

Australia strengthens scientific collaboration with Indonesia

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Singapore: Australian Academy of Science and the Indonesian Academy of Sciences have signed a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Scientific Cooperation. President of Australian Academy of Science, Professor Suzanne Cory, is currently visiting Indonesia by invitation of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta and the President of Indonesian Academy of Sciences, Professor Sangkot Marzuki.

Professor Cory said she hopes the MOU will strengthen Australia's scientific ties with one of its closest neighbours.

"Australia needs to increase its level of global engagement in science and technology in the national interest," Professor Cory said. "One way to do this is through regional collaboration. I hope to facilitate the ongoing cooperation between Australia and Indonesia in research and science education."

In addition, the Academy's Science by Doing team is assisting Indonesia to develop a pilot science curriculum unit for Indonesian secondary school students written in Bahasa Indonesia. If the pilot is successful, this will be used as model for a full suite of units for Indonesia. The program is funded by the Australian government through AusAID and DIICCS RTE.

Professor Cory is visiting Indonesia until 19 June 2013.