

**Interview by Jemma Purdey with Djoko Hartoyo, 29 April 2014**

**MA, Marine biology, UNSW, 2000 cohort**



[00:00:55]	Grew up in a small village near Cilacap, southern Java. Moved to Pekalongan, northern Java, to live with his older brother, a policeman, for the start of high school. Moved back to Cilacap and finished high school then went to Diponegoro University (Semarang). Studied Marine Science, a new discipline in Indonesia, was in the first cohort that graduated in 1987. He was the first graduate with certificate number 001, was in the newspaper.	Background; Childhood; Early education; Undergraduate degree
[00:04:22]	Chose to study Marine Science on the advice of a teacher. After finished the degree helped in older brother's business for seven months then decided to go to BPPT or LIPI in Jakarta to pursue a higher degree. Inspired to go overseas by listening to BBC London when a child. Studied English in junior high school. Parents work: father was a policeman and mother was a housewife and ran a small business.	Study and work experience; Family background
[00:08:05]	While at university planned to go to BPPT or LIPI,	International research collaboration; Australian

	<p>collaborated with BPPT in research surveying the Timor Sea. Once in Jakarta collaborated with international researchers so got international connections. Applied to AusAID in 2001 while in Tokyo for a six-month oceanography training program. After studying in Australia applied for a scholarship in the US in 2005/2006. Started a PhD in New Hampshire but had to return to Indonesia for back surgery and six months recovery so couldn't finish.</p>	<p>Awards scholarship; Further international scholarship</p>
[00:12:18]	<p>Heard about the Australia Award via the State Secretary who posted the announcement. Wanted to go to a big city so chose to study at UNSW in Sydney. Could choose from a list of about ten universities. Studied Marine Science.</p>	<p>Motivation to study overseas; University and course selection</p>
[00:15:23]	<p>Had some trouble understanding the Australian accent, English and American students also had trouble so shared notes after lectures. Lecturers who had overseas experience were easier to understand. Got a part-time job delivering pizza and met people, interesting conversations, could practice speaking Aussie.</p>	<p>Studying in Australia; challenges</p>
[00:20:24]	<p>Socialised on weekends, played sport, tennis and team sports, went to the gym. Lived in Randwick, Kensington and two other places, in share houses with other students, not Indonesians. Wanted to mix with other nationalities. Advised during pre-departure training not to live with other</p>	<p>Social life in Australia; Friendships with non-Indonesians</p>

	Indonesians. Lecture about culture shock explained that things would be different.	
[00:24:32]	Belonged to student and sporting associations, chose as many as possible to make friends. Helped to organise barbecues once a month with the Indonesian student and friendship associations. Made friends with Indonesian diplomats, made it easy to get information and facilities for events e.g. car, venue.	Community groups and social networks in Australia; Indonesian community in Australia
[00:28:02]	Also invited to parties and events by friends in the diplomatic service. Stayed in diplomat's houses in Double Bay. Could live well even though a student.	Social life; Networks; Indonesian community in Sydney
[00:31:28]	The first week in Australia was challenging but after that no negative experiences. Stayed in a university dorm in the first week. Bought a car after three weeks. Diplomatic friends invited him on trips to other cities. Hardly needed to use scholarship money.	Living in Australia; Networks
[00:34:31]	Went to the movies and watched TV. Watched the news, liked <i>Who wants to be a millionaire</i> . Went to university cinema. Watched Australian rules football but didn't play. Played soccer. Went to The Australian Open and F1 tennis tournaments.	Australian culture
[00:36:51]	Did well in his studies, received high marks. MA research project was about the migration of sea mullet from NSW to Queensland, involved fieldwork along the coast.	Studying in Australia; Fieldwork experience

[00:40:41]	Keeps in touch with friends from the consulate and a couple from MA cohort. Travels often to attend seminars and meetings. Is a member of a number of marine science professional bodies e.g. Australian Marine Science Association, American Geophysicists Union. Funding opportunities through professional networks. No Indonesian colleagues in these professional bodies.	International networks; Ongoing connections
[00:44:58]	Participated in an AusAID survey after finishing at UNSW. In Indonesia was invited to alumni events by the Australian embassy. Gains knowledge, meets new people and maintains friendships at these events. Involved in a tsunami program in Aceh, with other countries that border on the Indian Ocean.	Alumni networks; Research and aid collaboration
[00:49:01]	Last year moved to current position, deals with the centres in BPPT that have collaborative projects with a third party. Bigger projects include developing fuel from palm oil, hydroelectric power in Sumba.	Current work
[00:52:05]	Collects books when overseas. Has time to study at the office after 4.00pm until about 7.00pm. Thesis is about the impact of mining waste on the ocean.	Current PhD research
[00:55:28]	Married with two children, in junior high school. The children like English and daughter plays piano, he encourages them to do these things. Wife and children stayed here when Djoko was in Australia studying. Kept busy	Family

	so didn't miss them too much. Wife is a public servant in Jakarta.	
[00:59:19]	Networks via social media e.g. LinkedIn. Lectures at Diponegoro University and IPB as well as co-supervising postgraduate students. The centre provides data for the students who, unlike Australian students, don't have funding to collect data.	Networks; Other professional work
[01:04:15]	Hopes daughter and son will go to university overseas, perhaps Australia. Mentored youngest brother to get a higher education, now he's in France working for an oil company.	Family; Mentoring
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