Country Report: Indonesia

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INDONESIA - A Brief Overview

- Geography: 17,548 islands (3 time zones)
- Population: 242 million (4th)
- GDP: USD 1.121 Trillion USD (15th)
- Higher education institutions:
  - Under MoNE: 3,216 (92 public)
  - Student populations: 5.381 million (2011)
  - GER in HE: 27.2%
  - Accreditation system: National (BAN-PT)
  - National Qualification Framework: 9 levels
Recognition of Foreign Qualification

• Legal framework:
  – Law on National Education System (UU 20/2003)
  – Ministerial Regulation (Permendiknas No:19/2011)
  – DGHE Decree (SK Dirjen Dikti)

• Agency:
  – DGHE, Director of Academic & Student Affairs

• Website:
Criteria and Procedure

• Criteria
  – Set by DGHE (foreign institutions accredited and/or recognized in their respective country)

• Procedure:
  – By application, submitting copy and original certificate
  – Verification of:
    • institution granting the degree (recognized/accredited)
    • Validity of the diploma
    • Recognition by the DG/Dir of ASA
  – On-line system 2010

• For professional degree, requirements, adaptation period and mechanism depends on the professional association

• In-person & on-line system (for study program and HEI that has been recognized, recognition can be conducted on-line)

• Since 1960’s more than 60,000 recognition
Issues and Challenges

- **Equivalency** of degree and fields of study
- **Verification** (to avoid fake diplomas)
  - Education process
  - Person
  - Length of study
  - Part/full time
- **Assessment** of the quality of provider
  - Information about the institution (at National and institutional level)
  - Accreditation of the institution
  - Accrediting agency
  - Quality assurance system (varies from country to country and from institution to institution)
  - Legality of the institution
- **Distance** education: hard to verify
Progress on Unesco Convention Ratification

• Signatory of earlier convention in 2008
• Under consideration at ministerial level
• Instruments:
  – Regulations on recognition
  – National HE information system
  – Online recognition system
  – National Qualification Framework has been issued
  – Detail qualification and implementation (referencing process)
  – Regional harmonization of NQF (ANZ & ASEAN countries)
  – MRA (occupational, profession) bilateral and multilateral agreements
Feasibility of a Global Convention

- Global convention is needed (it will take time to develop and harmonize the diverse system)
- Harmonization of the HE system is needed
- Internal problems (coordination, support, organization, referral system, capacity, quality assurance, information system)
- Mutual trust, mutual respect, reciprocality principle
- National information center
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