## Australia - Indonesia Young Leaders Exchange

## 2011 Invitation for Applications

Applications are invited from young Australian Muslims to travel to Indonesia in the first half of 2011 under the **Australia-Indonesia Muslim Leaders Exchange.** 

The Exchange was established by the *Australia-Indonesia Institute of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade* in 2002 and is organised by the *Islamic Council of Victoria*.

The program enables young Muslim leaders in Australia and Indonesia to visit each others' countries for two weeks to meet Muslims and non-Muslims to exchange views and to share experiences. It is intended to raise the level of informed opinion about Islam in both countries, increase awareness about the diversity of cultures and faiths in Australia and Indonesia, and encourage the development of links between Australian and Indonesian Muslims.

Since 2002, 94 young Indonesian Muslim leaders have visited Australia and 33 young Australian Muslim leaders have travelled to Indonesia.

All costs are covered for the visit to Indonesia. Applications are due by Friday, 11 February 2011. Applicants should be between 21 and 40, and be an active member of the Muslim community in Australia.

See over for how to apply













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## Letters of application should include the following:

- **1.** Brief Curriculum Vitae including contact details, date of birth, and summary of work and organisational experience and relevant qualifications.
- 2. Current photograph (may be electronic for emailed applications)
- **3.** A statement of purpose, containing the following information:
  - **a** What you would hope to gain from participating in the Exchange;
  - **b** What you can offer the Exchange, during and after the visit (such as creating better awareness among Australian Muslims about Indonesia, strengthening relationships and understanding between Islam and other religions, etc.);
  - c An outline of your involvement in the Australian Muslim community;
  - **d** How you would share and build on your experiences, during and after the program, with others;
  - e An indication of people and organisations in Indonesia you would like to meet and particular topics you are interested in pursuing; and
  - f Any previous visits to Indonesia (with dates).
- **4.** Two letters of reference supporting your suitability for the Exchange, one of which should be a recommendation from an Islamic organization in Australia with which you are associated.

All applications must be received by 5pm AEDT, <u>Friday 11 February 2011</u>. Applications arriving after that date cannot be considered.

Short listed applicants will be invited for interview on 27 February 2011.

Email applications are accepted, but references must be emailed/posted directly from the referee.

Send or Email applications to: Director, Australia-Indonesia Muslim Leaders Exchange Email: <u>milas@unimelb.edu.au</u> Address: C/- 37 Keylana Drive, Keysborough VIC 3173 For enquiries please email the address above or call Mila Sudarsono on 0405 141 868





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