend my deepest appreciation to all who have walked with us in 2024—in seminars and forums, in field programs and classrooms, in policy dialogues and quiet moments of reflection.

Looking ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to uphold the legacy of B.J. Habibie: combining intellectual rigor, technological imagination, and moral integrity in the service of an open, just, and humane Indonesia. Democratization must go on—not as a slogan, but as a daily practice of courage, collaboration, and care for one another. Together, let us ensure that Indonesia remains not only the world’s third-largest democracy, but also a living example that democracy, when rooted in culture, knowledge, and solidarity, can endure and flourish.



Prof. Dr. Dewi Fortuna Anwar, M.A.


Foreword from the Executive Director

Over the past year, we have taken a number of strategic programs and activities, responding to our increasingly unpredictable and rapidly changing world. Over 25 years, we have consistently advanced our primary principle to promote the modernization and democratization of Indonesian society based on the morality and the integrity of sound cultural and religious values. We believe that democracy should be fought with determinism and not be taken for granted. The world's biggest challenge now is not only related to the worsening global economy, deepening inhumanity, climate crisis, and diverse political security threats, but also importantly to declining democracy.

The global trend indicates that the world is getting less democratic. Many countries have reverted to authoritarianism, while in others, including established democracies, there are signs of deterioration in the quality of freedom. Between 1974 and 2005, a majority of states became democratic for the first time in history. Samuel P. Huntington would call the “third wave” of global democratization. However, a global democratic recession began in 2006 and has persisted –and deepened – over the past 19 years.



Mohammad Hasan Ansori, Ph.D.



The Habibie Center's current programs and activities have been designed and executed in a serious response to the global trend of challenges, especially the regressing democracy. The nature of the Center's programs and activities in essence are relevant with one of the Center's pillars; 1. democracy and human rights; 2. democracy, economy and ecology; 3. democracy, science, technology and innovation; and 4. maritime continent. In addition, putting all the global trends of challenges, we mainly give our current focus on at least four lines of issues/concerns, energy transition, democracy, politics and media, inclusive development, and peace and development. All of these concerns are further translated into our last and current programs and activities, taking the forms of seminars, public discussion series, policy research, policy briefs, roundtable discussions, capacity-building, and advocacy. Finally, this Annual Activity Report should be seen as the Center's management report to the public, society and partners and as the main instrument of management accountability.

To end, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all The Habibie Center's partners, donors and collaborators for their invaluable supports and contributions. I look forward to working with all The Habibie Center people and team to bring this think-tank to ever new heights and to be the main policy reference of national and global issues and challenges.



POLITICS, MEDIA, & GOVERNANCE



Democracy Dialogue, “Lessons learned from the 2024 General Election”

On Thursday, 25 June 2024, The Habibie Center, in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, organized the June series of Dialog Demokrasi, featuring three speakers: Rahmat Bagja, SH. LL. M., the Chairman of BAWASLU RI; Zulfikar Arse Sadikin, S.IP., M.Si, a member of the DPR RI for the terms 2019-2024 and 2024-2029; and Drs. Julian Aldrin Pasha, M.A., Ph.D., the Chairman of the Institute for Democracy and Human Rights at The Habibie Center. The moderator for the June Dialog Demokrasi was Pitut Pramuji, an Associate Fellow at The Habibie Center.

Rahmat Bagja reviewed his supervision notes from the election process, noting that Indonesian election issues are not only related to infrastructure, resources, and moral hazards like opportunism but also legalities. Zulfikar Arse compared his experiences as a legislative candidate in the 2019 and 2024 elections. Julian highlighted lessons learned, appreciated positive aspects, and provided suggestions for improvement based on other countries' experiences. He emphasized the need for digital elections for ease, effectiveness, cost efficiency, and to minimize errors, fraud, and money politics. He also discussed the potential for Indonesia to adopt a district-based election system.

AI for the Global South: Implications for Indonesia

On 9 July 2024 The Habibie Center hosted a talkshow, the talk presented a design and framework for how Indonesia and five other nations (India, Brazil, South Africa, Mexico, and Saudi Arabia) could rapidly form a meaningful AI coalition across the Global South. To be established within the G20, that coalition would produce incentives needed for the USA and China to join a single AI governance regime that would protect and uplift a new middle class across the Global South.

Prof. Craig Warren Smith (Chairman of Digital Divide Institute) and Dr.-Ing Ilham A. Habibie (Chairman of the Board of Trustees, The Habibie Center) have collaborated for over 25 years to bring Meaningful Broadband into Indonesia's government policy. Now, the new framework updates the approach for the new era of generative AI, activated by Chat GPT. The talk will explain the urgency for activating this new AI Governance approach to protect and uplift all citizens, including those in the economy's lower tier.

In-house Training on Women, Peace and Security

On 16 July 2024 The Habibie Center hosted an In-house training on Women, Peace and Security, it aims to develop the capacity of The Habibie Center staff to respond to issues related to Women, Peace, and Security. As one of the think tanks in Indonesia focused on democracy and human rights, the issue of WPS is crucial for all staff, particularly researchers, to understand deeply to the topic. This topic is significant and interesting to discuss from various perspectives such as politics, democracy, and energy resilience through various programs and research. Therefore, through in-house training, it is hoped that staff will gain an understanding of WPS issues, be able to identify activities that have been carried out as part of WPS implementation efforts, and see opportunities to contribute to these issues. The training was facilitated by Siti Hanifah, National Consultant for Women, Peace, and Security at UN Women.



Democracy Dialogue: Political Map and Development Challenges of Indonesia Post-2024 Election

On Wednesday, 31 July 2024, The Habibie Center together with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung organized the July Democracy Dialogue series by presenting three speakers, namely: Prof. Bambang Brodjonegoro, S.E., M.U.P., Ph.D (Minister of Research and Technology/Head of BRIN 2019 - 2021), Drs. Andrinof Chaniago, M.Si (Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center and lecturer in political economy at the University of Indonesia) and Amalia Adininggar Widyasanti, S.T, M.Si, M.Eng, Ph.D (Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs BAPPENAS). The dialogue was hosted by moderator Pitut Pramudji (Associate Fellow, the Habibie Center).

Drs. Andrinof Chaniago conveyed the thought that political figures or figures in power have a role in the consistency of realizing democratization of development. Meanwhile, Prof. Bambang Brodjonegoro said that the key and important strategy for Indonesia's development, especially to ensure a golden Indonesia 2045, is the consistency of development planning. In this case BAPPENAS plays an important role, as well as synchronizing development planning with various stakeholders, especially partners in this case the Ministry of Finance, which in this case has budgeting authority. In addition, the consistent implementation of the Strategic Plan must be a manifestation of the RPJMN. Ms. Amalia Adininggar, as the head of the economic deputy agreed with what Prof. Bambang said regarding planning consistency and said that Bappenas has 8 development agendas for the future Indonesia.



Democracy Dialogue, “Opportunities and Challenges of Good Governance and Anti-Corruption Efforts Under the Newly Elected President

On Wednesday, August 28, 2024, The Habibie Center in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung organized the third Democracy Dialogue in August, focusing on the opportunities and challenges of good governance and anti-corruption efforts under the newly elected president. The event featured three speakers: Meuthia Ganie-Rochman (Organizational Development Sociologist, FISIP UI), Bivitri Susanti (Constitutional Law Expert and Lecturer at the Indonesia Jentera School of Law), and Laode Muhammad Syarif (Executive Director of Kemitraan Partnership and KPK Commissioner 2015-2018), with Dadang Trisasongko (member of ICW’s supervisory board) serving as the moderator. This month’s keynote speech was once again delivered by Sugeng Hariono, Head of the Human Resources Development Agency of the Ministry of Home Affairs (BPSDM Kemendagri).

Key points discussed by each panelist included Laode Muhammad Syarif outlining that corruption stems from political power and opaque political parties, with conflicts of interest in parliament and constitutional violations by both the executive and legislative branches. He emphasized the need for transparency in party funding and anti-corruption leadership. Meuthia Ganie-Rochman highlighted networked corruption in the natural resource sector and supported bureaucratic reforms, strengthening the KPK, and enhancing e-government transparency. Bivitri Susanti stressed that law enforcement is shaped by politics and public perception, with youth participation and the right to protest being vital to democracy and accountability.



Democracy Dialogue, “Monitoring the 2024 Regional Elections, Strengthening Local Democracy”

The Habibie Center and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung co-hosted the 4th Democracy Dialogue on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. The discussion titled: Monitoring the 2024 Regional Elections, Strengthening Local Democracy. The presentation featured three speakers: Khoirunnisa Nur Agustyati, Executive Director of Perkumpulan untuk Pemilu dan Demokrasi (PERLUDEM), Dr. Mardiyanto Wahyu Tryatmoko, Head of the Center for Domestic Government Research - National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), and Julian Aldrin Pasha, Chairman of the Institute for Democracy and Human Rights - The Habibie Center. The Democracy Dialogue was moderated by Dadang Trisasongko (a member of ICW’s supervisory board). Sugeng Hariono, Head of BPSDM Kemendagri, attended this month’s keynote speech again.

The Ministry of Home Affairs explained that the simultaneous regional elections are held to synchronize national and regional visions, supported by the Ministry’s oversight role, with voter participation in Indonesia increasing to 81.78% and a positive trend in awareness of voting rights from 2014 to 2024. Each panelist discussed several key points: Khoirunnisa assessed that simultaneous elections disrupt the performance of the Constitutional Court, potentially leading to single candidates and reinforcing challenges of fraud, highlighting the need for active participation at all electoral stages to maintain democracy. Mardiyanti noted that regional elections face the challenge of backsliding democracy, revealing a dilemma between regional autonomy and centralization, which must be evaluated to uphold the integrity of democracy and representation. Julian Aldrin Pasha argued that simultaneous regional elections aim to promote local democracy, but the challenges of political costs and the presence of empty boxes as alternatives underscore the need for evaluating candidate representation and transparency in political funding to honor the voices of the people.



Democracy Dialogue, “The Future of Democracy in the Digital Age under the Leadership of the Elected President”

The Habibie Center, in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, held the 5th Democracy Dialogue on Thursday, October 24, 2024. This final dialogue of 2024 focused on the topic: The Future of Democracy in the Digital Age under the Leadership of the Elected President. Four speakers were featured: Okki Sutanto, Editor in Chief of BijakPilkada.id; Fatia Maulidiyanti, Vice President of the International Federation of Human Rights; Nuzula Anggraini, Director of Politics and Communication at the National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas); and Afdal Makuraga Putra, lecturer at Mercu Buana University and Associate Fellow at The Habibie Center.

The opening remarks from the Ministry of Home Affairs outlined the elected President Prabowo Subianto’s vision, known as Astacita, aimed at strengthening democracy, enhancing human resource development, science and technology, and political reform. Okki Sutanto initiated the dialogue by discussing BijakDemokrasi, an initiative to raise public awareness about the importance of democracy ahead of the 2024 presidential election, focusing on public participation and transforming irrational voters into rational ones amidst challenges to press freedom and a lack of opposition, now extending to monitoring the 2024 regional elections.

