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Center for Indonesian Policy Studies
WORD FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

While experts are debating why Indonesia has a limited number of public policy think tanks, CIPS has demonstrated that start-ups can be successful. We achieved a lot with little more than the enthusiasm of making Indonesia free to prosper.

We informed parliamentarians that an alcohol prohibition has adverse effects on public health. We called for a simplified recruitment process of Indonesian migrant workers. We supported the government’s policy of transferring forest management rights to local communities. And we highlighted the importance of low-cost private schools for the Indonesian poor. Some of these stories and our media outreach have been documented in this report.

Our work was also recognized internationally. CIPS was ranked 71st among the “top think tanks in Southeast Asia and the Pacific”.

None of this would have happened without the generous support of our donors in Indonesia and abroad. We are immensely grateful to everybody who has put money and efforts into making CIPS a success and Indonesians more well off. Thank you!

Salam hangat,
Rainer Heufers
**Education**

CIPS studies on low cost private schools help more Indonesian children gain access to education. More private schools for the poor, improving options to choose schools through vouchers, and better parent involvement are among the recommendations we urge policymakers to pursue.

**Trade and Livelihood**

Our studies show how clear and secure property rights for local communities contribute to livelihoods whilst also preserving Indonesian forests and their biodiversity. We promote community forestry in our meetings with government officials, regional MPs, and local stakeholders.
CIPS PROJECTS

Alcohol Ban

CIPS is fighting against plans to introduce a national alcohol ban. The proposed ban could cause an increase in deaths or injuries from consuming improperly produced alcohol that contains toxic substances. We shared our findings throughout national media outlets and social media using visually attractive infographics.

Migrant Workers

After a year of researching migrant workers, CIPS signed a MOU with the Manpower Ministry, and established good relationships with other government institutions. We aim for the cooperation to improve recruitment procedures and encourage entrepreneurship amongst women migrant workers.
HIGHLIGHTS 2016

Won Shark Tank

Internship Program

Moved to New Office
MEDIA OUTREACH

THINK TANK LEADERS FROM ASIA, AFRICA, EUROPE LEARN RESEARCH METHODS IN INDIA

Mental ban leads to more deaths, says GIPS

In Indonesia, an Islamic Edict Seeks to Keep Santa Hats Off Muslims

5500 fans

460 followers

107 media mentions
Increasing expenses in 2016 marked the significant growth of human resource and projects in CIPS.

2016 Revenue and Expenses

2016 YTD Expenses Breakdown

- Personnel Expense: 49%
- Overhead: 23%
- Travel & Events: 13%
- General Operation: 6%
- Consultants & Service Providers: 9%
PUBLICATIONS 2016

Trade and Livelihood

3 policy papers

Alcohol Ban

287 paper downloads

Education

3,075 newsletter subscribers
MEET THE TEAM

Board Members

Saidah Sakwan - Chairwoman
Rainer Heufers - Executive Director
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Our Team

Rainer Heufers - Executive Director
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The Center for Indonesian Policy Studies (CIPS) is a strictly non-partisan and non-profit think tank providing policy analysis and practical policy recommendations to decision-makers within Indonesia's legislative and executive branches of government.

CIPS promotes social and economic reforms that are based on the belief that only civil, political, and economic freedom allows Indonesia to prosper. We are financially supported by donors and philanthropists who appreciate the independence of our analysis.

KEY FOCUS AREAS:

**Trade and Livelihood**: CIPS exposes the adverse effects of economic restriction and formulates policy options that allow Indonesians to support their own livelihood and their natural environment.

**Low-Cost Private Schools**: CIPS studies the situation of low-cost private schools and how they contribute to quality education for children of low-income households in Indonesia.

**International Labour Migration**: CIPS suggests policies that facilitate low-skilled labour migration as it is of critical importance for the income generation and capacity development of marginalized communities in Indonesia.

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