

Media Release: AIYA New South Wales to host work and holiday visa information session

September, 2013: The Australia-Indonesian Youth Association will next week host a Q&A session with the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesian in Sydney about the Indonesian work and holiday visa.

A rare opportunity for young Australians, the information session will be a chance to ask questions and receive informed answers on the application process, restrictions that apply to the visa, and how the visa may benefit them.

As part of AIYA's broader efforts to deepen people-to-people links between Australia and Indonesia, the information session will assist prospective applicants in accessing the visa, and offer attendees the chance to directly address questions or concerns about the application process.

NSW Chapter President Nicholas Mark said that "the Work and Holiday Visa will help make Indonesia more accessible to young Australians, and allow them to spend time in-country developing personal and professional networks".

"We know from our own research that young people consider barriers to in-country experience one of the most significant challenges to Australia's relationship with Indonesia," Mr Mark said.

Although a reciprocal arrangement in support of the Work and Holiday Visa was signed in 2009, uptake for the Indonesian visa has remained low due to bureaucratic hurdles and low awareness amongst the visa's target market.

The Work and Holiday Visa Information Session will also be attended by representatives from the Consulate's Immigration Attache, and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

The Work and Holiday Visa Information Session will be held on Thursday 19 September from 6pm, at The Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia (236 Maroubra Rd, Maroubra). More information is available from the AIYA website at aiya.org.au.

ABOUT AIYA

The Australia-Indonesia Youth Association is a non-government, youth-led organisation which aims to better connect young people in Australia and Indonesia to each other and to Indonesia-related opportunities.

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