



## RELO Jakarta Newsletter

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### **Highlights from Indonesia and Timor L'este**

- **2016 Indonesian Teacher Exchange: High-Impact Experiential Learning and U.S. Cultural Exploration**



*USA, April 3 – 16, 2016* – RELO Jakarta and the U.S. Embassy Jakarta sponsored 12 early-career English teachers to participate in the TESOL 2016 International Convention in Baltimore and an International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in Washington, D.C. and two cities in California. These early-career English Language Teachers are graduates of 2015 Camp EPIC (Empowered! Prepared! Inspired! Connected!) for pre-service teachers and current English Access Microscholarship Program teachers. The TESOL Convention convenes over 7,000

international and U.S.-based English teaching practitioners annually at world's largest English Language Teaching conference and expo. Indonesian participants were excited to take part in the prestigious event during which they learned more about educational trends and classroom practice and met well-known figures in the field of English Language Teaching. In visiting universities, adult education programs, foreign language immersion secondary schools, and community colleges, the participants are building experienced-based knowledge of international standards and practices in the field of English language teaching that they will bring back to Indonesia. Contact with American Culture – from a tour of the Smithsonian to visiting the Golden Gate Bridge – brings the U.S. to life for these English teachers; experiences which they can share forward with their students and teachers when they return home. With new experiential knowledge about the U.S. and its education system, these 12 young teacher leaders are in a place to positively affect their home classrooms, schools, and communities.

- **RELO University Partnership Meeting in Bogor**





*Bogor, April 15-16, 2016* – Current Fellows, counterparts, and future university partners joined together with the RELO Office for a two-day meeting focused on cross-cultural communication strategies, successful hosting practices, and project management in Bogor, Indonesia on April 15 - 16. Sessions facilitated by visiting English Language Specialist Jesse Kiendl focused on technical aspects of cross-cultural collaboration and successful partnership. The 50 university partners from English language departments from 15 current and 10 future English Language Fellow host institutions in Indonesia and Timor Leste built a network of practice and even produced short videos about the challenges of cross-cultural work in the archipelago. English Language Specialist Jesse Kiendl will spend the six weeks making site visits and conducting needs analyses at universities hosting Fellows for the 2016-2017 academic year.

### **2016 Professional Development Scholarships**

The Regional English Language Office Jakarta in cooperation with Teachers of English as Foreign Language in Indonesia (TEFLIN) Association is calling for strong applications! Professional Development Scholarships support attendance at the 2016 TEFLIN conference for first-time attendees and presenters from graduate programs and secondary schools aim to make the 2016 conference more enriching and accessible to a wider group of professionals.

#### ***Please Note!* Applicants must be**

- Classroom teachers of English as a foreign language at the primary or secondary school level or university students enrolled in a program related to English language teaching
- First time attendees at a TEFLIN Conference
- TEFLIN Conference presenters (with an accepted proposal)
- Citizens and residents of Indonesia with permission from the principal or department chair to attend the entire conference, September 8-10 in Surabaya

#### **Nomination Process**

Professional Development Scholarships are available through nominations from your supervisor or department chair. Please complete the nomination form and submit the completed form to [RELOJakarta@state.gov](mailto:RELOJakarta@state.gov). Nominations must be received by May 30, 2016. Late nominations will not be considered.

**American English Webinar Series 3**

**American English Webinar Series 3 is open for registration!**

The 6 online seminars of the course cover a variety of topics and are intended for teachers of English or future teachers of English around the world. The series will take place from May 4 to July 13, 2016. Each 60-minute webinar will be held every other Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. in Washington, D.C. Check <http://timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html> for the time in your region. Participants who attend 4 out of the 6 webinars will receive e-certificates. Please see the flyer for complete information on American English Webinar Series 3.

**Please Note!** You must register to participate in this webinar series by sending your data to [relojakarta@state.gov](mailto:relojakarta@state.gov) by **Wednesday April 27, 2016** with the following information:

FIRST NAME:  
 LAST NAME:  
 EMAIL ADDRESS:  
 INSTITUTION/CITY:  
 CELLPHONE NUMBER:

American English Webinar Series 3 Schedule:

<b>"Hey, Kids! Let's Put on a Show!" Theater in the English Language Classroom</b> Presenter: Danielle Capretti	Wednesday May 4, 2016 8:00-9:00am EDT 1:00-2:00pm EDT
<b>Using Songs to Teach English</b> Presenter: Kristin Lems	Wednesday May 18, 2016 8:00-9:00am EDT 1:00-2:00pm EDT
<b>Promoting Gender Equality in the English Language Classroom</b> Presenter: Phil Dierking	Wednesday June 1, 2016 8:00-9:00am EDT 1:00-2:00pm EDT
<b>Student-Centered Classroom Management: Addressing Classroom Issues with 5 Adaptable Forms</b> Presenter: Catherine Thomas	Wednesday June 15, 2016 8:00-9:00am EDT 1:00-2:00pm EDT
<b>Using Group Work Effectively to Increase Student Speaking Time in Class</b> Presenter: Rebecca Wilner	Wednesday June 29, 2016 8:00-9:00am EDT 1:00-2:00pm EDT
<b>Creating and Sustaining English Language and American Readers Clubs to Enhance English Learning</b> Presenters: Bryce Smedley and Kathleen Malu	Wednesday July 13, 2016 8:00-9:00am EDT 1:00-2:00pm EDT

**Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)**



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for English language learners

**English for Business and Entrepreneurship**



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**This free course begins May 15, 2016.**

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Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are opportunities to learn from the best and brightest on topics you care about!

English for Business and Entrepreneurship MOOC begins May 15<sup>th</sup>. This free five-week course is designed for non-native speakers of English who are interested in learning more about the global business economy. Learn more about the course with our short promo [video](#) or online [here](#). Register for the course [here](#). See the flyer for more info.

Jakarta based participants can join a free MOOC Camp at @America. See the registration invitation.

**What's New from  AMERICAN ENGLISH ?**

- **Teacher's Corner**



Prepositions can be tricky for English language learners. This week's [Teacher's Corner](#) features two activities to help learners practice some common prepositions in English.

- **Pronunciation videos for learners**



There are now four “Pronunciation Practice” animated videos for English language learners. You can find this series of videos on the [American English Facebook](#) page and [YouTube channel](#).

- **American English for Educators**

Teachers, do you sometimes feel like this?

Let us help!

Find new classroom ideas on the American English for Educators Facebook page.

 American English for Educators  
Join the conversation.

[www.facebook.com/AmericanEnglishforEducators](http://www.facebook.com/AmericanEnglishforEducators)

Teachers, are you looking for a community of English language educators? Like the [American English for Educators](#) Facebook page. Share classroom ideas, get free resources, and join the conversation about teaching!

- **April 22 is Earth Day**



April 22 is Earth Day, and this year's theme is "Trees for the Earth." What can you do? Get involved. Join other members of your community and plant trees or clean up an area in your neighborhood. What will you do this Earth Day?

Be a part of a better future for Earth. April 22 is Earth Day. Help plant a tree. Recycle. Reuse. What will you do? #gogreen

Attachments:

- *RELO – TEFLIN Scholarship*
- *Webinar Flyer*
- *MOOC Flyer*
- *MOOC Camp @America*



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