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Assalamu'alaikum Wr. Wb.

Direktorat Pendidikan Tinggi Keagamaan Islam (Diktis) Ditjen Pendidikan Islam telah melakukan komunikasi dengan Regional English Language Office (RELO) Kedutaan Besar Amerika Serikat untuk Indonesia di Jakarta dalam penyelenggaraan program *Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)*, sebagaimana surat terlampir. Program ini dirancang untuk membentuk pusat-pusat *academic writing* di lingkungan perguruan tinggi keagamaan Islam sehingga dapat meningkatkan kemampuan dalam penulisan ilmiah dan berkontribusi dalam bidang publikasi ilmiah, bersama sejumlah perguruan tinggi di Washington DC, Amerika Serikat. Regional English Language Office (RELO) Kedutaan Besar Amerika Serikat akan memberikan sejumlah bantuan bagi peserta/lembaga yang terpilih. Direncanakan, program ini akan dimulai pada tanggal 30 November 2020. Untuk itu, Regional English Language Office (RELO) Kedutaan Besar Amerika Serikat untuk Indonesia akan memberikan informasi detail secara virtual tentang program dimaksud yang akan diselenggarakan pada:

Hari, Tanggal : Senin, 9 November 2020
Pukul : 19.30 WIB s/d Selesai
Link Pendaftaran : <https://amerspaces.typeform.com/to/RLZLXFFu>

Sehubungan dengan itu, kami mengharapkan partisipasi pimpinan PTKIN dan pimpinan Kopertais se-Indonesia untuk menginformasikan, mendorong dosen dan pengelola jurnal di lingkungan Perguruan Tinggi Keagamaan Islam untuk mengikuti program dimaksud. Untuk kontak person kegiatan, dapat menghubungi Sdr. Dian Safitri, Asisten RELO Kedutaan Besar Amrika, Hp/WA: 0812-100-6190, email: safitrid@state.gov; atau Sdr. Iwan Yusuf, Kasi Publikasi Ilmiah Diktis, Hp/WA: 0812-1800-5454.

Atas perhatian Bapak/Ibu, disampaikan terima kasih.

Wassalamu'alaikum Wr. Wb.



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... Direktur Pendidikan Tinggi Keagamaan Islam,

Suyitno

Tembusan:

Yth. Direktur Jenderal Pendidikan Islam (*sebagai laporan*)



Embassy of the United States of America

Jakarta, November 6, 2020

Prof. Dr. Suyitno, M.Ag
Director of PTKI
Directorate General of Islamic Higher Education
Ministry of Religious Affairs
Jakarta

Dear Professor Suyitno,

I am very pleased to inform you that the Regional English Language Office (RELO) of the Embassy of the United States of America has developed a new Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) in conjunction with our colleagues at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC. I believe that the new MOOC will be of particular interest to the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Directorate General of Islamic Higher Education, as it focuses on how higher education institutions (HEIs) can establish and administer academic writing centers to support Indonesian scholars who wish to publish their research findings in international journals.

The MOOC is designed to provide training for higher-education administrators such as Vice Rectors, Deans, and Directors of English studies programs who are responsible for improving institutional quality and increasing research publication rates at their respective HEIs. The course will not focus extensively on pedagogical approaches to academic writing, but instead will address more concrete aspects of setting up, staffing, and managing an academic writing center in the context of an international HEI.

Our office undertook the development of this course in response to frequent requests for assistance from Indonesian HEIs and other related entities to improve academic writing and increase scholarly publication rates among the Indonesian scientific community. We initiated the course development process over a year ago by conducting a needs assessment with relevant Indonesian contacts, including Dr. Suwendi from your Directorate's Office of Research and Community Service. Dr. Suwendi provided valuable insights shared regarding scholarly publications in Islamic higher education institutions during a meeting at the Ministry last year. We are extremely grateful for his input and would like to thank the Ministry once again for making that meeting possible.

The MOOC is scheduled to begin on November 30. We would be pleased to have top-level administrators and other academic personnel from the Islamic HEIs under your Ministry's authority join the MOOC, which is completely free and open to unlimited number of participants.

For those who are interested in finding out more about the MOOC, we will hold an informational webinar **on Monday, November 9th at 19.30 WIB** in conjunction with our colleagues in Washington, DC and the course developers at Iowa State University. During the informational



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webinar, we will provide detailed information about the course contents and participation requirements.

To join the informational webinar, please register via the following link:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact RELO Assistant Dian Safitri at safitrid@state.gov and cellphone number 0812-100-6190.

Once again, thank you for your Directorate's support of this important initiative and, more broadly, of the continued educational partnership between our two countries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley Horn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bradley Horn, Ph.D.
Director
Regional English Language Office