

**REPORT ON INDONESIA CHAPTER  
ACTIVITIES IN ACRP EC MEETING 2015  
BANDUNG, JUNE, 2-4, 2015**

- 1. INDONESIAN COMMITTEE OF RELIGION AND PEACE (ICOM-RP)**
- 2. INDONESIAN CONFERENCE OF RELIGION AND PEACE (ICON-RP)**
- 3. INSTITUTE FOR INTERFAITH DIALOGUE IN INDONESIA (INTERFIDEI)**

**2014-2015 ACTIVITIES**

- **INSTITUTE FOR INTERFAITH DIALOGUE IN INDONESIA (INTERFIDEI)**  
(<http://www.interfidei.or.id>)
- UNTIL THE YEAR 2016, OUR WORK THEME IS :  
***“RELIGIONS FOR JUSTICE, TRUTH, EQUALITY AND PEACE IN INDONESIA.”***
- THE YEAR 2016, INTERFIDEI WILL BE 25 YEARS (1991-2016). THE FIRST NGO BASED INTERFAITH GROUP IN INDONESIA.

## THE ACTIVITIES AND HOW TO IMPLEMENT

### ACTIVITIES:

- BESIDES MONTHLY DISCUSSION, WE HAVE ALSO SEMINAR, CONFERENCE, BOOK AND NEWSLETTER, DURING THE YEAR 2014 UNTIL NOW, INTERFIDEI ALSO DOING EDUCATION PROGRAMS: 1) CAPACITY BUILDING FOR OUR LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NETWORK, WITH THE TARGET GROUPS: a) TEACHERS, TEACHING RELIGIONS AND CIVIL EDUCATION; b) STUDENTS/YOUTH/PLURALISME, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT ACTIVISTS; c) COMMUNITY BASED RELIGIOUS LEADERS; 2) INTERFAITH SCHOOL. THE PARTICIPANTS ARE FROM CATHOLIC SEMINARY, PROTESTANT THEOLOGICAL FACULTY, STATE SILAMIC UNIVERSITY, BUDDHIS AND HINDU SCHOOLS.
- SOME OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE: INVESTIGATION, ADVOCACY (INCLUDE LOBBY) FOR THE FORB ISSUES AND ALSO FOR THE PROBLEM ON TRAFFICKING, HIV/AIDS AND ECOSOC AND WE ALSO SUPPORT THE EFFORT OF PAPUAN, WHO ARE STRUGGLING FOR MAKING PAPUA AS LAND OF PEACE.

## HOW TO IMPLEMENT?

NETWORKING IS VERY IMPORTANT : LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL. THAT'S WHY WE ARE DEVELOPING, STRENGTHENING AND BROADERING THE NATIONAL INTERFAITH NETWORK, FROM PAPUA TO ACEH.



**OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 6TH CONFERENCE OF INDONESIA  
INTERFAITH NETWORK , MAY 2014**



**ALL RELIGIOUS AND BELIEVE LEADERS , WOMEN, ADAT LEADERS ,  
SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT, NGO'S, UNIVERSITIES, JOURNALISTS ,  
YOUTHS ARE INVOLVED IN THE INTERFAITH NETWORK. THEY ALL  
SUPPORT THE WORKS ON "PAPUA DIALOGUE FOR PEACE".**



**WORKSHOP ON PLURALISM IN EDUCATION : HOW TO MANAGE DIVERSITY IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY?**

**ONE OF THE TARGET GROUPS OF INTERFIDEI'S EDUCATION PROGRAM IS TEACHERS, WHO ARE TEACHING RELIGION AND CITIZENSHIP**

**Capacity building for YOUTH (students, pluralism, democracy, human rights activists)  
Makassar-Gorontalo-Bolaangmongondow, 2014-2015**



## Report of Indonesian Committee of Religions for Peace (IComRP)

During the last months after the ACRP General Assembly in Incheon, Korea our IComRP has organized the following events :

