

UNODC supports Indonesia democracy initiatives



11 January The National Development Planning Board organised a social gathering for sharing best practices in democracy initiatives. The event was inaugurated by the State Minister of National Development Planning and Chair of the National Development Planning Board, Prof. Dr. Armida Alisjahbana, who took this opportunity to convey her appreciation to the partners for their support to Indonesia's democratisation effort.

As many as 11 development partners through implementing partners and beneficiaries, in total of 27 institutions, participated in the exhibition. UNODC took part in this exhibition by providing an information booth on its activities related to democracy, especially in the field of anti-corruption.

UNODC Indonesia puts concern on trafficking and sexual exploitation of children



13 to 14 January National Coalition for Elimination of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Centre of Child Protection of University of Indonesia and United States Department of Justice held a workshop entitled "International cooperation and best practices in protecting children from trafficking and sexual exploitation: Sharing expertise and experience of law enforcement and NGOs".

On this occasion, Mr. Ajit Joy, UNODC Country Manager, gave opening remarks on UNODC's work covering this area. He explained UNODC's initiative in this area including the newly created global trust fund for victims of trafficking.

Enhancing investigative interview skills for law enforcement officials



17 January to 4 February UNODC held three batches of investigative interview course under the project "Support to the fight against corruption in Indonesia" at the Attorney General's Office training centre. Based on the pre and post survey, the first and second course show increasing knowledge of 22% and the third course demonstrated a 33.8% increase.

A total of 88 participants include 23 from Indonesian National Police, 33 from Attorney General's Office, 8 from State Audit Board and 15 from Corruption Eradication Commission attended. This course was made possible by the support of European Union.

Prospect for cooperation in ASEAN on maritime crimes



17 to 18 January Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore, organised a workshop on "International maritime crimes: Legal issues and prospects for cooperation in ASEAN", in Singapore. The workshop brought together international experts on the law of sea and transnational crimes, government officials from the 10 ASEAN countries and academics from around the world.

The papers and discussions at the workshop examined whether the current international law framework was adequate to combat serious international maritime crimes such as piracy, ship-hijacking, hostage-taking and maritime terrorism. Mr. Ajit Joy, UNODC Country Manager, attended the workshop as panelist on the discussion of the global conventions, including the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organised Crime, applicable to organizers, financiers and accomplices, and problems related to implementation of ratified international conventions.

UNODC equip local trainers with professional skills



24 January UNODC implemented a trainer development programme at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation. This program aims to enhance the professional capabilities of the participants who are encouraged to deliver 'train the trainer' packages back in their own training centres.

The trainer development programme is designed to improve the capacity of already experienced trainers from the Indonesian National Police, Corruption Eradication Commission, Indonesia Financial Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre and Attorney General's Office. Programme was delivered by trainers from Charles Sturt University of Australia alongside national training experts as part of an European Union funded project.

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