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PRESIDENT OBAMA AND EAST ASIA SUMMIT 2011



President Obama recently visited Indonesia in support of greater U.S. involvement in the Asia-Pacific region on November 17-19, 2011. The trip followed the APEC 2011 Summit, which the United States hosted in Hawaii. While in Indonesia, President Obama became the first U.S. president to attend the East Asia Summit, he met with ASEAN heads of state at a US-ASEAN Leaders meeting, and held several bilateral meetings with Asian partners, including Indonesian President Yudhoyono.

According to National Security Advisor Tom Donilon, the recent trip to Asia was an "implementation of a substantial and important reorientation in American global strategy. That is the rebalancing of our efforts towards the challenges and opportunities in Asia on the part of the United States." During the President's speech in Canberra before the Australian parliament, he said the United States was "all in" in Asia.

The following statements and fact sheets summarize accomplishments made during the trip and the status of U.S. relationships with regional partners, including Indonesia.

Statements and Fact Sheets

- ◇ White House Fact Sheet: ASEAN-United States Leaders Meeting (11/20)
- ◇ Fact Sheet: Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) compact with Indonesia (11/19)
- ◇ White House Briefing on Obama Trip to Asia-Pacific Region (11/19)
- ◇ Background Briefing on Obama Meetings at ASEAN, East Asia Summit (11/19)
- ◇ White House Fact Sheet: East Asia Sum-

- mit (11/19) Fact Sheet: U.S. Indonesia Cooperation on Peacekeeping (11/18)
 - ◇ Fact Sheet: Enhancing Food Security in Indonesia (11/18)
 - ◇ Fact Sheet: U.S.-Indonesia Environment, Climate Cooperation (11/18)
 - ◇ Fact Sheet: Mobile Money Initiative in Indonesia (11/18)
 - ◇ Fact Sheet: U.S.-Indonesia Trade and Investment Relationship (11/18)
 - ◇ Fact Sheet: Indonesia's Integrated Maritime Surveillance System (11/18)
 - ◇ President Obama on Burma (11/18)
 - ◇ White House Briefing on U.S. Engagement with Burma (11/18)
 - ◇ Obama's Statement After Meeting with Indonesian President Yudhoyono (11/18)
 - ◇ Joint Statement by Obama, Indonesian President Yudhoyono (11/18)
 - ◇ White House Fact Sheet: Indonesia Request for Upgrade of Military Aircraft (11/18)
 - ◇ White House Fact Sheet: U.S. – Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership (11/18)
 - ◇ White House Fact Sheet on U.S. – Indonesia Education Partnership (11/18)
 - ◇ White House Fact Sheet: Expansion of the Peace Corps Indonesia Program (11/18)
 - ◇ White House Fact Sheet: Global Health Initiative in Indonesia (11/18)
 - ◇ Fact Sheet: U.S. – Indonesia Collaboration on Science & Technology (11/18)
 - ◇ President Obama on Boeing, Lion Air Commercial Agreement (11/18)
 - ◇ Secretary Clinton at ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (11/18)
- Full text of statements and fact sheets are available at <http://goo.gl/CpVir>
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U.S. Embassy Jakarta Mission Statement

Based on mutual respect and shared values, the U.S. Mission works with Indonesia to strengthen democracy, sustain the environment, promote prosperity, enhance understanding and ensure security for our people, our nations, and our region.

