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Re: Inquiry into Western Australia's bilateral trade relationship with the Republic of Indonesia (your reference: A970104)

Further to the above letter, please see below the requested information.

International academic partnerships

ECU is committed to identifying and establishing a diverse range of prestigious international academic partnerships with reputable organisations that will support ECU in achieving its strategic goal of Internationalisation, as outlined in our current and previous Strategic Plan. These partnerships benefit ECU students and staff while also supporting the university's purpose of transforming lives and enriching society through exceptional student experience for success in work and life and impactful world-class research. They also contribute to ECU's strategic priorities of increasing international enrolments with a focus on quality and diversity; expanding productive global relationships with educational institutions and international organisations; increasing opportunities for international students to study locally in ECU programs; and internationalising the student experience.

ECU continued to nurture and expand its international partnerships notwithstanding the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic through an effective and rapid adoption of virtual engagement activities. Success in this respect is evidenced by, for example, ECU's partnership with Indonesia's UNDIKNAS University. Established in 2017, the ECU – Undiknas mobility partnership pivoted to online learning in 2020 – 2021, with 114 Undiknas students completing programs with ECU either virtually or in person throughout this period. Further outbound mobility plans supported by New Colombo Funding are in place for 2023.

ECU relationship to Indonesia

The focus of our established academic partnerships in Indonesia are primarily in the area of student mobility. ECU has established partnerships with UNDIKNAS University; the LSPR Communication and Business Institute in Jakarta; Pertamina University (recently established); and the Australian Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies (ACICIS).

ACICIS is a non-profit university consortium that develops and coordinates high-quality in-country study options in Indonesia. ACICIS programs enrich students' educational experiences and prepare graduates to understand the world from a global perspective.

The partnership with UNDIKNAS University allows students to participate in short course activities, cultural exchanges, student exchanges, and international enrichment programs at ECU, primarily in the field of Entrepreneurship. A senior delegation from UNDIKNAS University led by their Rector, Prof. Sri Subawa, visited ECU in July 2022. During the visit, the Memorandum of Understanding between ECU and UNDIKNAS University was renewed for a further term of five years.

Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact ECU's International Office at international.office@ecu.edu.au

Regards



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