1. On February 6th, 2015 IComRP organized together with Inter Religious Council (IRC) of Indonesia the World Interfaith Harmony Week at Parliament Building in Jakarta . 200 guests from all faith traditions came to the event. It is interesting to mention that youths of all faith traditions have actively involved in organizing the big event
2. IComRP organized the World Peace Forum in November 2014 in Jakarta and it was also visited by ACRP friends from India, Pakistan, Australia, Malaysia and Japan. Rev. Hatakeyama, SG of ACRP also attended the event
3. Theophilus Bela, SG of IComRP spoke about interfaith cooperation in front of the Muhammadiyah Youth Association in February 2015
4. The President/Co-Moderator of ACRP Din Synasyuddin met His Holiness Pope Francis in Vatican on November 12th, 2014  
The SG of IComRP has shown the photo of the Pope and Din Syamsuddin to Indonesian Vice President, H.E. Jusuf Kalla during a wedding party in Jakarta in November 2014
5. On January 7th 2015 there was an interfaith discussion after the terrorist attack Charlie Hebdo in London  
The discussion was held at the office of Centre for Dialogue and Cultural Cooperation (CDCC) in Jakarta
6. On January 9th, 2015 an Austrian scholar by the name Martin Slama talked about the Muslim missionary activities (dakwah) via social media at the office of CDCC
7. On January 10th, 2015 Din Syamsuddin and Theophilus Bela attended a book discussion about H.E. Cardinal Julius Darmaatmadja, Archbishop emeritus of Jakarta . Many religious leaders and Catholic bishops were present at the event
8. On May 3rd, 2014 Din Syamsuddin talked in front of Catholics at the cathedral of Jakarta about interfaith cooperation The meeting was also attended by Protestant and Buddhist leaders
9. Muslim and Buddhist leaders had a meeting in Yogyakarta and Borobudur Temple, March 3-4, 2015 and made a declaration called Yogyakarta Statement . From Indonesian side Professor Din Syamsuddin and Professor Philip Widjaja (a Buddhist leader) are the key figures of the event . Rev. Katsuji Sugino, Deputy Secretary General of Religions for Peace International from New York also attended the meeting
10. Also in March, 2015 Theophilus Bela met Rev. Sugino and Bishop Gunar Stalsett (Inter Religious Council of Europe) discussing the project of Universal Code on Holy Sites . Mr. Iqal Sullam, President of IRC Indonesia and Mr. Scott Cunliffe from Search for Common Ground, an international NGO were also present at the meeting. Now the project has made

progress with cooperation of leaders of all faith traditions. Rev. Elga Sarapung from Interfidei is already involved in the project

11. In April, 2015 Theophilus Bela met Muslim leaders from USA at the Head Office on Muhammadiyah in Jakarta

Jakarta, May 31st, 2015

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### **SOME PROGRAMS THAT ICRP HAS CARRIED OUT**

#### **IN THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2014 TILL NOW**

1. **INTERFAITH COURSE:** Since January 2014, ICRP had partnered with Pembangunan Jaya University (UPJ) in Jakarta to set up a interfaith course for its undergraduate student. The goal of the course is to cultivate in them a respect for the diversity and complexity of religious and spiritual traditions. The course is carried out by introducing to the students a basic information, facts, history and fundamental teaching of major religious traditions that exist in Indonesia. The course is also designed to exposed the student to the indigenous religions and faths. Beside in-room lecture, the the course takes the students out of the class to visit various religious shrines: mosques, church, temple, ect. At the end of the semester, they are required to submit an essay to reflect on their experience as they navigate different religious and faith traditions. The selected essays were published as a book in March and entiled “*Mencari Tuhan*” (In Search of God), published by Gramedia. As a culmination of the whole process, we held a book launch in April, inviting Dr. Jalaluddin Rakhmat (prominent Muslim thinker) and the rector of UPJ University to discuss the book. The parnership with UPJ University to cunduct this courtse is still going on now, starting next September for the new class. The program is funded by the university.
2. **INTER-RELIGIOUS CLASS:** Beside conducting inter-faith course for the student in the university, we also organize similar course for the general public, introducing to the lay people diversity of religious and spiritual traditions in Indonesia. The couse is carrioud out every other two-weeks in our head-quarter. We take the participant to different religious shrines too, allowing them to experience firsthand the various religious rituals and events. Starting in May 2015, it will last for six month. The current program is funded by The Asia Foundation. As a matter of fact, this interreligious class is one of our routine activity that we conduct every year since 2001.
3. **INTERRILIGIOUS ADVOCACY:** Since 1998 as Indonesia transitioned into democracy and Indonesian people enjoyed a larger freedom to create organizations and express their views on differents issues, inlucing relious issues, we witness increased trend of religious intolerance and attack on minority groups. ICRP has played an important role in the defending the right of minorites such as Christians, or

Muslim minorities such as Shiite or Ahmadiyah members. What we have done is to facilitate the victim to defend their religious freedom, held forum for them to express what they have gone through, set up press conferences, and organize meeting with leaders of religious councils and organizations. Our main partners is Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), the biggest Islamic organization in Indonesia, as well as NGOs working for minority groups such as The Wahid Institute, Indonesian Legal Aid Institute (LBH), and Alliance for Bhinneka Tunggal Ika (ANBTI).

4. **PUBLICATION:** In addition to the above-mentioned book, we produced other publications as well. Our latest publication was a book entitled *Agama dan Seksualitas* (Religion and Sexuality), addressing issues of reproductive rights, gender justice as well as discrimination based on sexual orientation. In 2014, we published also a handbook/modul for training for religious preachers, especially Muslim preachers, to handle the issue of discrimination against minority groups, human rights, and democracy. The project was funded by Hivos from Netherland.
5. **MONITORING INTOLERANCE:** This is a routine monitoring that we carried out to track and report any incidents of violences and discriminations against minority groups and report it to the general public to raise their awariness about the urgency of the issue. For lack of funding, we are not able to report the monitoring result in a publication. What we have done is just to report the monitoring on our website.