Fatia highlighted that freedom of expression in Indonesia is threatened by laws like the ITE Law, which are often misused, while young people lack adequate opportunities as voters. The declining democracy index and public fear of speaking out in the digital space are concerning, and the Data Protection Law is ineffective without enforcement mechanisms.

Nuzula Anggraini represented the government’s planning efforts, explaining its role in creating a safe digital space for public participation through Law 59/2024, focusing on digital transformation and increasing community involvement. In the vision for Golden Indonesia 2045, democracy must be substantial and accessible, supported by responsive regulations to create a healthy digital ecosystem. Afdal Makuraga concluded by noting that public participation is shifting to elitism, distorting democracy, which necessitates strengthening digital literacy and regulations to promote quality participation.



The Habibie Center 25th Anniversary & Habibie Democracy Forum 2024: “Strengthening Democratic Resilience: Advancing Inclusive Governance and Meaningful Citizen Participation.”

The Habibie Center held the Habibie Democracy Forum 2024 on November 12, 2024, at Le Meridien Hotel Jakarta, with the theme “Strengthening Democratic Resilience: Advancing Inclusive Governance and Meaningful Citizen Participation.” The event began with a keynote address by Prof. Dr. H. Mohammad Mahfud MD, who emphasized the importance of strong legal enforcement and substantive democracy to address procedural shortcomings and counter growing authoritarian tendencies.

The first panel discussions moderated by Firman Noor (Senior Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center) and featured prominent experts, including Bivtri Susanti (Lecturer, Sekolah Tinggi Hukum (STH) Indonesia Jentera), Julian Aldrin Pasha (Chairperson Institute for Democracy and Human Right, The Habibie Center), Fiona Wiputri (Multimedia Manager, KONDE.CO) and Sandrayati Moniaga (Komisioner, Komnas HAM 2012 - 2022), who explored key strategies for strengthening democracy. They discussed the role of decentralization in reducing corruption and empowering communities, the importance of meaningful public participation to ensure inclusive governance, and the critical role of alternative media in promoting civic engagement and countering political bias. Challenges such as limited access for marginalized groups, weak political will, and financial constraints on independent media were also highlighted.

The second panel, held by The Habibie Center on "Realizing Inclusive Policies: Increasing Participation and Collaboration between Stakeholders in Handling the Climate Crisis and Accelerating the Energy Transition".

The forum brought together experts who have the same concern towards clean energy transition. The event opened with keynote speaker from Dr. Anthony Bebbington, International Director for Natural Resources and Climate Change at the Ford Foundation who raised the audiences awareness toward climate crisis.

The panel session was featured by several speakers, namely: Dr. Agus Pujianto (National Energy Council), Chandra Sugarda (Senior GEDSI expert), Gita Syahrani (Earth-Centered Economy Coalition), Anisa Azizah (ANGIN). The session was moderated by Julia Novrita, PhD. (Director for Program & Development). The session topics covered the discussion towards the Indonesia policy and commitment toward the Just Energy Transition and how everyone could contribute to succeeding the movement.

The key takeaways from the session offer us to have an effort to find a balance between steps to transition and overcome the negative impacts of the extractive sector with the process of increasing the added value of the sector that is restorative for biodiversity. Thus, the principle of mutual cooperation must be underlined to ensure that the energy transition can be carried out in an impactful, gender-responsive manner, and ensure a balance between social and ecological aspects.

The forum addressed pressing global issues of democratic backsliding, drawing on findings from Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit. By fostering dialogue on transparency, collaboration, and innovation, the forum reaffirmed The Habibie Center's commitment to advancing democratic values and ensuring Indonesia's resilience in the face of shifting political landscapes.





ASEAN STUDIES PROGRAM

Webinar on “Making Digital Transformation Work for Poverty Alleviation in ASEAN: Opportunities, Risks, and Strategies”

On 5 March 2024, The Habibie Center, as a part of THC’s cooperation with the ASEAN Secretariat’s Advisor of Poverty Action Platform under The ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Research and Development Platforms, held an online forum titled “Making Digital Transformation Work for Poverty Alleviation in ASEAN: Opportunities, Risks, and Strategies. The webinar discusses findings and emerging efforts in making digital transformation work for poverty alleviation in ASEAN, particularly by highlighting interlinkages between governmental, private companies, and community-led initiatives.

The forum’s participants comprised of relevant stakeholders from governmental agencies, private corporations, civil society organisations, and academics in Southeast Asia. The discussion was led by Shofwan Al Banna Choiruzzad, Ph.D. (Associate Fellow) as the moderator.

Meanwhile, the speakers included: H.E (Her Excellency) Jocelle E. Batapa-Sigue (Undersecretary for ICT Industry Development, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Republic of the Philippines), Dr. Ramez Abubakar Abdrulrazzaq Ba Deeb (Assistant Professor of Business Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, Nottingham University Business School, Malaysia), Mr. Jose Maria Luis Montesclaros (Research Fellow, Centre of Non-Traditional Security Studies, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore), and Dr. Ardimas Andi Purwita (Senior Manager, e-Fishery, Indonesia).

Talking ASEAN on “Laos’ ASEAN Chairmanship: Priorities and Concerns”

On Wednesday, 8 May 2024, The Habibie Center convened the Talking ASEAN seminar entitled “Laos’ ASEAN Chairmanship: Priorities and Concerns. The seminar featured Teuku Rezasyah (Associate Professor in International Relations, Universitas Padjadjaran), Fithra Faisal Hastiadi (Founder, Next Policy and Economist, Universitas Indonesia), and Andrew Mantong (Researcher of the International Relations Department, CSIS Indonesia)—and was moderated by Luthfy Ramiz (Researcher of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center).

The objectives of the webinar were to: (a) discuss the key priorities and concerns of 2024 Laos’ ASEAN Chairmanship; (b) identify possible intra and inter-regional challenges faced by ASEAN during Laos’ Chairmanship; and (c) explore efficient ways to navigate regional dynamics and maintain ASEAN.

Luncheon Discussion Meeting on Democracy in Taiwan and Indonesia: Prospect, Challenges, and Opportunities

The Habibie Center hosted its first Luncheon Discussion Meeting of 2024 on 28 May 2024, focusing on “Democracy in Taiwan and Indonesia: Prospect, Challenges, and Opportunities.” The event featured Broto Wardoyo (Senior Assistant Professor and Head of Postgraduate Program of the Department of International Relations, Universitas Indonesia) and Ja Ian Chong (Associate Professor of Political Science, National University of Singapore) as the resource persons for the discussion. In his remark, Wardoyo explored the differences and similarities in democracy between the two entities, highlighting lessons Indonesia could learn

from Taiwan. Meanwhile, Ja Ian Chong addressed the One China Principle and emphasized how countries have varying interpretations of the One China Policy, different from the PRC's own understanding.

This Luncheon invited foreign diplomats, government officials, academicians and practitioners. By adhering to the Chatham House rules, the Luncheon prompted them to engage in a lively and insightful discussion on various topics, including the state of democracy in both regions, Taiwan's domestic political dynamics, and people-to-people relations between Indonesia and Taiwan.

European Union's GEM-Diamond Research Interview

The ASEAN Studies Program's Marina Ika Sari and Luthfy Ramiz welcomed Jing-Syuan Wong, a Ph.D. Candidate from the Free University of Brussels (Université Libre de Bruxelles) and a researcher from the EU-funded GEM-Diamond Research Program on 14 June 2024. The visit was intended to accommodate GEM-Diamond's request for an in-depth research interview. Ms. Wong is currently conducting research that centers around the concept of In-betweenness in foreign policy and comparative foreign policy that takes Turkey and Indonesia as samples. The interview conducted by Ms. Wong mainly explored Indonesia's pursue of Free and Active Foreign Policy and its practice within today's geopolitical dynamics, including possible expectation towards upcoming Indonesia's administration.

Talking ASEAN "A New Strategic Alliance? Situating Japan-Philippine-US (JAPHUS) in Indo-Pacific"

On Wednesday, 26 June 2024, The Habibie Center convened the Talking ASEAN seminar entitled "A New Strategic Alliance? Situating Japan-Philippine-US (JAPHUS) in Indo-Pacific." The seminar featured Richard Heydarian (Senior Lecturer, the Asian Center, University of the Philippines Diliman), Mayor General Priyanto (Dean of Defense Strategy Faculty, The Republic of Indonesia Defense University), and Aisha Rasyidila Kusumasomantri (Director of Research, Indo-Pacific Strategic Intelligence (ISI)) and was moderated by Marina Ika Sari (Researcher of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center).

The objectives of the webinar were to: a) to discuss the recent development of the establishment of trilateral grouping by Japan, the Philippines, and the United States; b) to identify prospects and implications of JAPHUS in the geopolitics dynamic in the Indo-Pacific; and c) to explore the ASEAN perspective and expectations of JAPHUS.



Talking ASEAN “Sailing South: What’s Next for Taiwan’s New Southbound Policy?”

On Thursday, 1 August 2024, The Habibie Center convened the Talking ASEAN seminar entitled “Sailing South: What’s Next for Taiwan’s New Southbound Policy?”. The seminar featured Prof. Alan H. Yang (Professor, Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University and Executive Director, The Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF)), Rangga Aditya Elias (Head of International Relations Department, Binus University), Ratih Kabinawa (Adjunct Research Fellow, School of Social Sciences, University of Western Australia) —and was moderated by Patrick Kurniawan (Researcher of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center).

The objectives of the seminar were to: a) assess the implementation of Taiwan’s New Southbound Policy (NSP) in ASEAN during Tsai Ing-wen’s administration, b) explore the prospects of NSP under President Lai Ching-te in fostering Taiwan-ASEAN relations, and c) analyze the impact of NSP from ASEAN’s perspective.

Luncheon Discussion Meeting on “Indonesia’s Foreign Policy Direction under Prabowo”

The Habibie Center hosted the second Luncheon Discussion Meeting on 22 August 2024, focusing on “Indonesia’s Foreign Policy Direction under Prabowo.” The event featured Prof. Dewi Fortuna Anwar (Chair of the Board of Directors, The Habibie Center and Research Professor, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)) as the resource person for the discussion.

In her remark, Prof. Dewi explored three key elements of Prabowo’s characteristics in shaping Indonesia’s foreign policy in the context of national security, economic development, and regional stability. This Luncheon invited foreign diplomats, government officials, academicians, and practitioners. By adhering to the Chatham House rules, the Luncheon prompted them to engage in a lively and insightful discussion on various topics, including the new government’s domestic and foreign policy direction.



ASEAN Goes to Campus

“Youth in ASEAN and Beyond: Enhancing People-to-People Connectivity”

The Habibie Center (THC) and the LSPR Communication and Business Institute convened the first ASEAN Goes to Campus entitled “Youth in ASEAN and Beyond: Enhancing People-to-People Connectivity”. The event held on 13 September 2024 and featured Mahmudi Yusbi (Head of Strategic Planning and Business Development, ASEAN Foundation), Stephanie Gabrielle (Co-head of Research & Advocacy, Indonesian Youth Diplomacy), Ardiansyah Azhary Suhandoko (Technical Assistant, Taipei Economic and Trade Office Jakarta) and was moderated by Fajar Iqbal Mirza (Lecturer, LSPR Communication and Business Institute).

