Indonesian 2009 Parliamentary Induction Program Underway

The House of Regional Representatives of the Indonesian Parliament – Dewan Perwakilan Daerah - Republik Indonesia (DPD) – held the first stage of its induction program for new parliamentarians at the Sultan Hotel in Jakarta on 29-31 August 2009 following the parliamentary elections of April 2009. The Induction was organised by the DPD Secretariat General, and was attended by all 101 newly elected Members, along with a number of the re-elected Members of the 132 seat House.

The three-day program focused on the role of the DPD, which was created as part of a series of constitutional reforms completed in 2003 with the aim of giving the regions a greater role in the legislative process at the national level in Indonesia. Several sessions were devoted to examining the current role of the DPD as an advisory body with quite limited areas of responsibility and the efforts of the DPD to strengthen its role in the legislative process.

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the fifth issue of CDI.News for 2009, focussing on CDI’s growing engagement with international partners in Asia and further afield.

CDI’s work combines technical assistance and capacity building programs, networking, and interpersonal and knowledge exchange, including the dissemination of CDI’s original research on democracy and its institutions. Our focus countries comprise Indonesia and Timor-Leste in South East Asia and Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu in Melanesia.

CDI’s central goal is to support these regional focus countries in strengthening their political parties & systems of parliamentary governance.

Accordingly, CDI works to:

- Improve the operation and understanding of parliamentary machinery by members of parliament and parliamentary staff in focus countries
- Strengthen political parties in focus countries through improving the knowledge and skills of members and officials of political parties
- Extend networks in the region between Australian parliamentarians, political party officials, and parliamentary staff and their counterparts from focus countries

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Benjamin Reilly | CDI Director
Further sessions of this first stage induction involved panel presentations from each of the four Ad Hoc Committees and the Bill Drafting Committee of the DPD on their respective roles and work over the previous five years. Each presentation was followed by a lively discussion period.

The second stage of the DPD induction program is scheduled to occur from 28-30 September 2009, immediately prior to the commencement of the next term of Parliament (2009-2014) on 1 October 2009 with the inauguration of Members of both Houses of the Indonesian parliament.

Over recent months CDI has been assisting both the DPD and the Indonesian House of Representatives – Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat, Republik Indonesia (DPR) – with their respective 2009 parliamentary induction programs. Broadly, CDI has advised and assisted the Secretaries General and political leadership of both Houses with the design and delivery of their induction programs, including the drafting of the programs.

In addition to attending the DPD induction program in Jakarta in August, and associated meetings with the Secretaries General, senior officials, and political leadership of both Houses of the Indonesian parliament, CDI Deputy Director Mr Quinton Clements also held discussions on upcoming CDI programs for Indonesia with a range of stakeholders including the UNDP and the Asia Foundation. In addition to working at the national level, CDI also works with sub-national parliaments, and as part of planning for future CDI parliamentary strengthening work in Indonesia, Mr Clements also visited two assemblies at the provincial and district level while in Jakarta, namely, the Jakarta Provincial Assembly and the Bekasi District Assembly.

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Indonesian Parliamentary Induction

Indonesian Parliamentary Delegation Visits ANU

On 30 July 2009, CDI hosted a visit to the ANU of a parliamentary delegation from the Indonesian House of Regional Representatives (Dewan Perwakilan Daerah - DPD). The delegation was led by Dr Laode Ida, Deputy Speaker of the DPD, and the group met with a number of ANU academics specialising in Indonesia before meeting with CDI to discuss future parliamentary strengthening activities in Indonesia. CDI assisted the delegation with the arrangements for its visit to Canberra including facilitating Dr Laode Ida’s participation in the ‘Varieties of Unicameralism’ conference organised by the Parliamentary Studies Centre and hosted by the ACT Legislative Assembly.

Click on this link for more detail and links on our website:
Solomon Islands Parliamentary Strengthening Roundtable

Around 20 people attended a special roundtable discussion at the Australian National University (ANU) on August 24 with Mr Warren Cahill, who was the project manager for the UNDP Solomon Islands Parliamentary Strengthening Project from October 2005 to August 2009. Prior to his work in Honiara, Mr Cahill was a long-serving officer of the NSW Parliament.

At the roundtable, Mr Cahill discussed the recent political reform proposals being considered by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands as well as the work undertaken since 2005 to rebuild and strengthen the role of the National Parliament in the Solomon Islands political process.

This event was jointly hosted at the by CDI and the State, Society & Governance in Melanesia Project (SSGM).

Click on this link for more detail on our website: Solomon Islands Roundtable

Party and Party System Institutionalization in Asia

CDI Director Ben Reilly was a discussant at an invitation-only workshop on "Party and Party System Institutionalization in Asia" held in Canada in August.

The workshop was co-organized by Dr Erik Martinez Kuhonta of McGill University and Prof Allen Hicken from the University of Michigan, and aimed to assess the state of parties in Asia through the concept of party institutionalization. The workshop represents the first systematic and cross-national application of the burgeoning literature on political party institutionalization to Southeast Asian cases.

