

# Indonesia

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# Indonesian History



1500s - Dutch trade with Indonesians (“East Indies”)

1600s - Dutch rule begins (“high colonialism”)



1942 - Japanese Occupation - during WWII



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Three days after Japanese surrender to Allies...

17 August 1945 – Indonesia declares Independence

Soekarno (Sukarno)

Becomes 1<sup>st</sup> **PRESIDENT** - 18 August 1945

Establishes the Republic of Indonesia  
and sets up a provisional government



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Late 1945 – Dutch try to reestablish sovereignty



1948 - Dutch paratroopers land in Yogyakarta

- Indonesian Communist party (PKI) tries to assume power



Throughout 1950s – Dutch and Indonesia trade power

Also a growing communist party in Indonesia – “PKI”

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30 September 1965 - an abortive coup occurs – 6 generals killed  
- conflicting versions of the attempted coup  
*(PKI, or Soekarno, or Maj. Gen. Soeharto, or U.S., or etc. etc.)*

12 March 1967 - Soekarno is deposed from  
his Presidential post



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Soeharto (Suharto) – a Major General in the Army

Appointed **2<sup>nd</sup> PRESIDENT** - March 1967



Soeharto goes on to rule for next 30 years

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Mid 1990s – growing unease among the Indonesian people regarding Soeharto's government.

- He ran unopposed every 5 years
- Claims of nepotism
- Government corruption
- On-going military action in N. Sumatra, E. Timor

May 1997 – Financial Crisis (“Krisis Monitar”) hits Indonesia

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In late Spring 1998, riots break out in Jakarta (13-15 May)

21 May 1998 – Soeharto resigns...



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B. J. Habibie - Soeharto's Vice President

Appointed **3<sup>rd</sup> PRESIDENT** – 21 May 1998



Although Habibie's background in science and technology would have benefitted the country and despite his steps to reduce the financial crisis, many people felt he was too "close" to Soeharto and his political policies.

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Abdurrahman Wahid (“Gus Dur”)

Elected 4<sup>th</sup> **PRESIDENT** - Nov 1999

2000 – Parliament votes  
Wahid out of office



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## Diah Permata Megawati Soekarnoputri (“Megawati”)

Appointed **5<sup>th</sup> PRESIDENT** – 23 July 2001

Daughter of.....



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5 July 2004 – Presidential elections were held.

Ended without a clear winner (no majority vote)

Sept 2004 - A runoff election was held for the two candidates with the most votes:

**Megawati** and **General Yudhoyono**

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Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono - a retired General

Elected **6th PRESIDENT** – 20 October 2004



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President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (“SBY”)

Re-Elected – 8 July 2009



Defeated Megawati and  
one other candidate

## Side Note:

In 2010, President Obama and Indonesian President Yudhoyono established the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership to broaden bilateral relations between the United States and Indonesia.

On June 27, 2010, the two Presidents announced a Higher Education Partnership as a key element of the Comprehensive Partnership.

The Higher Education Partnership was focused on increasing the number of Indonesians and Americans studying and researching in one another's country, and on strengthening university partnerships and increasing the quality of education.

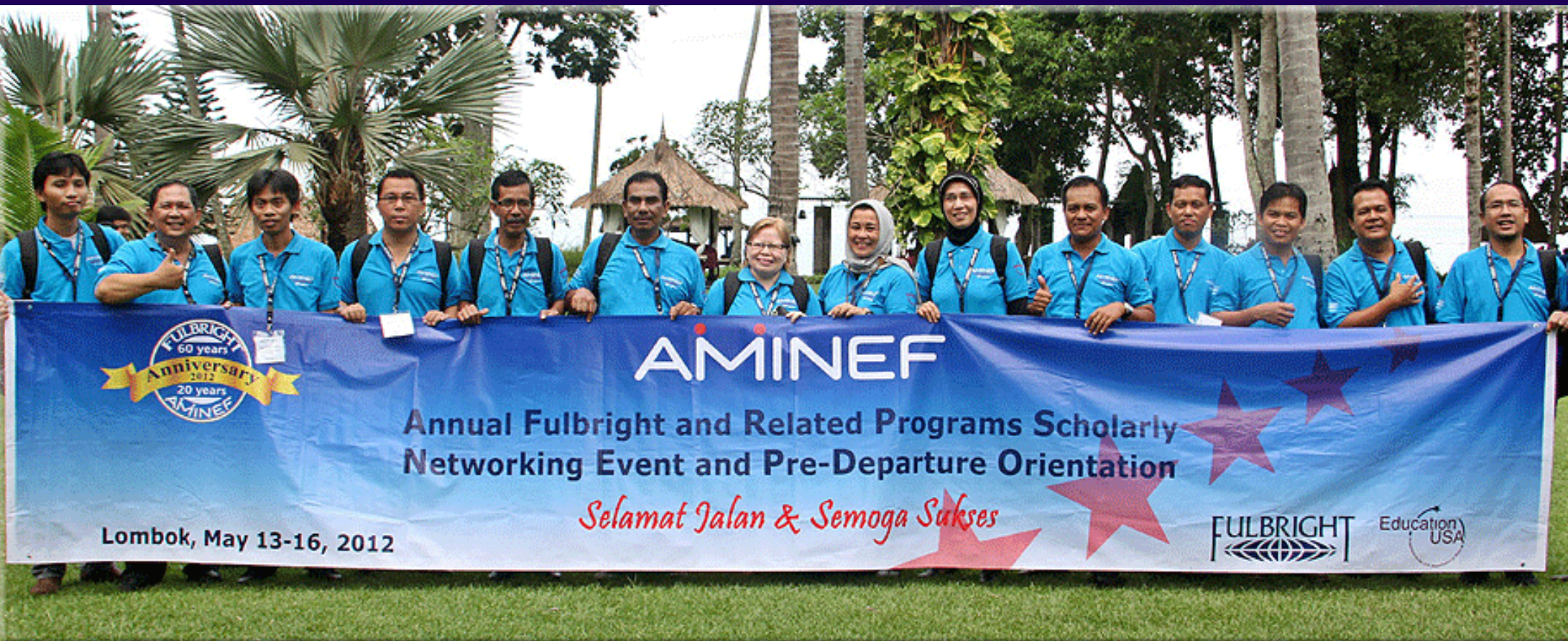
U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) worked closely with the Directorate General of Higher Education Indonesia (DIKTI) on a number of education initiatives.

- US-Indonesia Partnership Program (USIPP, 2011-12)
- Fulbright-DIKTI Indonesian Senior Scholar Recharging Program (2012)



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## 2014 Elections

The Presidential election was held on 9 July 2014.

President Yudhoyono had to end his 10-year tenure in 2014 as Indonesian law prohibits a third term.

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Joko Widodo - a former furniture exporter

Elected 7th **PRESIDENT** – 9 July 2014

“**Jokowi**” is the recent governor of Jakarta with a charismatic style that drew comparisons to...



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the 2008  
Barack Obama



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## 2019 Elections...

The next Presidential election will be held in 2019.

Currently, political strategists are expecting that **Jokowi** will win another term..



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