The objectives of the webinar were to: (a) explore youth programs conducted by the ASEAN Foundation in six thematic areas; (b) highlight the significance of raising the Indonesian youth’s voice and role at the international level; and (c) explore scholarship opportunities available for Southeast Asian nationals to study abroad.”



FGD 1: Grand Strategy on Soft Power Diplomacy

As a knowledge partner to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia in developing the Grand Strategy for Indonesia's Soft Power Diplomacy, The Habibie Center held its first Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on 3 October 2024 at the Diplomacy Cafeteria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The FGD brought together representatives from various ministries, including the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy; Ministry of Environment and Forestry; Ministry of Youth and Sports; Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs; Ministry of Investment; Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency; Ministry of State Secretariat; Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education; Cabinet Secretariat; Ministry of State-Owned Enterprises; and Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology. This discussion aimed to facilitate diverse perspectives from these ministries on Indonesia's soft power diplomacy as well as to gather valuable data and insights for developing the Grand Strategy document.

FGD 2: Grand Strategy on Soft Power Diplomacy

This Focused Group Discussion (FGD) is organised as a part of the drafting process for Indonesia's Grand Strategy for Soft Power Diplomacy. The Habibie Center was present as a knowledge partner to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The FGD was held in a hybrid format on 17 October 2024 at the Grand Cemara Hotel, Jakarta. The FGD brought together various ministries whose scope of activities are relevant with soft power diplomacy across three clusters, namely: (1) politics; (2) economy; (3) socio-culture. The FGD was led by Ani Nigeriawati, the Director of Public Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The FGD was intended to comprehend views on what their respective ministries have contributed to Indonesia's soft power diplomacy, as well as ways that coordination among the different ministries may be improved.



Talking ASEAN “Southeast Asia in the Middle of Chip War: Identifying Opportunities and Challenges”

On Wednesday, 23 October 2024, The Habibie Center (THC) convened the Talking ASEAN seminar titled “Southeast Asia in the Middle of Chip War: Identifying Opportunities and Challenges.” The seminar featured Joegianto (Advisory Board, Indonesia Chip Design Collaborative Center (ICDeC)), Nurul Ichwan (Deputy Minister for Investment Promotion, Ministry of Investment and Downstream Industry/ Investment Coordinating Board), and Edi Prio Pambudi (Deputy Minister for International Economic Cooperation, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs and the Head of the Semiconductor Ecosystem Preparation Task Force) —and was moderated by Patrick Kurniawan (Researcher of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center).





ASEAN Goes to Campus “Economic Integration and Social Development in ASEAN: Opportunities for Halal Tourism.”

The ASEAN Goes to Campus seminar on 31 October 2024, titled “Economic Integration and Social Development in ASEAN: Opportunities for Halal Tourism”, was organized by The Habibie Center and The State Islamic University of Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta. The seminar featured speakers Anang Sutomo from NHI Bandung Tourism Polytechnic, Rininta Nurrachmi from Indonesian International Islamic University, and Rita Pawestri Setyaningsih from the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN). The event explored the potential economic growth of ASEAN through the halal tourism industry, examined its current development, and shared best practices both within and beyond ASEAN.

Anang Sutomo discussed the difference between Halal Tourism and Muslim-Friendly Tourism, emphasizing the growing demand from Muslim travelers for services catering to their religious needs. He pointed out that countries like Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and the Philippines have already advanced their halal tourism sectors, while Indonesia faces challenges in developing this industry. Rininta Nurrachmi explained how halal food availability boosts tourism revenue, even in non-Muslim-majority countries, and highlighted the importance of digital platforms in promoting Muslim-friendly destinations. She also emphasized the role of mass media in reaching both Muslim and non-Muslim tourists.

Rita Pawestri Setyaningsih shared how Taiwan developed its Halal Tourism industry, starting in 2009, with significant advancements after 2016 as part of the New Southbound Policy. Taiwan focused on creating Muslim-friendly environments, including halal certification for restaurants, more mosques, and halal food accessibility. The growing demand from Muslim travelers, especially millennials, presents an opportunity for countries like Taiwan to tap into this market.

FGD 3: Grand Strategy on Soft Power Diplomacy

This Focused Group Discussion (FGD) is organised as a part of the drafting process for Indonesia’s Grand Strategy for Soft Power Diplomacy. The Habibie Center was present as a knowledge partner to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The FGD was held in a hybrid format on 8 November 2024 at the Akmani Hotel, Jakarta. The FGD brought together more than 60 different stakeholders from various non-governmental organizations whose scope of activities are relevant with soft power diplomacy. The FGD was led by Ani Nigeriawati, the Director of Public Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The FGD was intended to obtain views from non-governmental actors on how their activities may contribute to, and be assisted by, the Grand Strategy.



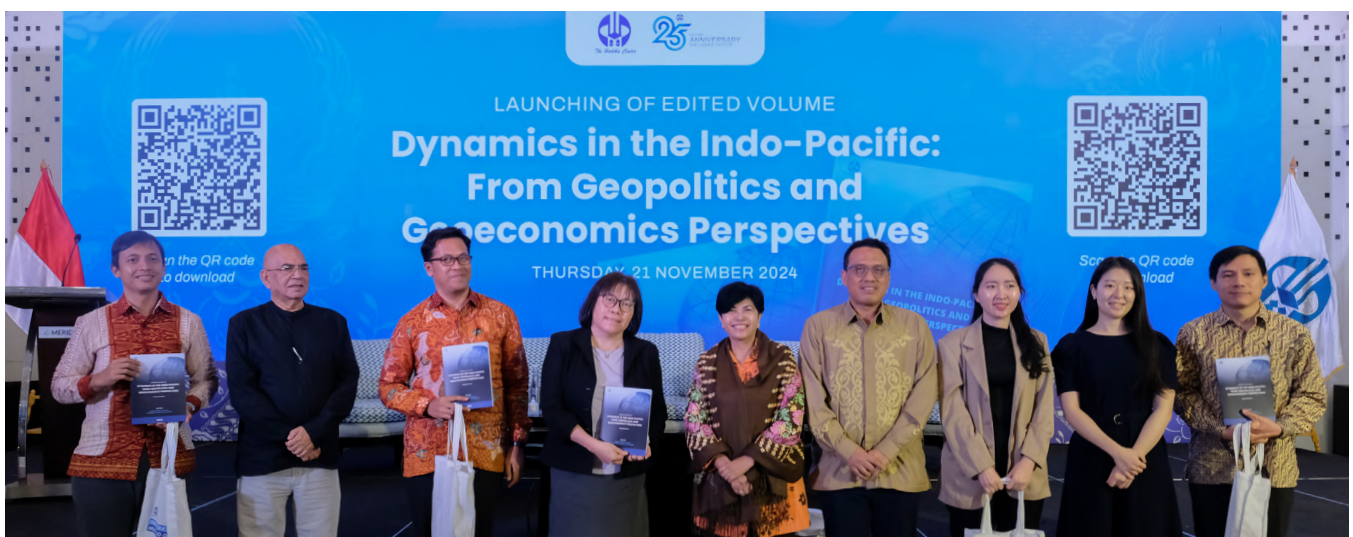
International Seminar on “Navigating the Future of the Indo-Pacific” and Launch of an Edited Volume, “Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific: From Geopolitics and Geoeconomics Perspectives.”

The Habibie Center held an international seminar on November 21, 2024, at Le Meridien Hotel Jakarta with the theme “Navigating the Future of the Indo-Pacific.” The seminar brought together experts from various fields to discuss Indonesia’s role in the Indo-Pacific region, addressing foreign policy, geopolitics, and geoeconomics. The event opened with remarks from Mohammad Hasan Ansori, Executive Director of The Habibie Center, followed by a keynote speech from Ani Nigeriawati, Director of Public Diplomacy at Indonesia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who highlighted Indonesia’s diplomatic efforts to strengthen its role as a bridge between developed and developing nations.

The first panel session, “Charting Out Indonesia’s Foreign Policy under the New Administration,” was moderated by Dewi Fortuna Anwar (Chair of the Board of Directors, The Habibie Center and Research Professor, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)), featuring H.E. Darmansjah Djumala (Lecturer, International Relations Department, Universitas Padjadjaran and Former Indonesian Ambassador to the Republic of Poland (2010-2014) and Austria & the UN (2017-2021)), Admiral (ret) Marsetio (Chairman of the Board of Professors of the Republic of Indonesia Defense University and Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy from 2012 to 2014), and Yose Rizal Damuri (Executive Director, Center for Strategic and International Studies). The speakers discussed the future of Indonesia’s foreign policy under President Prabowo, focusing on his diplomatic approach, the country’s geo-maritime strategy, and economic independence. They also emphasized the importance of strengthening defense capabilities to protect Indonesia’s sovereignty.

The second session featured the launch of an edited volume “Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific: From Geopolitics and Geoeconomics Perspectives,” with presentations from Chyungly Lee (Professor of International Relations, National Chengchi University), Ali Abdullah Wibisono (Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center & Associate Professor, University of Indonesia), and Tran Thi Mong Tuyen (PhD Scholar, National Chengchi University). Topics covered included defense cooperation under the U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy, ASEAN cybersecurity norms, and Taiwan’s semiconductor industry and its impact on Southeast Asia. The session was moderated by Shofwan Al Banna Choiruzzad (Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center and Associate Professor, University of Indonesia), with commentary from Klaus Heinrich Raditio (Independent Researcher).

The seminar provided valuable insights into Indonesia’s strategic position in the Indo-Pacific and the region’s evolving geopolitical and economic landscape. It underscored the importance of collaboration, economic resilience, and cybersecurity in shaping the future of the region.”



FGD 4: Finalization of Indonesia’s Grand Strategy on Soft Power Diplomacy

The Focused Group Discussion (FGD) on the Drafting of Indonesia’s Grand Strategy for Soft Power Diplomacy was held in a hybrid format on Monday, December 2, 2024, at the Diplomacy Canteen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The FGD was opened and chaired by Ms. Ani Nigeriawati, Director of Public Diplomacy at the Directorate General of Information and Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This FGD was the fourth in the series, building upon the previous three FGDs, with the aim of refining the draft and structure of the Grand Strategy document for Indonesia’s Soft Power Diplomacy.



Talking ASEAN “US Foreign Policy Post-Election: Anticipating Changes in Global Strategy”

On Thursday, 12 December 2024, The Habibie Center convened the Talking ASEAN seminar entitled “US Foreign Policy Post-Election: Anticipating Changes in Global Strategy.” The seminar featured Derek Grossman (Senior Defense Analyst, RAND Corporation), Moch. Faisal Karim (Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations, Bina Nusantara University), and Diana Sutikno (Senior Diplomat at the Center for Policy Strategy for the Asia Pacific and Africa, MoFA Indonesia)—and was moderated by Indira Utomo (Researcher, The Habibie Center).

The objectives of the seminar were to: (a) discuss a comprehensive overview of the US new administration’s overarching foreign policy strategy in the Indo-Pacific; (b) explore the US approach towards the ASEAN region; (c) analyze the evolving bilateral ties between Indonesia and the US in political security, economic, and socio-cultural sectors; and (d) identify possible measures to strengthen engagements between the US and ASEAN during the new administration.



PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

In-class Training 3 Program “Psychological Approach to Disengage Former Combatants and Communities from the Influence of Terrorist Groups in Poso, Central Sulawesi”

In-class training 3 Program “Psychological Approach to Disengage Former Combatants and Communities from the Influence of Terrorist Groups in Poso, Central Sulawesi”, in collaboration with Sasakawa Peace Foundation and Lembaga Penguatan Masyarakat Sipil as our local partner in Poso Central Sulawesi, it was held on 15 - 21 January 2024, attended by invited guests consist of government representatives, village heads, community leaders, and stakeholders who are close and can support program participants’ businesses and community relationships.

This training is designed to enhance the knowledge and understanding of the participants regarding the following themes:

1. In-group and Out-group: What is A Group, My Group, Intergroup Relations and Stereotypes, and Positive Experiences with Members of Other Groups
2. Interpersonal Relationships: Self-Uniqueness in Groups, Interpersonal Relationships to Achieve New Identities, Building Business and Community Support Groups, and Future Social Circles
3. Financial Literacy: Production Cost Efficiency
4. Social Media Marketing: Introduction to Conventional Marketing and Its Challenges, Social Media Marketing Strategies, and Social Media Marketing Practice”

Out-Class Training 7 Program “Psychological Approach to Disengage Former Combatants and Communities from the Influence of Terrorist Groups in Poso, Central Sulawesi”

On 6 February 2024 The Habibie Center held the seventh Out-Class activity is held as a platform for participants to continue and practice the knowledge acquired during the third in-class training in collaboration with Sasakawa Peace Foundation and Lembaga Penguatan Masyarakat Sipil as our local partner in Poso Central Sulawesi.

Objectives of the Activity:

1. Share experiences and memorable interactions with outgroups, especially those that provide are contrary from stereotypes
2. Completing worksheets on collaboration opportunities that can be pursued to enhance the participants’ respective businesses
3. Completing worksheets on the desired social circles in the future
4. Resume the practice of using social media to enhance the participants’ business activities
5. Resume the practice of financial literacy regarding production cost efficiency





Building Individual Capacity for Social Reintegration through Psychosocial Approach

In order to socialize the psychosocial approach to the deradicalization and reintegration program for former terrorist convicts in Indonesia, the National Counterterrorism Agency of the Republic of Indonesia, The Habibie Center, and The Sasakawa Peace Foundation organized a Training of Trainers titled “Building Individual Capacity for Social Reintegration through Psychosocial Approach.”

This activity aims to broaden the knowledge and application of psychosocial modules among key stakeholders at the national level. There were 25 participants in this activity, consisting of representatives from government and non-governmental organizations.

The closing of this event was attended by H.E Masaki Yasushi (Ambassador of Japan to Indonesia), Atsushi Sunami (President of Sasakawa Peace Foundation), Mr. Dionnisius Elvan Swasono (Director of Regional and Multilateral Cooperation BNPT) and Dr. Ing Ilham Akbar Habibie (Chairman of the Board of Trustees THC). It was held on 21 -23 February 2024 at Four Points Hotel by Sheraton Jakarta.



Out-Class Training 8 Program “Psychological Approach to Disengage Former Combatants and Communities from the Influence of Terrorist Groups in Poso, Central Sulawesi”

On 22 February 2024, the eighth outclass activity is held as a platform for participants to continue and practice the knowledge acquired during the third in-class training.

Objectives of the Activity:

1. Share experiences and memorable interactions with outgroups, especially those that provide are contrary from stereotypes
2. Completing worksheets on collaboration opportunities that can be pursued to enhance the participants’ respective businesses
3. Completing worksheets on the desired social circles in the future
4. Resume the practice of using social media to enhance the participants’ business activities
5. Resume the practice of financial literacy regarding production cost efficiency



Anniversary of Poso City & Bazar

The involvement of groups that are seen as opposed to the government in activities carried out by the government is one strong proof of the success of this program. One of this activity is the anniversary of Poso City on 1-3 March 2024. The participation in activities like this is evidence of a change in mindset where participants are starting to be willing to get involved in the activities initiated by local government.

Apart from that, the Poso government also knows more about the existence of participants through this activity. At the commemoration of Poso anniversary, the Regent visited the stand and held a dialogue with program participants. On the other hand, participants can also introduce their products to the government so there a possibility that they can get support to improve their micro business in the future.

Apart from that, another advantage of participation is participants can meet various members of the community who they would not have met in the past. Communications and interactions are the starting point that can open a horizon. Experiences of meeting new people from other groups will make participants of the program more open and accepting of differences.

Out-Class Training 9 / Penutupan Program “Psychosocial Approach to Disengage Former Combatants and Communities from the Influence of Terrorist Groups in Poso, Central Sulawesi” Periode 2023-2024

On 6 March 2024, the ninth outclass activity is the closing ceremony of ProPosoku program period 2023-2024. The objective of the event was to officially close the ProPosoku program period 2023-2024. The event was attended by program participants and invited guests from governmental and nongovernmental institutions. In this ceremony, program participants received certificates and souvenirs as an appreciation for their participation in the program for the past year.

#Bicara Terorisme, “Challenges of Counter-Terrorism in the New Government Period”

On 16 May 2024, The Habibie Center held a discussion on #BicaraTerorisme with the theme “Challenges of Counter-Terrorism in the New Government Period” at The Habibie Center office. This discussion was held as an effort to identify current terrorism issues and potential threats of violent extremism and terrorism in the future, examine the direction of the new government’s counter-terrorism policy, and analyze the impact and risks of the new government’s policy direction.

The speakers of this discussion were Irjen. Pol. Ibnu Suhaendra (Deputy for Enforcement and Capacity Building, National Counter-Terrorism Agency), Ali Abdullah Wibisono (Associate Fellow The Habibie Center and Lecturer Department of International Relations, University of Indonesia), and Johari Efendi (Researcher, The Habibie Center) with Salsabila Alamanda Wilinia (Researcher, The Habibie Center) as the moderator. “

Retrospective pre-post test evaluation of ProPosoku Program batch 2022/2023 and 2023/2024

Program evaluation is very important to measure the success of the implementation of the ProPosoku program. In addition, evaluation is also essential to gain lessons learned to improve the implementation of ProPosoku program in the future.

The evaluation of ProPosoku program was conducted using a retrospective pre-post test participation survey designed by Dr. Michael Williams, a social psychologist expert and the Founder of The Science of P/CVE. Dr. Williams developed a questionnaire containing nine subscales sourced from various research and tools available in the psychosocial field for P/CVE that are relevant to the outcomes of the program.

Discussions are currently underway to analyze the data and to improve the questionnaire for the future use. However, the initial findings of the survey have been presented at the Habibie Democracy Forum 2024 on November 13, 2024.

ProPosoku 2024/2025 Program Socialization

The program socialization is the first formal meeting between THC-LPMS and prospective participants of the 2024/2025 ProPosoku program. This socialization was held on June 2, 2024.

The program socialization was divided into four sessions, namely:

Session 1:

Self-introduction. In this session, participants are asked to identify and write 5 things about who they are according to themselves and who they think they are according to others. This session is beneficial for the ProPosoku team to find out the profile of each participant. In addition, this session is useful to find out the gap between the participants' perceptions of themselves and other people's views of them. It is almost certain that the participants identified their status as ex-terrorist convicts. They also mentioned that this status influences their daily lives, both economically and socially.

Session 2:

Participants were asked to recognize the negative impacts of their status as ex-terrorist convicts on their daily lives. Of the various negative impacts, participants were asked to determine the 3 biggest impacts they have experienced so far.

Session 3:

Groups of participants were asked to describe their dreams about harmony in Poso for the next five years. Here, the participants were directed to build joint initiatives that they can take to achieve their dreams for a harmonious Poso.

Session 4:

Introduction to the ProPosoku program. Participants were introduced to the activities in the ProPosoku program in a year. At the end of this session, participants were asked to write down their commitment to actively participate in the ProPosoku program for 1 year."

Opening ceremony of disengagement program 2024/2025, In-Class training 1 for ex-terrorist combatant and families

This activity was the opening of the third year of the Psychosocial Approach to Disengage Former Combatants and Communities from the Influence of Terrorist Groups program in Poso, Central Sulawesi.

The activities continued with the first in-class training session for ex-Combatants (June 29-July 1) and training for ex-combatant couples (July 3-5). The objectives of the training were: 1. Identity change, which includes the definition of identity, types of identity, parties that determine identity, identity and self-image, and projections of identity formation in the future; 2. Value change; which includes themes on the definition of value, sources of value, values that should be held and respected; 3. Positive communication and dialogue; which includes the process of dialogue, active listening, the definition of dialogue, and dialogue skills; and 4. Providing space for participants to learn to practice the materials learned in the training.

Outclass Training 1 of ProPosoku Program

Outclass activity is designed to provide space for participants to practice psychosocial understanding and social skills that have been delivered in the in-class training. The team has designed that one in-class training will be followed with two outclass activities.

In addition, outclass also functions as a forum for participants to share and support each other (establish peer support) in improving their ability to integrate to the community and improve their micro-businesses. Outclass activities are also outdoor activities that are useful for bring out participants from their exclusive community/environment and interact with the outside world and meet other groups.

Outclass Training 2 of ProPosoku Program

Outclass activity is designed to provide space for participants to practice psychosocial understanding and social skills that have been delivered in the in-class training. The team has designed that one in-class training will be followed with two outclass activities.

In addition, outclass also functions as a forum for participants to share and support each other (establish peer support) in improving their ability to integrate to the community and improve their micro-businesses. Outclass activities are also outdoor activities that are useful for bring out participants from their exclusive community/environment and interact with the outside world and meet other groups.

In-Class Training 2A and B of ProPosoku Program

In-class training is designed to improve participants' knowledge in psycho-social themes and social skills. Psycho-social interventions are aimed at changing two aspects at once, both individual and social aspects. For the individual aspect, the materials provided include identity, value change, and appreciation. While in the social aspect, the materials provided are leader and follower relations, interpersonal relations, and in-group and out-group contact. For the social skills aspect, participants are equipped with soft skills, which include positive communication, dialogue, negotiation, and practical skills, namely: micro/small business literacy, which includes calculating production costs, production cost efficiency, marketing/ social media marketing.

The topics delivered during in-class 2A and 2B are:

- a. Leader and Follower relation, which includes understanding leaders and leadership, positioning oneself in social relations, critical thinking in leader and follower relation, and role model;
- b. Appreciation; which includes themes about understanding appreciation, the importance of appreciation, self-appreciation, and appreciation as part of life;
- c. Negotiation; which includes themes on negotiation approaches, distinguishing wants and needs, and concessions;
- d. Financial literacy; includes themes on calculating production costs and separating finance for business and household

Visit of the delegation from SPF and Bangladesh

On September 10-14, 2024, the ProPosoku team received a visit from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) team from Japan and Center for alternatives/ university of Dhaka Bangladesh. This visit coincided with the implementation of the second in-class training activity, for ex-terrorist convicts and their families. The SPF and Bangladesh teams were able to interact directly with ex-terrorist convicts and their families, both through participation during in-class training and field visits to the homes of former terrorist convicts who participated in the program.

