



## **Submission No 30**

### **Inquiry into Australia's Relations with Indonesia**

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Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

**Submission from the National Library of Australia**

**Indonesian Acquisition Office**

The National Library of Australia has operated an Acquisitions Office in Jakarta for 30 years. The Office, which was established in 1971, collects Indonesian publications for the National Library, as well as a group of Australian and overseas libraries (including The British Library and the National Library Board of Singapore). The Office is managed by a Regional Officer attached to the Australian Embassy as First Secretary (Library Cooperation).

The Office was originally established because the unstructured state of the publishing industry in Indonesia necessitates a presence in the country to identify, select and acquire a wide range of commercial, government and NGO publications for the Library. With the exception the publications of a few major commercial publishers, material remains very difficult to acquire. Titles published outside Jakarta are often only available locally and the Regional Officer travels regularly to the provinces on field trips.

Through its Office in Jakarta the National Library has created a world class research collection on contemporary Indonesia. Since the Office was established over 160,000 monographs, 250 newspaper titles, 5,000 journal titles, several thousand sheets of microfiche as well as maps and films have been acquired for the Library's collection. The main subject strengths are in the social sciences and humanities, current Indonesian politics, development studies, economic policy and law. Statistical data has also been collected at the national, provincial and sub-provincial level.

**Regional Role**

Apart from acquiring Indonesian publications, the Regional Officer undertakes a significant representational role for the National Library. The Regional Officer represents the National Library at conferences and meetings in Indonesia and the neighbouring countries of South East Asia. In Indonesia the Regional Officer is in regular contact with institutions such as the National Library of Indonesia, the Indonesian Institute of Sciences, universities, the ASEAN Secretariat and the World

Bank. A further function entails assisting Australian researchers who are seeking sources of information in or about Indonesia.

Strong links with Indonesia and the South East Asian Region have also been built up through assistance with training or the purchase of books and equipment for national libraries in the region. The Library sponsors regular visits from librarians of the National Library of Indonesia to the National Library of Australia for the purposes of training and development. On 1 October 2002 the National Library of Australia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Library of Indonesia. The MOU (copy attached) aims to reaffirm and strengthen the longstanding cooperation between the two national libraries and covers collaboration in the acquisition of Indonesian publications, the creation of bibliographic (cataloguing) records for Indonesian titles and the preservation of Indonesian publications.

The National Library believes that its in-country representation is contributing to the important cultural, economic and political links between Australia and Indonesia.



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA AND THE NATIONAL**  
**LIBRARY OF INDONESIA**

**INTRODUCTION**

- The aim of this Memorandum of Understanding is to reaffirm and strengthen the longstanding cooperative and productive relationship between the two national libraries of Indonesia and Australia.
- Safeguarding and providing access to the documentary cultural heritage of Indonesia is a shared goal of both libraries.
- To meet this shared goal more effectively, the libraries agree to cooperate in development and delivery of the library services specified in the Memorandum of Understanding. These activities include cooperation in the acquisition of Indonesian materials; cooperation in their bibliographic control; sharing information on the preservation of Indonesian materials held in both libraries; sharing collections through inter-library loan; and other cooperative programs.
- The focus of the Memorandum of Understanding is on a number of specific activities of mutual benefit.

**1. Cooperation in the acquisition of Indonesian materials**

- Each library will exchange one copy of their own institution's publications.
- Each library will document its collection development policy.
- Each library will provide a copy of its collection development policy to the other library, including any revisions and updates to the policy.
- Each library will cooperate, as appropriate, in the acquisition of material of collection development significance.

**2. Cooperation in the bibliographic control of Indonesian materials**

- Each library will create bibliographic records for the Indonesian materials in its collections.
- Each library will use the International Standard Bibliographic Description in its cataloguing records.
- Each library will make available to the other library its cataloguing records for its materials, either by providing online access to its catalogue or by exchanging files of cataloguing records, if required.
- The libraries will negotiate a mutually agreeable format for the exchange of machine readable cataloguing records.
- Each library will develop an action plan for the retrospective cataloguing of its own uncatalogued materials.
- Each library will provide information about its indexing of Indonesian materials, and explore opportunities for exchange of indexing records.

**3. Sharing information on the preservation of Indonesian materials**

- Each library will develop plans for the long term preservation of its collections.
- Each library will provide a copy of its preservation plan to the other library, including any revisions and updates of the plan.
- Each library will consult with the other library on specific preservation issues as requested.

**4. Co-operation in supply of Indonesian materials**

- Each library will provide interlibrary loans of publications within its collection, at no charge to the other library.
- Each library will observe any conditions of interlibrary loan set by the lending library, in particular period of loan and conditions of use.

### ***5. Other cooperative activities***

The libraries will consider other cooperative activities or projects, consistent with the objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding, subject to the specific agreement of both libraries.

To implement the Memorandum of Understanding, each library will nominate a contact officer who will have responsibility for communication between the libraries. Each library will deliver annual progress reports against the Memorandum, via the other library's contact officer. The National Library of Australia's contact officer will be the Regional Officer, Asia, who is located at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta. The National Library of Indonesia's contact officer will be Deputy Director for Collection Development and Library Information Services.

The Memorandum of Understanding will commence at the date of its signing and will remain in effect for a period of three years at which time the libraries will by mutual agreement determine the terms and conditions of any extensions of the Memorandum.

The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated or changed prior to the expiry date by mutual agreement of the libraries, subject to three months' notice.

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Signed at

In the presence of H.E. Mr Richard Smith, Australian Ambassador to Indonesia

