

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AGENCY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (INDONESIA)
AND
THE QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (UK)

1. The National Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (BAN-PT) and the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA):
 - in recognition of the close working relationships between Indonesia and the UK in the area of education, formalised by the UK-Indonesia Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Cooperation in the field of Education signed in May 2012 by the Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia and the UK Minister for Universities and Science
 - and expressing both countries' commitment to further the implementation of the Action Plan from the MoU, recently reaffirmed at the first High-Level Joint Working Group, held in Jakarta on 3 March 2014

have agreed to sign this MoU to enhance their mutual understanding and explore possibilities for developmental and collaborative activity and services.

BAN-PT

2. Since 1994 BAN-PT has been functioning as a sole national independent agency that accredits higher education in Indonesia. The higher education external quality assurance system in Indonesia is mandatory and consists of program and institutional accreditation. The Higher Education Act issued in August 2012, however, clearly states that BAN-PT would function as an agency for institutional accreditation while program accreditation would be carried out by independent accreditation agencies by field of discipline. In the near future, BAN-PT would also monitor and evaluate the performance of independent accreditation agencies.

QAA

3. QAA is an independent body funded by subscriptions from universities and colleges, and through contracts with the higher education funding bodies in the UK. QAA's mission is to safeguard standards and improve the quality of UK higher education. QAA carries out external quality assurance by visiting universities and colleges to review how they are fulfilling their responsibilities. To support standards and promote quality enhancement, QAA publishes a range of reference points and guidance including the UK Quality Code for Higher Education, which sets out the expectations that all providers of UK higher education are required to meet.

4. In line with establishing ties of friendship and cooperation, and for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and establishing collaborative and developmental activities, BAN-PT and QAA join in this MoU. Both parties will work towards more formal, complex, and binding agreements.

Agreed areas for future cooperation between BAN-PT and QAA:

5. It is agreed that all cooperation activities will be conducted in accordance with the framework of Indonesian and British laws and regulations. Both parties agree to exercise their best efforts to explore cooperation in the following fields:

(a) Mutual Understanding:

Work to enhance their understanding of each other's approach to assuring quality in higher education, the respective systems in place for quality assurance and enhancement in higher education, and the critical matters relating to quality and standards in higher education in both countries.

(b) Information exchange:

Exchange information and offer professional advice about each other's activities and processes, and about developments in each country's higher education systems.

(c) Staff development:


Where appropriate and possible, support the development of staff from the two agencies through activities such as staff exchange and the provision of training.

(d) Collaboration:

Where appropriate and possible, collaborate in relation to mutually agreed projects and activities for the benefit of both parties, including supporting student mobility, research on quality assurance related issues, the quality assurance of transnational education, and the identification of fraudulent institutions, awarding bodies or accrediting agencies in the UK and in Indonesia.

6. Specific projects will have separate contracts raised as they are agreed by the two parties.
7. Both BAN-PT and QAA are committed to working together to develop specific agreements on the points above. These agreements will fulfil the spirit and purpose of this general MoU.
8. This MoU is valid for two years from the date of signing. Upon the expiry of this MoU, it can be extended for a further period subject to the agreement of both parties.
9. This MoU has Indonesian and English texts, both texts have authentic effect.

Signed on behalf of BAN-PT



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Mansyur Ramly

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**The National Accreditation Agency
for Higher Education**

Date: 24 Sept 2014

Signed on behalf of QAA



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Anthony McClaran

Chief Executive

**The Quality Assurance Agency
for Higher Education**

Date: 24 Sep 2014