Some lessons learned from this visit are:

1. This visit provided the delegations from SPF and Bangladesh with a deeper understanding of the ProPosoku program in Poso, and identified possibilities for replicating the program's methods in other areas in the region
2. Knowledge and experiences exchange through meaningful discussions on deradicalization and reintegration efforts in Indonesia and Bangladesh. Both the ProPosoku team and the Bangladesh team were able to share experiences implementing programs in their respective countries, both in terms of methods, approaches, field experiences, as well as challenges faced and strategies to overcome these challenges. Both teams were also able to provide input to each other to strengthen program implementation in the future.
3. Identifying possibilities for future cooperation on the issue of deradicalization and reintegration in Indonesia, Bangladesh, and Japan, including to build an appropriate evaluation tools for Asian context.

Poso Lake Festival

The Poso Lake Festival is an annual agenda of the Central Sulawesi Provincial Government. The participation of ProPosoku program participants is very strategic for several reasons, including:

1. Providing space for program participants to introduce their products to the wider community, as an initial step to expand their market reach in the future.
2. It is a common assumption that violent extremist groups are against the government, so they do not recognize the government initiatives and are not willing to participate in them. The ProPosoku program offers to open new insights for ex-terrorist convicts and their families so that they are willing to participate in government programs/activities.
3. It is also known that violent extremist groups are exclusive groups. Through involvement in this festival, the ProPosoku program tries to bridge the relationship between ex-terrorist convicts and the wider community in hopes that this interaction will make them accustomed to interacting with different groups, which in the long term is expected to make them more open and able to accept differences in society.
4. It is very important to facilitate interaction between ex-terrorist convicts and diverse visitors of the festival as a starting point for restarting good relations between groups that have long been separated in Poso due to the inter-communal conflict in the past.

Outclass Training 3 of ProPosoku Program 29 October 2024

Outclass activity is designed to provide space for participants to practice psychosocial understanding and social skills that have been delivered in the in-class training. The team has designed that one in-class training will be followed with two outclass activities.

In addition, outclass also functions as a forum for participants to share and support each other (establish peer support) in improving their ability to integrate to the community and improve their micro-businesses. Outclass activities are also outdoor activities that are useful for bring out participants from their exclusive community/environment and interact with the outside world and meet other groups.



The Habibie Center 25th Anniversary & Habibie Democracy Forum 2024: Building Hope and Collaborative Strategies to Prevent Violent Extremism Leading to Terrorism and Enhance Social Cohesion.

Habibie Democracy Forum 2024 was held by The Habibie Center on November 13, 2024, in Le Meridien Hotel Jakarta with the theme “Building Hope and Collaborative Strategies to Prevent Violent Extremism Leading to Terrorism and Enhance Social Cohesion.” The forum brought together experts from various sectors to discuss strategies for preventing extremism and strengthening social cohesion through inclusive approaches. The event was opened with remarks from Andhika Chrisnayudhanto (Deputy of International Cooperation, Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Terorisme - BNPT), Jin Fujimoto (Peacebuilding Program - Sasakawa Peace Foundation), and Mohammad Hasan Ansori (Executive Director, The Habibie Center), followed by a talk show session and inspiring stories from speakers and participants of successful community reconciliation programs.

One of the highlights was the ProPosoku program initiated by the Civil Society Strengthening Institute (LPMS) Poso, which empowers former terrorist prisoners and their families through psychosocial approaches and economic training. Participants, such as Jumardi and Tini Susanti, shared their transformative journeys, overcoming stigma and becoming active contributors to society. Other organizations like Wahid Foundation, Aliansi Indonesia Damai (AIDA), and SERVE Indonesia also shared best practices in strengthening community resilience through women's empowerment, promoting peace ideologies, and implementing inclusive programs.

Colonel Czi Yaenurendra from BNPT emphasized the importance of clear benchmarks for measuring program success, the soft-approach in deradicalization, and cross-sector collaboration to address the root causes of extremism, such as economic inequality and intolerance. With a thematic approach in the second phase of RAN PE, the government aims to improve the effectiveness of extremism prevention programs. This forum served as a strategic platform for collaboration between the government, civil society organizations, and communities to build stronger social cohesion.



Outclass Training 4 of ProPosoku program

Outclass activity is designed to provide space for participants to practice psychosocial understanding and social skills that have been delivered in the in-class training. The team has designed that one in-class training will be followed with two outclass activities. In addition, outclass also functions as a forum for participants to share and support each other (establish peer support) in improving their ability to integrate to the community and improve their micro-businesses. Outclass activities are also outdoor activities that are useful for bring out participants from their exclusive community/environment and interact with the outside world and meet other groups.



In-Class Training 3A & 3B of ProPosoku Program

The In-Class Training 3 program was conducted in collaboration with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and Lembaga Penguatan Masyarakat Sipil. The training took place from 9-11 December 2024 for male participants (In-Class 3A) and 13-15 December 2024 for female participants. The trainings was not only attended by former Combatants and their spouses, but there were also invited guests, including government representatives, village heads, community leaders, and other stakeholders who can support participants in their business endeavors and foster stronger community relationships.

This training aimed to deepen participants' knowledge and understanding across the following themes:

1. In-Group and Out-Group Dynamics: Understanding groups, personal group affiliations, intergroup relations and stereotypes, and fostering positive experiences with members of other groups.
2. Interpersonal Relationships: Exploring personal uniqueness within groups, strengthening interpersonal relationships to develop new identities, creating business and community support networks, and envisioning future social connections.
3. Financial Literacy: Enhancing knowledge of production cost efficiency.
4. Social Media Marketing: Introducing conventional marketing concepts and their challenges, strategies for effective social media marketing, and practical application of these strategies.



JUST ENERGY TRANSITION

Tech Talk “Biogas Utilization in Community-Based Clean Energy Development”

On 17 January 2024, The Habibie Center held a Tech Talk entitled “Biogas Utilization in Community-Based Clean Energy Development”, to examine the dynamics of biogas utilization and the capacity and participation of communities in the process, The Habibie Center, supported by the Directorate General of Politics and Public Administration, Ministry of Home Affairs of Indonesia, and the Ford Foundation.

The purpose of this activity is: to discuss the utilization of biogas and its contribution to the development of clean energy technology in Indonesia, as well as the socio-economic impact on local communities; to explore the role of the community in the development and utilization of biogas as a clean energy development scheme in the community; to analyze the barriers, challenges and mitigation of environmental impacts in the development of community-based clean energy through the utilization of biogas; and to recommend strategies for the development of renewable clean energy through the utilization of biogas. The event was filled by speakers, namely, Danastri Widoningtyas (Program Officer Indonesia Domestic Biogas Program (IDBP), Yayasan Rumah Energi).



Public Dialogue, “Just Energy Transition in Indonesia from a Women’s Perspective” and the dissemination of “Reimagining Indonesia’s Just Energy Transition: Towards a Regenerative and Democratic Ecosystem”

On 7 March 2024, the public dialogue of “Just Energy Transition in Indonesia from a Women’s Perspective” and the dissemination of “Reimagining Indonesia’s Just Energy Transition: Towards a Regenerative and Democratic Ecosystem” book are expected to be a platform for the dissemination of information and discussion for policy makers and the public regarding the importance of a systemic approach in the process of equitable energy transition in Indonesia. Specifically, this activity aims to:

1. Disseminate the book titled “Reimagining Indonesia’s Just Energy Transition: Towards a Regenerative and Democratic Ecosystem”;
2. Discuss the situation of just energy transition in Indonesia;
3. Identify potential challenges and opportunities in the process of just energy transition from the perspective of environmental, social, and economic justice;
4. Identify future energy transition steps using a systemic mindset;
5. Examine the just energy transition from a gender equality perspective from a gender equality perspective; and
6. Identify opportunities, challenges, and women’s participation in the energy transition process in Indonesia.

The event was joined by 4 speakers, namely:

1. Mike Verawati (Coordinator of the Public Policy Reform Working Group, Indonesian Women's Coalition);
2. Mouna Wasef (Head of Research and Advocacy, Publish What You Pay (PWYP));
3. Chandra Sugarda (Senior GEDSI Advisor);
4. Eniya Listiani Dewi (Research Professor in the Field of Electrochemical Process Technology, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) / Chair of the Institute for Democracy, Science, Technology and Innovation (IDSTI), The Habibie Center).

The Book Dissemination event featured three speakers, namely:

1. Andriah Feby Misna (Director of Various New Renewable Energies and Energy Conservation, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources);
2. Sonny Mumbunan (Coordinator of the Center for Climate and Sustainable Finance (CCSF) University of Indonesia; Head of the Master of Public Policy in Climate Change, International Islamic University of Indonesia (UIII)); and
3. Setyo Budiantoro, Manager of Economic Development Pillar, National Secretariat of SDGs Indonesia, Ministry of National Development/Bappenas).



Indonesia International Sustainability Forum (ISF) 2024 & Book Launching “Climate Action 101”

The Habibie Center, in collaboration with the Society of Renewable Energy (SRE), participated in the Indonesia International Sustainability Forum (ISF) 2024, held on 5–6 September 2024. As part of the forum, “Climate Action 101: Indonesia’s Guide for Newbies” was officially launched on 6 September 2024. The book aims to raise public awareness of climate change and encourage concrete action, presented in an accessible format for first-time readers.

The book launch at ISF was well received, attracting participants from a wide range of sectors. The event was attended by key figures, including Rachmat Kaimuddin, Deputy for Infrastructure and Transportation at Kemenkomarves; Pramoda Dei Sudarmo, Special Staff to the Minister of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology (Competency and Management); Roni Pramaditia, Head of Medco Foundation; Adhityani Putri, JETP Policy and Engagement Specialist; and Ashwin Balasubramanian, Partner at McKinsey.

The audience comprised representatives from government institutions, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, academia, and youth organizations, reflecting a shared commitment to addressing climate challenges. In addition to the book launch, The Habibie Center also hosted a booth that attracted strong interest from visitors. The booth served as a platform for discussion, engagement, and dissemination of information on climate action. An interactive game was also organized, offering “Climate Action 101” as a prize, which further increased visitor participation and engagement.



Indonesia Youth Sustainability Forum (IYSD) 2024 & Book Launching “Climate Action 101”

Building on the momentum of ISF 2024, The Habibie Center conducted a second book launch for “Climate Action 101: Indonesia’s Guide for Newbies” at the Indonesia Youth Sustainability Forum (IYSD) 2024, held on 7 September 2024. The event provided an important platform to engage directly with youth communities and promote climate literacy among young audiences. The launch was attended by prominent figures from government, business, and civil society, including Dito Ariotedjo, Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs; Anindya Bakrie, CEO and President of Bakrie & Brothers; Chelsea Islan, public figure and climate advocate; Rachmat Kaimuddin, Deputy for Infrastructure and Transportation at Kemenkomarves; Fadli Rahman from the Youth Energy Council and Environment Council; Ronald Sinaga from Helio Synar Energy; and Rahmad Pribadi, President Director of PT Pupuk Indonesia.

The event was attended by more than 1,000 participants from youth communities and the general public. The high level of participation and enthusiasm demonstrated the growing awareness of climate issues among Indonesia’s youth. Through this launch, “Climate Action 101” was positioned as a practical reference to empower young people as active contributors to Indonesia’s sustainability efforts.





