International youth conference unites young neighbours

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Young leaders from the Northern Territory are being encouraged to apply to participate in the Conference of Australian and Indonesian Youth (CAUSINDY), an international relations event to be held in Bali later this year.

Minister for Asian Engagement and Trade Peter Styles said CAUSINDY was an annual bilateral event designed to give 30 young leaders from Australia and Indonesia the opportunity to work together in building a stronger relationship.

“Indonesia is an important economic partner and our closest neighbour, so developing relationships between our youth is important for the ongoing connection between our two countries,” Mr Styles said.

“This year marks the fourth anniversary of CAUSINDY, following successful conferences in Canberra, Jakarta and Darwin last year.

“The Darwin forum discussed the deep historical links between Northern Australia and Eastern Indonesia as well as present day political and economic issues.

“This year’s conference will explore ways to build a more sustainable and resilient bilateral relationship as well as how the two countries can cultivate stronger links between our people, private sectors, creative industries, civil societies and media.”

Indonesian Consul to the Northern Territory, Andre Omer Siregar said CAUSINDY 2016 would serve to remind us that future Australia-Indonesia bilateral relation will be greatly influenced by young Territorians.

“The Indonesian Consulate in Darwin is proud to also support the event and I am looking forward to meeting Young Territorians at the CAUSINDY Bali Conference,” he said.

Thirty delegates will participate in CAUSINDY 2016 of which 15 places are available for Australians aged between 21 and 35 years.
CAUSINDY is part of a wider initiative for the Australia Indonesia Youth Association to create a platform for youth dialogue, shape new ideas about the Australian-Indonesian relationship and act as a catalyst for change.

Minister for Young Territorians Nathan Barrett said he encouraged Territory youths to put themselves forward for this wonderful opportunity.

“The Country Liberals Government recognises the vitality and vision of young Territorians and actively supports their contribution as tomorrow’s leaders, capable of creating a positive future for the region,” Mr Barrett said.

“As major CAUSINDY sponsor The Northern Territory Government is proud to support the next generation of young leaders and encourage them to forge close, cooperative relationships with their counterparts in Indonesia.

“It’s part of our commitment under our Framing the Future plan to ensure a confident culture, strong society and prosperous economy for Territorians.”

CAUSINDY covers all major costs for delegates to attend the conference.

This year’s conference will be held in Bali from 7-10 September. Applications to participate in the event close on Friday, 3 June.

For more information on CAUSINDY or to submit an application visit http://2016.causindy.org/.

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