

Interview by Jemma Purdey and David Lowe with Anggiet Ariefianto, Jakarta, 23 April 2014

MA, Melbourne University, 2000 cohort



[00:01:00]	Grew up in Jakarta, standard education, bachelor degree in Chinese studies at University of Indonesia then worked in the faculty as a casual lecturer teaching Mandarin. Some problem when won scholarship because wasn't a government employee but it was sorted out. When returned to Indonesia, no work available at UI because the studies in Australia were not considered to be in line with Chinese studies there. Worked with an NGO.	Background; childhood; early education; career
[00:04:35]	Won a number of scholarships (US Aid scholarship, Erasmus scholarship and a Canadian scholarship). Acted as ADS student representative in Melbourne, insights into other students' experiences. Earned extra money through dance performances and other work in hospitality and teaching Indonesian culture.	International scholarships awarded; Australian scholarship; network; leadership; part-time work in Australia

[00:08:49]	Enjoyed a good lifestyle, travelled to other major cities. Made connections through the Indonesian Consulate and contacts of his brother and sister who had also received ADS scholarships.	Living in Australia; Indonesian community network; studying in Australia; challenges
	Studied at Melbourne University from 2001, challenging to start with, especially joining in class discussions (different from Indonesia). Lecturer–student relationship very different in Australia to in Indonesia. Stayed in touch with some lecturers.	
[00:15:19]	Became interested in social development while in Melbourne, did voluntary work. Got a job with international NGO in Indonesia.	Community work in Australia and Post-scholarship
[00:17:41]	Aspired to win a scholarship because brother and sister had, they helped him with preparation and settling in to life in Australia. Brother is a medical specialist, studied at Flinders University. Sister works for an oil company, studied at Monash University.	Family background; existing connections to Australia
[00:19:28]	Taught Indonesian culture at Ceres and became interested in environment and social justice, joined community groups. Observations about other Indonesians in Australia, difference between scholarship students and private students. Comments about work involved in being ADS student representative.	Community work in Australia; Indonesian community in Melbourne; leadership
[00:24:23]	Lucia Wong was support worker for ADS students. Other popular groups/clubs – International Students Club, PPIA (mostly for non-scholarship students, scholarship students 'minority complex', religious strictness). Need to make the first move to get to know Australians, understand local practice.	Support for scholarships awardees; Indonesian community; networks; Australian culture

[00:28:19]	Lived in Indonesia for one year after returning from Melbourne, lived overseas until late 2010. Comments about Indonesian students in other countries, discussion about how these students from other countries, aren't open to other cuisines and cultures, observe religious requirements more strictly. students don't mix much with	Indonesian students overseas
[00:32:10]	Anecdotes about Muslim Indonesian students in Australia and Holland, found more connection with students from Asian countries other than Indonesia.	Friendships; networks
[00:35:00]	AusAID General Manager for three years, then transferred to Jakarta to manage projects above national level. Comments about working as an ex-pat compared to as a local. Doesn't like working in Jakarta, likes working overseas.	Current work; international mobility
[00:38:47]	Comments about difficulties for Indonesian scholarship students and their families when they return to Indonesia. Working as an administrator now and misses implementing projects.	Life back in Indonesia
[00:42:36]	Ex-pats and local staff relationship depends on supervisor, can be friction between young, new ex-pat AusAID recruits and older, more experienced local staff. Also friction between work cultures.	Intercultural workplace
[00:43:56]	Barbecues. Misses cultural events, e.g. ballet and classical music, and parks. Visits friends when in Australia. Changes to Melbourne as a city.	Australian culture; ongoing connections

[00:46:44]	Didn't experience discrimination, other students did. Was in Melbourne when September 11 happened and also when the first Bali bombing happened. Found the demand for dance performances and Indonesian studies at Ceres dropped and questions about Indonesia in classes at university increased.	Being an Asian in Australia
[00:51:47]	Up and down, good before new Prime Minister, more difficult since Tony Abbott, Waiting to see how they will be with new Indonesian government. Jakarta office established by Kevin Rudd in 2006 for rapid response to disaster, works closely with Indonesian disaster response bureau. Merger of AusAID with DFAT also causing friction and tension among local staff.	Australia–Indonesia relations; aid
[00:57:14]	Mostly focussed on what to do on arrival and Australian culture, which is not easy to convey. Different types of students need different training. Academic culture is taught more than Australian culture so many students aren't prepared and they stick together rather than mix with others. Many students aren't prepared for difficulties with re-entry into work in Indonesia, disappointment and frustration.	Pre-departure preparations
[01:02:10]	Reasons why ADS no longer covers family relocation. Fewer PhD scholarships. Discussion about students whose families join them and those who come without their family. Importance of learning how to cook and clean if coming to Australia to study.	Scholarships conditions

[01:06:15]	Receives emails from ADS and other scholarship alumni but is not active. Invitations to dinners stop after a certain time, only sent to recent graduates. Many new graduates wish the alumni associations were stronger.	Alumni network
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