Seminar Nasional dan Peluncuran Program Mendorong Penguatan Kelembagaan dan Reformasi Kebijakan Transisi Energi Berkeadilan di Indonesia

On Monday, December 9th 2024, The Habibie Center held an event to launch our project from Ford Foundation. The event title was “Seminar Nasional dan Peluncuran Program Mendorong Penguatan Kelembagaan dan Reformasi Kebijakan Transisi Energi Berkeadilan di Indonesia”. The speakers on the event consisted of: Ruddy Gobel (Senior Policy Adviser, Center for Policy Development), Filda Yusgiantoro (Chairperson, The Purnomo Yusgiantoro Center), Andrinof Chaniago (Senior Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center & lecturer at University of Indonesia), Geger Riyanto (Lecturer University of Indonesia), Irvan Tengku Harja (Project Manager for Just Energy Transition Program, The Habibie Center) and Prof. Eniya Listiani Dewi (Dirjen EBTKE & Chairperson, Institute for Democracy through Science, Technology and Innovations, The Habibie Center) and was moderated by Julia Novrita (Director for Program & Development, The Habibie Center). The event was attended by 70 participants. As for the event Rudy spoke about “Aspek-aspek sosial dan manusia dalam transisi energi berkelanjutan di Indonesia”, Filda talked about “Transisi energi berkeadilan untuk menjamin perlindungan dan penghormatan hak-hak masyarakat rentan” and Andrinof delivered issue about “Membangun ekosistem transisi energi untuk mendorong pertumbuhan ekonomi yang inklusif dan berkelanjutan” while Irvan talked about “Transisi energi berkeadilan untuk memperkuat ketahanan nasional”. At the end of the session, Geger Riyanto wrapped up the discussion and delivered his comments toward the discussion and the issue as well. The conclusion of the discussion is everyone has his/her role to contribute on succeeding the energy transition commitment but we need to actively asking on government’s commitment to make it happen so then Indonesia’s path toward clean energy is still on the right track.





VISIT AND COOPERATION



US Air Force Visit

The Habibie Center received a visit from the US Air Force War Air College and the US Embassy on 6 March 2024. This visit was intended to provide a platform for visiting students from the college to learn and exchange thoughts on ASEAN and Indonesia’s role in ASEAN. The visit began with a presentation by Mabda Haerunnisa Fajrilla Sidiq (Researcher), followed with a question and answer session to delve deeper into ongoing updates in ASEAN-US affairs, China’s position in ASEAN, and Indonesia’s chairmanship in 2023. This visit was received by Dr. Julia Novrita (Director for Program & Development) and researchers from the ASEAN Studies Program.

Dialogue On Democracy in Inclusive Society

“Indonesia has been championing for inclusive democracy through its flagship program, Bali Democracy Forum since its inception in 2008. Indonesia has always been looking for new avenues to spread the importance of homegrown democracy. Over the years, Bangladesh and Nepal have shown promises as new frontiers for blossoming democracy. Both are regular participants in Bali Democracy Forum and Nepal also had participated in the 2023 Bali Civil Society and Media Forum. Both Nepal and Bangladesh are also rich with potential for partnerships between governments, universities, think tanks and civil society organizations.





Against this backdrop, the program was conducted in collaboration among Indonesia, Nepal and Bangladesh. The Directorate General of Diplomacy and Public Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, served as the initiator and program organizer collaborating with embassy of Indonesia in Bangladesh and Nepal. For this purpose, MOFA Indonesia invited representatives of think-tank (Mohammad Hasan Ansori - The Habibie Center), University (Philip Vermonte - Indonesia International Islamic University) and Media (Uni Zulfiani Lubis - IDN Times). These issues become the focus of the dialogue, role of government, role of civil society and role of media in inclusive society. The outcome of the dialogue will be in the form of recommendations and plan of actions. The event was held at Dhaka, Bangladesh (16-18 March 2024) and Kathmandu, Nepal (19-21 March 2024).

During the dialogue in Bangladesh and Nepal, diverse CSOs, including think-tank, universities and media from both countries also attend the dialogue and get intensively engaged with discussion of the dialogue. In addition, while the host of dialogue from Bangladesh is BIIS (Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies) a state-based think tank, the host for the one in Nepal is IFA (Institute of Foreign Affairs), also a state-based think tank. As a representative of The Habibie Center, I gave my talks on two topics; 1. Relation of State and Civil Society: Empirical Evidence of Indonesia, and 2. Media and Democracy in a Digital Age.

Embassy of the Republic of Singapore

On 19 March 2024, Embassy of the Republic of Singapore visit The Habibie Center. The visit is conducted to discuss Indonesia's foreign policy outlook. The objectective of this consultation is to exchange knowledge and gain understanding on Indonesia's foreign policy during Jokowi's administration and providing brief outlook on Indonesia's foreign policy under the upcoming Prabowo's administration.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Dewi Fortuna Anwar (Chairperson Board of Directors, The Habibie Center) and Jonathan Seng (First Secretary (Political)).

Meeting with the Mission of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the Ukrainian Institute

On 19 March 2024, The Habibie Center received visitation from Mission of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea dan the Ukrainian Institute. The meeting discussed possible collaboration between The Habibie Center (THC) and the Mission of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea as well as The Ukrainian Institute. The Ukrainian delegates inquired about THC's work and hinted at the possibility of organising a joint event online. Aside from wanting to have experts from Indonesia learn about what is happening in Ukraine, the Ukrainian delegates wanted to understand the perception of Russia in Indonesia and learn about the region. The Ukrainian delegates also mentioned the opportunity for THC researchers to write articles related to the political situation in Indonesia for the Ukrainian media and suggested joint research between THC and the Ukrainian think tank on International Relation-related topics.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Dewi Fortuna Anwar (Chairperson Board of Directors, The Habibie Center), Maria Tomak (Head of the Crimea Platform Media, the Mission of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea) and 3 delegates from the Ukrainian Institute.





Visit from Contemporary World Magazine - Embassy of PRC in Indonesia

The Habibie Center received a visit on 28 March 2024 from the Contemporary World Magazine, who were accompanied by the People's Republic of China Embassy in Indonesia. The visit was intended to explore potential collaboration in the future, along with exchanging views on ASEAN-China and Indonesia-China relations.

The discussion touched upon interpretations on the ASEAN Centrality, Chinese investments in Indonesia, and the future of Indonesia's foreign policy under Prabowo. The Contemporary World Magazine was represented by Mr. Lu Xuejun (Director General and Editor-in-Chief), Mr. Hu Jianguang (Deputy Director, Education Commission of Haidian District, Beijing), Mrs. Wei Dandan (Deputy Director of General Editorial Office), and Mr. Gao Lianjia (Editor and Journalist). The People's Republic of China Embassy was represented by Mr. Zhang Ke (Counsellor) and Mrs. Qian Shennan (Third Secretary). The visit was received by Dr. M. Hasan Ansori (Executive Director), who was accompanied by researchers from the ASEAN Studies Program.

Visitation from ASEAN Centre in MGIMO University, Russia

The representatives of The Habibie Center, Professor Dewi Fortuna Anwar (Chairperson Board of Directors, The Habibie Center) and the ASEAN Studies Program researchers, received the visit on 2 April 2024 from the representatives of the ASEAN Centre at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), Dr. Nikita Kuklin, the expert at ASEAN Centre; and Dr. Valeria Vershinina, the Deputy Director of ASEAN Centre.

The visit was intended to introduce the ASEAN Centre and explore potential collaboration with The Habibie Center, including the available Master's Degree scholarships the university provides to Indonesians.



MoA Signing THC-UIN Jakarta

Mohammad Hasan Ansori as Executive Director, and Luthfy Ramiz as researcher, represented The Habibie Center and attended the invitation to the break fasting event held by State Islamic University - Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The breakfast event continued with signing a Memorandum of Agreement between The Habibie Center and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, State Islamic University - Syarif Hidayatullah. The Habibie Center and State Islamic University - Syarif Hidayatullah commit to fostering cooperation through collaborative activities in the future.



Visit from Dr. Maksym (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy)

The Habibie Center received a visit on 4 April 2024 from the head of School for Policy Analysis, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. This visit was intended to explore potential future collaboration, particularly on regionalism and ASEAN-Ukraine research. The discussion also touched upon democracy issues and the outlook of ASEAN's role in on-going war in Ukraine.

DCN's "Web3 Fusion: Embracing AI and Beyond"

DCN held a forum titled "Web3 Fusion: Embracing AI and Beyond" in Bangkok on 14-16 April 2024. This forum was intended to introduce various emerging applications of Web 3.0 technologies and their implications to political and societal developments. The forum brought together thought leaders and youth from Southeast and Northeast Asian countries to comprehend the impacts of Web 3.0 towards their respective countries of origin. The forum also provided workshops to familiarize participants with the applications of AI in various facets of society. Mabda Haerunnisa Fajrilla Sidiq (ASEAN Studies Program) was present to represent The Habibie Center as a participant.

Korea Foundation 2024 Distinguished Guests, South Korea

The program, which was started in 1991, is a part Korea's mission of promoting mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of Korea and other nations through various international exchange programs. In this regards, the Korea Foundation (KF) invites prominent individuals from abroad who have distinguished themselves in various professional fields. For this year, KF invited distinguished guests from Indonesia, Latvia, Romania, Georgia, Sri Lanka, Panama, Madagascar, and Equatorial Guinea held on 15 - 19 April 2024.

Mohamad Hasan Ansori (Executive Director, The Habibie Center) visit in Korea and as a representative from Indonesia, he had a wonderful opportunity to meet, share and exchange his knowledge, experience and expertise with other program participants and the Korean counterparts, and familiarize myself with Korean culture and society. A couple of strategic issues were intensively discussed, including security issues in Korea Peninsula, unification, democracy, human rights and current trend and dynamic of the relation of Korea to Indonesia and ASEAN countries. The Korean counterparts that hosted the meeting and discussion are Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Research Institute for National Security Affairs, National Intelligence Service (National Cyber Security Center, Sejong Institute, Seoul National University Asia Center (SNUA), Asiatic Research Institute, Korea University (ARI), National Human Rights Commission of Korea, and ASEAN-Korea Center.

Ford Partners Meeting 2024

Ford Partners Meeting 2024 held on 23 - 26 April 2024, this forum is organized by the Ford Foundation (FF) for its local partners with the aim of sharing knowledge and experience about the work of partner organizations, as well as analyzing and sharing collective ideas in strategies to promote social justice and address inequality in natural resource governance and climate change in Indonesia - especially the energy transition sector and extractive governance in Indonesia.

In this activity, The Habibie Center represented by Kunny Izza Indah Afkarina (Researcher) and Julia Novrita (Director for Program & Development), they networked with other local FF partners and opened up collaboration opportunities for future energy projects. THC learned a lot about the latest energy transition updates from NGOs and the government, and had many discussions about program management from FF.

Visit from Russia

On 22 May 2024 The Habibie Center received a visit from Dr. Victor Sumskiy (Adviser to the Director General, "The Oriental Tribune" Russian Scientific and Analytical Portal), H.E. Vladimir N. Morozov (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary), and Dr. Vladimir N. Sautov (Vice President, Russian Academy of Sciences – Institute of Oriental Studies). The visit was intended to explore potential collaboration opportunities between the Institute of Oriental Studies under the Russian Academy of Sciences and The Habibie Center, particularly on topics related to the Middle East, Islam, its history and philosophical aspects. The visit was received by Prof. Dewi Fortuna Anwar (Chairperson Board of Directors, The Habibie Center) and researchers from THC.

