Darwin hosting premier bilateral youth conference

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The Australian and Indonesian Youth Dialogue (CAUSINDY), is the premier bilateral youth conference between Indonesia and Australia and will be held in the Northern Territory in September 2015.

“The Northern Territory will host the 3rd Conference of CAUSINDY, on the 19-22 September this year and I am really excited about the youth dialogue that will come from the young Indonesian and Australian leaders at the conference,” Parliamentary Secretary Nathan Barrett said.

“Having 30 young leaders from Indonesia and Australia come together to discuss key issues, will enable greater engagement in the bilateral relationship by young people.

“Indonesia is an important economic partner and our close neighbour and CAUSINDY is part of a wider initiative for the Australia Indonesia Youth Association.”

Nathan Barrett said the main theme of the 2015 Conference is going back to the beginning, from Indigenous trade to modern day, reflecting on the deep historic links between Northern Australia and Eastern Indonesia.

“Delegates will participate in a number of community events and undertake visits to the Port of Darwin, local schools to share stories with students, and explore the Australian Outback,” he said.

“Australians and Indonesians have been in contact for hundreds of years, with first contact between Makassarese and Indigenous Australians placed somewhere around the 17th or 18th century when they first traded around the area known today as Darwin.

“But it’s not all history, the conference will also discuss new opportunities, from agriculture to technology and renewable energy.

“Previously the conference has been held in the Australian Capital Territory in 2013 and Jakarta, Indonesia in 2014. I am thrilled Darwin will be hosting CAUSINDY in 2015.”

Key note speakers from both Australia and Indonesia are expected to include high level officers from the Australian and Indonesian Government, Industry bodies and academics. Program sessions will include a discussion on the bilateral relationship and where we stand today, politics, renewable energy and agriculture.
Applications to participate in the event are open and will close on the 30th June 2015. For more information on CAUSINDY or to submit an application to attend, please visit http://2015.causindy.org/

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