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DEMOCRACY AND GLOBAL ISSUES

1. Gore, Al **CLIMATE OF DENIAL** (Rolling Stone, No. 1134/1135, July 7-21, 2011, pp. 76-84)

Gore writes that our public discourse “has become so deeply dysfunctional that our ability to make intelligent collective decisions has been seriously impaired” -- television, our new public commons, has become “refeudalized,” with its owners charging high rents for public access, which only big business, with its own agenda and the money to fund political campaigns, can afford. Gore believes that our political system is not yet so irretrievably corrupted that ordinary citizens cannot make their voices heard, and suggests several ways to make a difference. He con-

cludes that the climate crisis “is a struggle for the soul of America; it is about whether or not we are still capable ... of perceiving important realities clearly enough to promote the well-being of the many.” Currently available online at <http://goo.gl/iAwbM>

2. McMillan, Graeme **HOW MANY PEOPLE ACTUALLY USE TWITTER? GOOD QUESTION** (Time Magazine, August 29, 2011)

Twitter estimates there are about 460,000 sign-ups per day; some 200 million users total. But Business Insider estimates that there are actually less than 21 million active users -- “active” meaning more than 30 feeds being followed. Currently available online at <http://goo.gl/SaKyg>

ECONOMIC SECURITY

3. Clinton, Hillary **REMARKS WITH NINA EASTON OF FORTUNE MAGAZINE AT THE CEO SUMMIT ON WOMEN AND THE ECONOMY** (U.S. Department of State website, November 11, 2011)

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton addressed an issue that really made a highlight of the APEC Summit, and that is women and girls. In September, an APEC Summit on Women and the Economy in San Francisco had signed a declaration affirming our commitment to improving women’s access to capital and markets, to building women’s capacities and skills,

and supporting the rise of women leaders in both the public and private sector. They agreed to pursue a fundamental transformation, a paradigm shift in how governments make and enforce laws and policies, how businesses invest and operate, how people make choices in the marketplace. She emphasized members of APEC Summit worked together to unlock the vast untapped promise of women’s economic participation.

The complete version of Secretary Clinton’s remarks is available online at <http://goo.gl/3X87A>

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

4. Fallows, James **HACKED!** (Atlantic Monthly, November 2011)

After his wife’s Gmail account was hacked by a scammer who sent a bogus email to everyone in her address book asking for money because she had been “mugged in Madrid” and she lost six year’s worth of emails, Fallows launched a serious investigation of such attacks at the epicenter of Internet activity, Google. What he discovered from Google experts is sobering, and a warning about the importance of vigilance and the use strong, varied passwords. Big Internet companies such as Google, which sustain thousands of hacking attempts daily, are quickly developing counter strategies because of the volume of attacks. Nevertheless, countless vulnerable spots are uncovered daily as cybercriminals become

more sophisticated. The message is that responsibility is both individual and organizational in the emerging era of “cloud” data storage. Currently available online at <http://goo.gl/BorU9>

5. Parent, Joseph M. and MacDonald, Paul K. **THE WISDOM OF RETRENCHMENT** (Foreign Affairs, November/December 2011)

The United States can no longer afford a world-spanning foreign policy. Retrenchment -- cutting military spending, redefining foreign priorities, and shifting more of the defense burden to allies -- is the only sensible course. Luckily, that does not have to spell instability abroad. History shows that pausing to recharge national batteries can renew a dominant power’s international legitimacy.

U.S. EDUCATION, SOCIETY & VALUES

6. Erlandson, Rene J. **HANDHELD EDUCATION: APPLIED MOBILE TECHNOLOGY** (Choice, vol. 48, no. 9, May 2011, pp. 1605-1614)

This essay provides an overview of the proliferation of mobile computing programs across undergraduate educational institutions and in libraries, examines electronic resources available in mobile versions, explores a variety of commercial and free tools available for use in developing com-

ponents of mobile programs, and identifies useful resources for keeping abreast of developments in mobile technology in higher education and libraries. The author believes that many colleges are examining ways to incorporate mobile technologies into the educational experience of undergraduates. In an effort to support academic institutional missions and provide library resources and services to a growing number of

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constituents on the move, many libraries are developing mobile initiatives that may include mobile Web sites, device or platform-specific mobile applications, and other mobile services.