This workshop was sponsored and supported by the Institute for the Study of International Development, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore), the Department of Political Science at the University of Michigan, and the Department of Political Science at McGill University. A book drawing on the workshop papers is scheduled for publication in 2010.

Click on this link for more detail on our website: Party Workshop @ McGill University

ASPG Annual Conference 2009 - Pacific Islands Participation & Secondment Program

CDI Deputy Director Quinton Clements participated in the Australasian Study of Parliament Group (ASPG) annual conference held in September at Parliament House in Hobart, Tasmania. The conference theme was The Changing Face of Parliamentary Opposition – Independents, Parties and Houses. A large group of Australian and New Zealand current and former parliamentarians, parliamentary officials, journalists and academics attended the conference, and CDI sponsored the attendance of two parliamentarians and two officers from Solomon Islands and Samoa to the ASPG conference. They were:

- Solomon Islands: Hon Isaac Inoke Tosika MP and Mr Noel Matea, National Parliament of the Solomon Islands.
- Samoa: Hon Lufilufi Moefaauo MP and Mr Uitime Tala, Parliament of Samoa.

In facilitating the participation of the Samoan delegation, CDI is supporting the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)-initiated twinning arrangement between the Tasmanian and Samoan Parliaments. Further, CDI is also sponsoring a one week attachment program for Mr Matea and Mr Tala with the Parliament of New South Wales directly following the conference.

Click on this link for more detail on our website: ASPG 2009

Study Visit | PNG Parliament's Head of Human Resources

The newly appointed head of Human Resources for the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea (PNG), Mr Kingston Alu, visited the Australian and NSW Parliaments on a week-long study visit in September. The Serjeants-at-Arms of the Australian and NSW Parliaments were responsible for coordinating programs for Mr Alu's study visit, which was initiated by CDI.

Mr Alu is in the process of developing a comprehensive training program for the staff of the PNG Parliamentary Service. The aim is to upgrade the skills of staff and enable them to move to different positions within the Parliamentary Service. By improving the capacity of staff, Mr Alu hopes...
to raise the quality of service provided to Members of Parliament. Since his appointment Mr Alu has initiated a number of reforms in this area. CDI is supporting these reforms through the facilitation of technical expertise as part of our ongoing assistance to the National Parliament of PNG.

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**PNG Parliament HR Visit**

**CDI Joins Asian Democracy Foundations Meeting**

CDI Director Ben Reilly was a speaker at the inaugural Seoul Democracy Forum on September 9-11. The Forum, an initiative of the Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF) and the US National Endowment for Democracy (NED), brought together democracy practitioners and leaders from across Asia to share their experiences.

The KDF and NED are two of CDI’s partner organisations, and work together on a number of democracy promotion projects and research initiatives in Asia.

As part of the Forum, Professor Reilly also participated in the Democratic Assistance Foundation Meeting for democracy promotion institutions from across the Asia-Pacific region. The meeting discussed the role of democratic assistance foundations in promoting democracy in Asia, as part of a functional discourse on Asia’s collective efforts to help democratic consolidation in the region.

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**Seoul Democracy Forum**

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**Forthcoming CDI Activities**

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**The Spirit of Democracy: The Struggle to Build Free Societies Throughout the World**

The Centre for Democratic Institutions has the honour of hosting the 2009 CDI Annual Address by Professor Larry Diamond, which will be held at the Australian National University in Canberra at 4pm on Monday 12 October.

Professor Diamond will talk on the subject of his new book *The Spirit of Democracy: The Struggle to Build Free Societies Throughout the World*, which examines the global trend of democratization and explores the sources of democratic progress and stress and the future prospects of democracy. His lecture will update the book to take account of new emerging trends and challenges to democracy around the world.

Light refreshments will follow from 5pm. **All Welcome**, but RSVP is essential to Suzanne.Francis@anu.edu.au by Wednesday October 7th.

Larry Diamond is one of the world’s leading scholars of democracy. He is Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, both at Stanford University.

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**PNG’s Parliamentary Librarian Visits the ANU**

Mr Elesallah Matatier, Parliamentary Librarian, National Parliament of PNG, visited CDI on 5 August 2009. Mr Matatier is on a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) sponsored study visit to parliamentary libraries in Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane. During his visit to the ANU in Canberra, CDI arranged for Mr Matatier to meet with the Crawford School’s Outreach team to learn about their production of the *Pacific Economic Bulletin*, in particular their management of electronic files, an area Mr Matatier is looking to improve in the parliamentary library in Port Moresby in relation to Hansard records.

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**CDI Meeting with Canada’s Minister of State (Democratic Reform)**

On 18 August 2009, CDI deputy director Mr Quinton Clements met with Canada’s Minister of State (Democratic Reform), the Honourable Steven Fletcher, P.C., M.P. in Canberra. Minister Fletcher initiated this meeting with CDI to discuss our work program and structure, as Canada moves forward with the creation of their own Democracy Promotion Agency.