Round table discussion on Deradicalization in Conflict Areas in the Philippines

Imron Rasyid and Johari Effendi, The Habibie Center Senior Researchers, participated in a Round Table Discussion (RTD) on Deradicalization in Conflict Areas in the Philippines held on 20 - 25 May 2024. The RTD organized by Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy and supported by Sasakawa Peace Foundation. Imron Rasyid and Johari Efendi presenting Indonesia experience on deradicalization and sharing THC experience on disengagement program for ex-terrorist prisoners. The program aimed to convene key stakeholders to elicit perspectives on the essential components of an effective deradicalization program. Special focus was given to deradicalization programs for women and children in conflict areas in the country, including the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

The one-day RTD resulted in recommendations and inputs for the development of deradicalization programs for former members of extremist groups, their families, and communities affected by conflict. The RTD followed by 3 days visit to Iligan and Marawi city, especially to the ground zero of 2017 Marawi siege to explore the the post siege reconstruction-rehabilitation. The team met experts and stakeholder both in Marawi and Iligan City to discuss about the current situation of deradicalization-rehabilitation and explore potential collaboration in the future.

4th Asian Summer Schools on Parties and Democracy

Organized under the auspices of the Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the 4th Asian Summer School on Political Parties and Democracy brought together an international team of academics and practitioners to train and instruct a group of 15 MA/PhD researchers, practitioners, and civil society leaders in the field of political parties and democracy. The main aim of the School was to provide instruction and discussion on a wider range of analytical perspectives in the study of political parties, party systems, elections, and democracy. Our researcher, Marina Ika Sari presented her research paper on “Youth and the 2024 Indonesian Election”. This event held on 20 - 28 May 2024 at National Chengchi University (NCCU), Taipei.

DCN East Asia Hub Launch: Strengthening Communities Through Digital Literacy

DCN launched their East Asia Hub with a forum titled “Strengthening Communities Through Digital Literacy” pada tanggal 3-5 June 2024 di Bali, Indonesia. The forum invited speakers from Southeast Asia to discuss the importance of and emerging practices in enhancing digital literacy in the region. The forum also facilitated participants to brainstorm potential solutions to address challenges pertaining to digital literacy in the region. Mabda Haerunnisa Fajrilla Sidiq (ASEAN Studies Program) attended the forum as a participant.

The 37th Asia-Pacific Roundtable

The Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) is the signature international conference of the Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia. At its core, the APR is a Southeast Asian conference discussing key issues impacting on the Asia-Pacific. It is one of the region's premier Track-Two gatherings. This year's theme is 'Crisis in an Interregnum', held on 4 - 7 June 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It aims to unpack how this period of interregnum affects the norms and mechanisms that have shaped the existing international order.

The participants of this conference are government officials, think tank staffs, private sectors, academicians from all over the world. The Habibie Center is represented by Patrick Kurniawan from Indonesia who is also part of a young leader delegations from Pacific Forum.

Visit from Dr. Syed Azman Syed Ahmad Nawawi, International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia

The Habibie Center received a visit from the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia on 7 June 2024. The representatives of The Habibie Center, Dr. Julia Novrita, Marina Ika Sari, and Luthfy Ramiz received the IAIS Malaysia's representative, Dr. Syed Azman Syed Ahmad Nawawi, who is the CEO of IAIS Malaysia. Besides introducing IAIS Malaysia to The Habibie Center, Dr. Syed Azman also discussed possible future cooperation between IAIS Malaysia and The Habibie Center.

Despite IAIS Malaysia's main fields of work on the Muslim world, Muslim minorities, and the Middle East, the discussion identified that The Habibie Center and IAIS Malaysia were similar in particular ways, as both work on peacebuilding efforts and youth advocacy. For instance, The Habibie Center managed to run the ASEAN Rising Leaders Program in 2022. In the future, The Habibie Center and IAIS Malaysia will work together to enrich each other's programs and initiatives.

Public Sector Leadership in ASEAN-Senior Level

The New Zealand Government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) organized a Public Sector Leadership in ASEAN-Senior Level, this program is funded through the New Zealand International Development Cooperation Program, and administered on MFAT's behalf by New Zealand Crown Agency, Education New Zealand (ENZ), Mohammad Hasan Ansori (Executive Director) represented The Habibie Center to join the program in Aotearoa New Zealand, conducted from 10 June to 21 June, 2024, mainly involved 12 distinguished participants from ASEAN countries, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Timor Leste, and The Philippines. The purpose of the program is to provide the participants with skills, knowledge, work experience in order that the participants can contribute to the wider social and economic development of their countries in ASEAN, especially in the domain of public sector leadership. The program activities generally covers lecture, exchange of knowledge and experience, capacity-building, networking and exploration of local culture.

The program was also a collaboration with Wellington Uni-Professional, Victoria University of Wellington that served as a training provider. The program materials covered, among others, public sector leadership capacity building, public sector framework and operation, action

plan building, etc. The program was delivered using the method of exchange and sharing is important for not only professional capacity building, but also strengthening people to people connection between New Zealand and ASEAN countries.

During the program in Wellington, the capital of Aotearoa New Zealand, our Director took an opportunity to visit The Embassy of Indonesia in Wellington and had a meeting with Indonesia's Ambassador to New Zealand (Fientje Maritje Suebu). As part of the meeting result, there will be commitment to undertake a joint seminar between The Habibie Center and KBRI Wellington within this year.

Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) 2024

Mabda Haerunnisa Fajrilla Sidiq (Researcher, ASEAN Studies Program) was selected to participate as a youth leader the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) 2024, organized by the Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA) and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN). This year's APIGA was held in Busan, Republic of Korea, on 8-12 July 2024. Youth leaders were selected upon the basis of excellent performance from the previous iteration of APIGA and were responsible in providing mentorship to this year's participants. The academy was organized as a 5-day workshop, designed for aspiring Internet governance experts who wishes to enhance their contribution for the Internet community.

The 5th SEASIA Biennial International Conference 2024

The Asian Center at the University of the Philippines, a member institution of the Consortium of Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA), hosted the 5th SEASIA Biennial International Conference themed "De/Centering Southeast Asia", on 18 - 20 July 2024 and Patrick Kurniawan (Researcher, ASEAN Studies Program) was invited to participate in a roundtable discussion on "Strategizing the Role of Think Tanks in Shaping Southeast Asian Regional Policies in the Indo-Pacific Region: Achievements, Challenges, and Prospects."

During the discussion, Patrick shared his insights on ASEAN's achievements and shortcomings in the Indo-Pacific. He emphasized the potential role of think tanks in bridging gaps and helping ASEAN overcome key regional challenges."

Visit from Korea University

A group of students from the ASEAN Center at Korea University visited The Habibie Center on July 29, 2024. The visit was warmly received by the Executive Director of The Habibie Center, Mohammad Hasan Ansori, Director of Programs and Development, Julia Novrita, and two esteemed researchers from The Habibie Center, Luthfy Ramiz and Fullah Jumaynah.

In his remarks, Mohammad Hasan Ansori emphasized that the relationship between Indonesia and the Republic of Korea is very important. More than just a bilateral relationship, the relationship between Indonesia and the Republic of Korea is colored by many dynamics, especially the popularity of Korean culture in Indonesia. Meanwhile, Prof. Jae Hyeok Shin, Ph.D., who is a Professor at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Korea University, stated that this inaugural visit was a good start to improve relations between the ASEAN Center, Korea University, and The Habibie Center.

On this occasion, Luthfy Ramiz and Fullah Jumaynah had the opportunity to present the development of democracy in Southeast Asia and Indonesia. The presentation stimulated an interesting discussion on the topic. Ultimately, the visit was closed with the presentation of souvenirs by The Habibie Center to the Korean University group and a group photo.

Visit from Chuo University

The Habibie Center received a visit from Prof. Hisanori Kato (Professor, Faculty of Policy Studies) and around 20 students from Chuo University on Friday, August 2, 2024. The delegation was welcomed by Mohammad Hasan Ansori (Executive Director, The Habibie Center), along with Indira Utomo and Patrick Kurniawan, researchers from the ASEAN Studies Program at The Habibie Center. The researchers delivered a presentation on Indonesia's democracy and recent elections, as well as its foreign policy and relations with Japan. The students engaged in a lively discussion on the challenges and lessons learned from both countries and the outlook for democracy in the upcoming years.

The 8th Asia Young Leaders for Democracy (AYLD)

The Habibie Center researcher Luthfy Ramiz participated in the Asian Young Leaders for Democracy 2024 program organized by the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) on August 18-25 in Taipei, Taiwan. The program consisted of 12 workshop sessions that raised various issues surrounding democratization issues in the region, such as democracy and technology, cybersecurity, minority rights, youth and elections, interdisciplinary and intergenerational communication, the influence of authoritarianism, and grant proposal writing. The program was attended by 16 young activists with various professional backgrounds from across Asia.

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum

Mabda Haerunnisa Fajrilla Sidiq (Researcher, ASEAN Studies Program) was selected as a fellow and participated in this year's Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF), organized as a regional rendition to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). This year's APrIGF was held in Taipei, Taiwan, on 20-23 August 2024. Fellows were selected upon the basis of their experience and expertise in internet governance. This forum encompassed various panels and workshops, arranged to equip fellows with the capacity to further contribute to ongoing discussions within the IGF framework.

International Forum on “Building a Maritime Silk Road under the Framework of a Neighborhood Community with a Shared Future”

Marina Ika Sari (Researcher, ASEAN Studies Program) was invited to participate in an international forum hosted by the Institute of Chinese Borderland Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. The event took place in Beijing, China, on September 11-12, 2024, with the theme “Building a Maritime Silk Road under the Framework of a Neighborhood Community with a Shared Future.” This forum facilitated the exchange of knowledge among scholars from China, ASEAN, and Europe. During the event, Marina shared her insights on “Indonesia's Defense Diplomacy to Maintain Maritime Security.”



MOU Signing MARVIN

The Habibie Center conducted the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Marvin Foundation on Thursday, October 3, 2024. The Habibie Center was represented by several senior leadership members and staff, including Mohammad Hasan Ansori, Ph.D., (Executive Director), Ghazali H. Moesa, S.E., (Director of Finance and Administration), and Julia Novrita, Ph.D., (Director of Program and Development).

Marvin Foundation's delegation was represented by Kurniawan Santoso, S.E., (Co-Founder and Trustee), Teguh Yudho Wicaksono, Ph.D., (Expert Staff), Ainul Huda S.E., M.Sc., (Expert Staff), Aldila Daradinanti (Project Manager), Izza Azka Salimah and Nuria Masruroh (Team Members).

Through this collaboration, it is anticipated that substantial contributions will be made, particularly in the domains of human resource development, democracy, and humanitarian affairs. Furthermore, the partnership aims to foster active engagement of the younger generation in the nation's development process."