7. Greenblatt, Alan **BILLIONAIRES IN THE CLASSROOM** (Governing, October 2011. Vol. 25, Iss. 1; pg. 26)

Today, no one wields influence quite like the Gates Foundation. In May, The New York Times portrayed the foundation as a many-headed hydra influencing every aspect of policy formulation. Not only is it spending more than \$75 million a year on advocacy, but it is also simultaneously bankrolling the development of policy by funding academic researchers and district data specialists and giving money to think tanks and media organizations that examine their handiwork. Here, Greenblatt discusses how Bill Gates and other philanthropists are reshaping public education with private cash. Read more at <http://goo.gl/wtpyd>

8. Kamps, Alice **WHAT'S COOKING, UNCLE SAM?** (Prologue, vol. 43, no. 2, Summer 2011, pp. 6-12)

The author attempts to change the American diet through laws, regulations and guidelines. Teaching people about the nutritional value of foods was one thing; getting them to change their eating habits was quite another. This is not a recent phenomenon; from 1905-1918, Frank Meyer was recruited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to travel some 10,000 miles, mostly on foot, to China, Siberia, and what was then Manchuria, Turkestan, and Mongolia, in search of new varieties of fruits, nuts, and grains for American agriculture. In the years approaching World War II, nutrition became a matter of national security. Today, the federal government monitors health and fitness of Americans through various regulatory agencies that include, besides Agriculture, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

9. Meade, Michael **WHERE HAVE ALL THE WISE MEN GONE?** (Huffington Post, September 11, 2011)

Meade writes that "we live in a time of great forgetting" – in traditional cultures, elders were respected, as without their guidance, society could lose its way. In modern life, instead of growing "older and wiser, people simply can grow older and older ... when there is no genuine growth in growing older, aging can become all about loss." He believes that the gridlock in the nation's capital, where the political parties "fight over who might be the 'adult in the room'" is symptomatic of a lack of genuine courage and vision among older folk. While the 1960s were characterized by a youth revolution, the current stalemate may involve an "elder awakening" to solve the multiple challenges facing us, such as poverty, joblessness, climate change and sustainability.

10. Sontag, Michael; Jenkins, Paul; White, Ronald **LEADERSHIP ETHICS: AN EMERGING ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE** (Choice, vol. 49, no. 2, October 2011, pp. 239-249)

International Education Week, November 14-18, 2011

STUDY IN THE USA

The information package is compiled by the IRC to commemorate International Education Week, November 14-18, 2011.

AS DIRING SIKRINDONESIA YANG INGIN BELAJAR KE AMERIKA

Informasi ini mencakup:

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ABOUT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of U.S. Government efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.



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In commemorating and participating the International Education Week 2011, the IRC compiled an information package on Study in the USA. Its covers several topics such as how United States supported Indonesian student who want to study in the U.S., why study in the U.S. and scholarship and exchanges program available for Indonesian. This information is essential for all individuals and institutions interested in international education and exchange activities, including schools, colleges and universities, associations, and community organizations. Available online in PDF at <http://goo.gl/UMoy2>

The authors note that public outrage over the recent epidemic of ineffective or unethical leadership in business, politics, sports and religion has led to a growing interest in leadership ethics. Ethical leadership focuses on how leaders use their social power in the decisions they make, actions they engage in and ways they influence others; the character and integrity of the leader provide the basis for personal characteristics that direct a leader's ethical beliefs, values, and decisions. Motivating followers to put the needs or interests of the group ahead of their own is another quality of ethical leaders. In return, individual values and beliefs impact the ethical decisions of leaders.

11. Tough, Paul **THE CHARACTER TEST** (The New York Times Magazine, September 18, 2011; pg. 38)

Paul Tough presented an article on character and how it plays into education, intellect, success and happiness. Though there are certainly talented and hard-working students out there, it's also true that there are many American students from middle-class homes who have suffered from coddling. Students need teachers who are willing (and brave enough) to let them fail. As adults, we all know that success is empty if there's no possibility of failure, so let's treat our children with the respect they deserve and let them face the world without protective padding. Currently available at <http://goo.gl/gW3bE>

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