NT Writers’ Festival to host two renowned Indonesian authors

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Territory writers will learn from two renowned Indonesian authors at this year’s NT Writers’ Festival thanks to a $5000 Northern Territory Government Grant.

The NT Writers’ Festival 2016 will receive the grant through Festivals NT to support the attendance of the two Indonesian authors at this year’s event from 5-8 May 2016.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said he was thrilled Territory writers would be able to meet and learn from two incredible authors at this year’s festival.

"The Northern Territory Government recognises the popularity of the annual NT Writers' Festival," Mr Giles said.

"Due to the Northern Territory's proximity to South East Asia, I am pleased that the grant funding will be used to bring such high calibre Indonesian writers to join the festival.

"With Indonesia being our closest neighbour, it is fantastic that we are strengthening cultural ties and friendships with Indonesia through the arts scene.

"The Northern Territory Government is supporting the arts and we will continue to support arts events through programs and funding aimed at growing their work and their industry."

Ms Sally Bothroyd, Executive Officer of the NT Writers’ Centre said she was delighted by the grant.

"The NT Writers' Festival has a history of involving authors from South-East Asia, and it's something we hope to continue and build on into the future", Ms Bothroyd said.

"Eka Kurniawan's book *Beauty Is A Wound* is an amazing novel that takes in Indonesia's varied history while also telling a family saga. Eliza Vitri Handayani is an emerging author whose novel *From Now On Everything Will Be Different* conveys the pressures faced by young people growing up in Indonesia today."

The NT Writers' Festival is organised by the NT Writers' Centre annually and is hosted in Darwin and Alice Springs on alternate years.


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