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**Visitors**

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Nominations Now Open for CDI’s 2009 Women in Politics Course | Canberra | December 7-11

CDI’s focus region of Southeast Asia and the South Pacific has one of the world’s lowest levels of female representation in parliament. CDI’s Women in Politics course is designed to help improve this situation.

Inaugurated in 2008, the WiP course aims to build the capacity of women and men from the Pacific region who are working toward the goal of improving the representation of women in parliament and public office. A core focus is women who are intending to enter national politics in the Pacific Islands, whether as a candidate for elected office, a political party organiser, or similar role in the democratic process. CDI particularly encourages nominations from young and upcoming female leaders in our focus countries of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji and Timor-Leste.

The course consists of a mixture of lectures, external site visits, and participatory forums, and will cover key issues for women in politics, including:

- Challenges and obstacles to women’s participation in Pacific politics
- Political parties’ role in promoting gender equality in politics,
- Temporary special measures (e.g. party quotas and reserved seats),
- Electoral and political reforms to maximise women’s representation,
- Influencing, lobbying and networking,
- Candidate training (e.g. election campaign, resource mobilization, fund raising etc), and
- The role of other actors (including government, parliament, civil society, and academia).

The Australian Parliament, individual Members and Senators, and the major Australian political parties will again be directly involved in presenting/facilitating course sessions in 2009, which will be convened by gender and development expert Monica Costa.

Nominations for this course close 16 October - For all the details on WiP 2009, including important information on how to apply, click on this link:

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Research Opportunity: Study into options for improved voter registration and identification in Papua New Guinea.

The National Research Institute of Papua New Guinea is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified researchers and/or research teams to undertake a systematic study of the feasibility of options for improving voter registration and voter identification in PNG.

This study will involve an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the current system, scope options for voter registration and identification pursued elsewhere in the world and review the options proposed in past studies of PNG elections. The study will entail an assessment of these options according to a set of given criteria and make recommendations based on this assessment.

- Proposals from researchers or teams with experience in electoral research and policy-making and/or experience with elections administration and roll management will be highly regarded.
- This study will commence in October 2009 and combine a desk-top review with stakeholder consultation.
- Proposals that involve Papua New Guinean researchers will be well regarded.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to the NRI by the 13th of October 2009.

For more information, Terms of Reference (TOR) for this project are available from the National Research Institute. All Expressions of Interest should conform with the guidelines outlined in the TOR. Click on the link below to access the TOR on the NRI website or call or email Dr Ray Anere: + (675) 326 0300; ranere@nri.org.pg.

TOR: options for improved voter registration and identification in Papua New Guinea.

World Movement for Democracy to Hold Sixth Assembly in Indonesia in April 2010

Conference Notice courtesy of the World Movement for Democracy:

The Secretariat of the World Movement for Democracy is pleased to announce that the World Movement’s Sixth
Assembly will take place on April 11-14, 2010, in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Assembly, under the theme of "Solidarity across Cultures: Working Together for Democracy," will bring together more than 500 democracy activists, practitioners, and scholars from all global regions, and will build upon the democracy-promotion strategies developed at previous assemblies held in New Delhi, India; São Paulo, Brazil; Durban, South Africa; Istanbul, Turkey; and Kyiv, Ukraine.

Invited participants in the Jakarta Assembly - representing political parties, trade unions, business associations, NGOs, research institutes, civic education organizations, anti-corruption groups, and democracy-support foundations, as well as parliamentarians and government officials with a special interest in democracy - will share their practical experiences in building democracy, exchange information on activities in their respective areas of work, and develop strategies to address the particular obstacles they face in their countries and regions.

The Assembly will not issue declarations or policy resolutions. Rather, the work will be undertaken primarily in highly targeted workshops that will be limited in size to allow participants to engage each other across their different geographic regions and areas of work. Under the theme of "Solidarity across Cultures: Working Together for Democracy," the Assembly will:

- Focus on ways to expand democracy movements within diverse cultures, as well as on ways to develop mutually supporting cross-cultural relationships to advance democracy in all global regions;
- Continue the discussion on "Making Democracy Work" begun at the Fifth Assembly in Kyiv, Ukraine, in 2008;
- Advance the World Movement’s ongoing Defending Civil Society and Assessing Democracy Assistance projects; and
- Address the challenges to democracy work in such areas as anti-corruption, free expression, youth engagement, independent media, human rights, local governance, elections, political party development, women’s political participation, and ethnic and religious inclusion, among others.

The Assembly will also feature a "Democracy Fair" that will include an exhibition area for participant’s work; a technology training center; a video screening room; and a space in which participants can educate each other about particular causes, as well as initiate petitions, letter-writing campaigns, and other efforts to support those causes.

TEMPO, an independent publishing company that seeks to advance a modern, open, democratic, and pluralistic Indonesia, which is led by World Movement Steering Committee member Bambang Harymurti, is serving as the local partner organization on the Assembly.

For additional information on the World Movement for Democracy including all the details on the Sixth Assembly, click on this link below through to the World Movement’s website:

World Movement for Democracy

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