Visit of Sasakawa Health Foundation

On Thursday, October 17, The Habibie Center presented its concept note titled “Community-Based Leprosy Screening and Cadres Initiative – Preventing Stigma and Enhancing Community Resilience.” The initiative focuses on empowering communities in leprosy screening, detection, and reducing stigma and discrimination. The meeting was attended by Prof. Takahiro Nanri (Executive Director of the Sasakawa Health Foundation), Dr. Akiko Horiba (Program Director of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation), Mr. Yuta Takashima (Program officer, Sasakawa Health Foundation). From The Habibie Center the meeting was attended by Dr. Mohammad Hasan Ansori (Executive Director), Dr. Julia Novrita (Director of Program and Development), Johari Effendi, Syefira Salsabila, Dewi Isma Rikya Ikhsan and Firda Safhira (Researcher and Program Support officer).



Visit from Polish Embassy

17 October 2024

On Thursday, October 17, 2024, The Habibie Center (THC) welcomed Damian Wnukowski from the Polish Institute of International Relations. During his visit, The Habibie Center researchers Luthfy Ramiz and Indah Gitaningrum discussed many things, including misinformation/disinformation, the leadership of President Prabowo Subianto, and democracy issues in Indonesia. Damian also shared a lot about current issues around misinformation/disinformation and democracy in Poland.



Workshop on “Emerging Scholars on Emerging Technologies in International Security”

Mabda Haerunnisa Fajrilla Sidiq (Researcher, ASEAN Studies Program) was selected to present a paper at a workshop for emerging scholars working on emerging technologies in international security, held by the Centre of War Studies of the University of Southern Denmark. The workshop was organised on 1 November 2024 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Mabda presented a paper on small states' cyber capabilities. Following the workshop, the papers were set to be sent to the Global Policy Journal for review and publication.

International Workshop on “Indo-Pacific Outlooks: Implication for the EU-ASEAN Relationship”

On 25-27 November 2024, The Habibie Center researcher Luthfy Ramiz, attended a program themed International Workshop on Indo-Pacific Outlooks: Implication for the EU-ASEAN Relationship held by the Torino World Affairs Institute (TWai) and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies - Nanyang Technological University (NTU) at the RSIS-NTU Seminar Room.

The workshop program was attended by 14 researchers and other academics from various institutions in Southeast Asia, East Asia, and Italy. On that occasion, Luthfy Ramiz presented his planned writing-themed ASEAN approach to promoting and protecting human rights. Luthfy Ramiz raised an article that aspired to create a human rights mechanism in ASEAN that would have an impact through a cooperation framework between ASEAN and the European Union.

Joint Seminar for Book Launching “India-Indonesia Relations: A Civilizational Partnership”

From November 27 to 29, 2024, a delegation from The Habibie Center, including Mohammad Hasan Ansori (Executive Director), Zamroni Salim (Expert Staff), and Marina Ika Sari (Researcher), visited New Delhi to launch a joint publication with The Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) titled Indonesia-India Relations: A Civilisational Partnership, facilitated by the Indonesian Embassy in India.

During the visit, the delegation also had the opportunity to engage in discussions with institutions such as the Confederation of Indian Industry, the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), and the Center for Indo-Pacific Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University. The discussions focused on Indonesia's foreign policy under President Prabowo, Indonesia's role in ASEAN, Indonesia-India bilateral relations, and the dynamics of the Indo-Pacific region.



Visit from Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

On December 4, 2024, implementing the previously signed agreement on bilateral cooperation, a scheduled meeting was held in Jakarta between the joint delegation of the Institute of Oriental Studies (RAS), and the Information Analytical Portal Oriental Tribune with the leadership of the Indonesian think-tank The Habibie Center.

Participants from the Russian side included: Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Indonesia Sergey G. Tolchenov, Vice President of the Institute of Oriental Studies (RAS) Dr. Vladimir N. Sautov, Dr. Habil, head of the Department of Art and Material Culture of Institute of Oriental Studies Dinara V. Dubrovskaya, and Deputy General Director of the Portal, researcher of Institute of Oriental Studies Sergey A. Kovalev. Participants from The Habibie Center side included the chair of the Board of Directors, Professor Dr. Dewi F. Anwar, the Executive Director Dr. Hasan Ansori, and researchers. The parties spoke in favor of establishing multifaceted cooperation, including information and analytical products, video conferences, delegation exchanges, and publication of materials of mutual interest.

Visit Nederlandse Leprastichting Indonesia (NLR Indonesia)

On Friday, 6 December 2024, The Habibie Center visited NLR Indonesia's office to discuss key challenges in eliminating leprosy in Indonesia. The visit was received by the Executive Director of NLR Indonesia, Agus Wijayanto, and the NLR Indonesia team. The discussion highlighted significant gaps in government policies, technical implementation, and societal awareness. Leprosy is not only a medical issue but also a deeply social one, marked by widespread stigma, including self-stigma among patients. In areas with high leprosy prevalence, such as East Java and Eastern Indonesia, stigma and denial create major barriers to effective interventions. Awareness campaigns should be strengthened, with greater involvement from influential organizations, such as religious groups and universities, to foster a more inclusive and impactful approach. The Habibie Center expresses its gratitude to NLR Indonesia for sharing valuable insights that will contribute to more effective efforts in addressing these challenges.

Visit from the Counsellors' Office of the State Council (COSC)

The Habibie Center received a visit from the Counsellors' Office of the State Council, People's Republic of China, on Thursday, 12 December 2024. The visit was received by Mohammad Hasan Ansori (Executive Director, THC), Julia Novrita (Director of Program and Development, THC), and several researchers from THC.

The COSC delegation comprised six representatives: 1) Xu Chang (Vice Chairman of the COSC); 2) He Xiurong (Counsellor of the State Council and Professor at China Agricultural University); 3) Liu Yi (Counsellor of the State, Director of the Society of Public Finance of China, and Professor at Peking University); 4) Yin Zhongli (Counsellor of the State Council and Researcher at the Institute of Finance & Banking, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences); 5) Wang Jing (Director-General of the Department of International Exchanges and Cooperation, COSC); and 6) Zhao Yuan (Deputy Director of the Counsellor-Service Department, COSC). The visit aimed to facilitate discussions and exchange of ideas on several topics of mutual interest between Indonesia and China, including energy transition and development issues.





Workshop on, Penyusunan Laporan RAN P3AKS 2024

From Thursday - Saturday, 12 - 14 Desember 2024, Fullah Jumaynah (Researcher) represented The Habibie Center in a workshop organized by Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Culture (Kemenko PMK). This workshop aims to prepare the RAN (Rencana Aksi Nasional) P3AKS report for the 2024 period which will be reported and published as March 2025. Kemenko PMK is a chair of RAN P3AKS Indonesia working group.

The workshop was facilitated by UN Women in partnership with the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection (KemenPPA). It was attended by representatives from various Ministries/Agencies and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). The workshop aimed to gather program data from each Ministry/Agency and CSO to ensure effective program implementation and data collection for achieving the objectives of P3AKS in 2024. This aligns with Indonesia's commitment to adopting the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda, as reflected in Presidential Regulation No. 18 of 2014 on the Protection and Empowerment of Women and Children in Social Conflicts (Perpres P3AKS). The Habibie Center presented a report on the ProPosoku program, proposing it as one of The Habibie Center's initiatives that could be identified as part of the P3AKS implementation within its programs.



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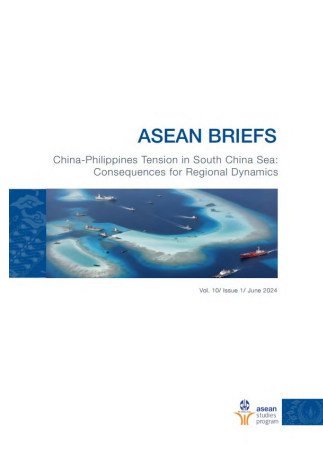
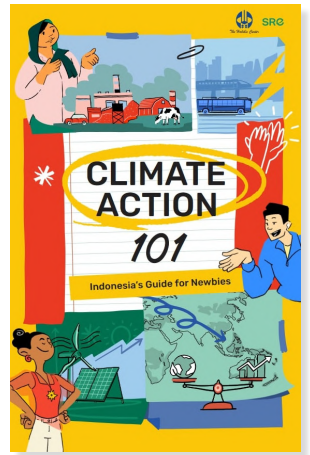
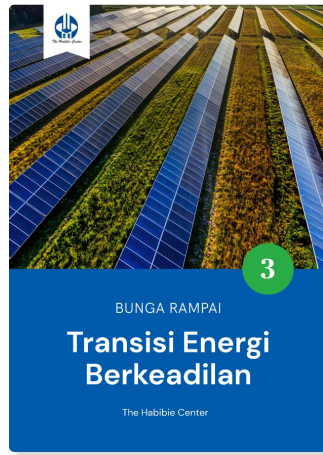
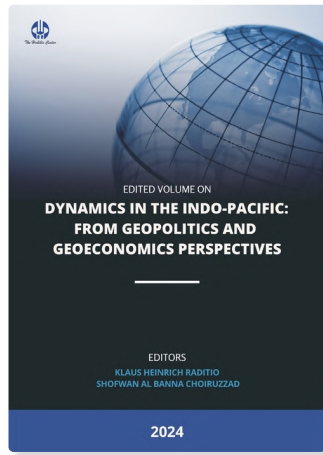
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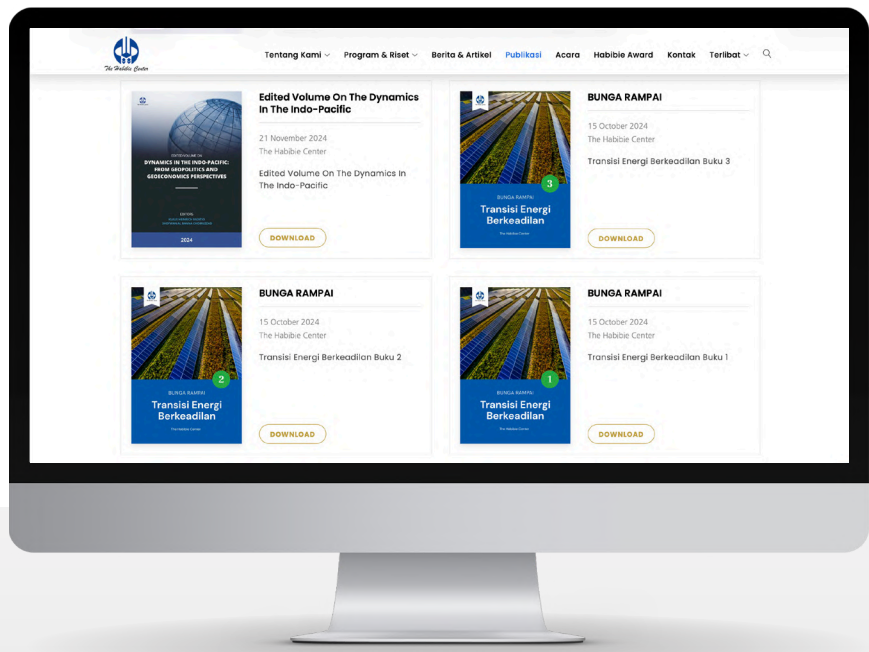
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