Joint Communiqué
Progress against the
Joint Statement of Cooperation between
Kalimantan Timur & Northern Territory

Background

Acting on the spirit of the 2000 Memorandum of Cooperation, and more recently the Joint Statement of Cooperation of 16 September 2010 designed to develop closer ties between Kalimantan Timur and the Northern Territory (NT), both jurisdictions have worked together on a range of mutually beneficial programs as outlined in this document.

This Communiqué provides a progress report on the initiatives undertaken under the Joint Statement of Cooperation and outlines future planned activities across the following areas:

Livestock

Following the 2010 Livestock Workshop held in Balikpapan, a Kalimantan Timur group visited Darwin in March and May 2011 to discuss a range of potential joint activities for their province. Those activities are likely to include, a feasibility study of a breeding operations, training of extension officers, a review of management practices of cattle under oil palm and assistance with technical notes. It is hoped that these activities will assist establish Kalimantan Timur as an emerging market for North Australian cattle and as a regional centre for breeding in Eastern Indonesia.

Education and Training

A study funded by the Northern Territory Government identified potential demand for the establishment of an Australian Quality Framework accredited vocational education and training (VET) facility in East Kalimantan was noted and support was offered for its progress.

The Charles Darwin University, (CDU) has extensive engagement across Indonesia and is keen to actively engage with Kalimantan Timur. CDU has extensive capabilities in higher education, VET and English language training and is keen to promote capacity building for teachers and research opportunities for Masters and PHD students.

Mining
Continue to advance assistance in environmental management and mine site rehabilitation with a range of consultants, including a Darwin based company with a presence in Indonesia.

Chamber to Kadin (Indonesian Chamber) links

Continue to promote commercial relationships between NT and Kalimantan Timur and between Chamber of Commerce NT and KADIN Kalimantan Timur. Including, the NT’s participation in the 7th Balikpapan Expo and Kalimantan Timur’s participation in the planned 2012 Indonesian Mining Procurement Forum in Darwin and encourage future Chamber NT participation in the Kaltim Expo planned for Samarinda in September 2011.

Darwin’s Indonesian Customs Facility

Both jurisdictions will continue to promote the presence and usage of the Darwin-based Indonesian Customs Pre-inspection Facility in the NT and Kalimantan Timur to develop increased trade and business opportunities.

Sporting links

Both parties welcomed Kalimantan Timur first ever participation in the Arafura Games 2011 which saw a contingent of some 70 athletes and officials in attendance. In addition, we are examining a possible football (soccer) match in Samarinda in 2012, involving youth teams from both Kalimantan Timur and the NT.

Lembusuana statue donation

Both parties welcome the donation of the significant Lembusuana statue to the Indonesian Garden of the CDU. The unveiling ceremony will include Governor Awang Faroek, Vice-Chancellor Glover, Minister Knight, and the Acting Indonesian Consul.

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The Governor of East Kalimantan and the Minister for Asian Relations and Trade of the Northern Territory, remain committed to the 2010 Joint Statement of Cooperation and will meet periodically to review the progress of these initiatives which are designed to enhance the ongoing cooperation between Kalimantan Timur and the NT.

Agreed to in Darwin Australia Monday 9 May 2011.