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## Online learning reaches further

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Online learning and information sharing will reach more students across the country after the Ministry of Education on Wednesday relaunched an Internet education program.

The World Bank-funded Indonesia Global Development Learning Network (GDLN), an Internet backbone network connecting major universities all over the world, will allow researchers and professors in countries such as China, Australia and Japan to share research and other information with Indonesian lecturers, while local university students will be able to join overseas classes through video conferences.

"Access to education will become much broader and more affordable with GDLN, with lecture materials, for instance, now available online," National Education Minister Bambang Sudibyo said at the relaunch in Senayan, Central Jakarta.

"And in time, I am certain GDLN will become much stronger. It will support education not just at universities, but at other levels of education in every part of this country."

Fasli Jalal, the ministry's director general for higher education, said information on new education policies could be disseminated easier using GDLN.

"We don't have to keep calling university officials to inform them about scholarships, research or the like," Fasli said.

The ministry has been trying to develop an Internet network to support long-distance learning in underdeveloped areas since 2006. To date, only five state universities are connected to the ministry-funded Indonesia Higher Education Network (INHERENT) Internet backbone project.

Last December, the ministry linked INHERENT to GDLN, which connects major universities and learning institutions in 80 countries.

Wednesday's relaunch means Indonesia GDLN now connects 82 state universities, 140 private universities, 12 coordinating regional agencies for private universities and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization-Regional Open Learning Center.

"We believe the GDLN is an important tool in developing education in the country and we are committed to supporting its infrastructure," said Peter Stephens, World Bank director of communications.

State universities connected through Indonesia GDLN include Syiah Kuala University in the Aceh capital Banda Aceh, Udayana University in Denpasar, Bali, Tadulako University in the Central Sulawesi capital Palu and the University of Papua in the West Papua capital Manokwari.

Foreign universities connected within GDLN include Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok and the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia.

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## **Combating the Scourge of Dengue Fever Nation-Wide Course for Medical Professionals on Fighting Dengue Fever to begin in Bali on October 29, 2007.**

(10/22/2007) *The World Bank*, in partnership with *UNICEF/ENDP/WHO* and *Welcome Trust*, will be running a nationwide learning program on dengue fever designed for health practitioners focusing on epidemiology, transmission and pathology, diagnosis and case management, prevention and control of the disease.



Based on a series of interactive, multi-country video conferences for lectures conducted by world-acclaimed experts, separate self-paced study utilizing a specially developed CD-ROM, and moderated on-line mentoring with local facilitation. This course has already been conducted twice in the region involving senior experts from Thailand lecturing and working with healthcare practitioners in Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines.

Working with [the Global Development Learning Network of The World Bank in Denpasar](#), this program will be simultaneously launched in Jakarta, Makassar, Bandung and [Denpasar](#). Efforts are currently expand the teaching network to also include Surabaya, Yogyakarta and Pekanbaru.

Consisting of 6 two-hour video-conference sessions held over a period of 4 weeks, Bali participants will be able to join the educational program from October 29 to November 19, 2007, at Bali's Udayana University.

Open to medical practitioners, clinicians, government and health officials – a limited number of seats are available. Corporate and organizational sponsors are being sought to help defray the cost to permit more participation by self-funded medical practitioners.

Full details of the course, its content, cost and sponsorship opportunities are available from [Linawati at Udayana University](#) telephone ++62-(0)813 38652093.

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## **Presiden Yudhoyono Dorong Bali Kembangkan IT**

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[Presiden Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono \(SBY\)](#) mendorong Bali lebih mengembangkan informasi teknologi (IT) yang berbasis pada pelayanan publik, pendidikan dan pengembangan usaha yang makin efisien. Hal itu

tercetus dalam dialog vedeoconference Presiden dari Istana Negara dengan Dr. Tatang Taufik dari Badan Pengkajian Pengembangan Teknologi dan Bupati Jembrana Prof. Gede Winasa di Universitas Udayana, Denpasar, Jumat (8/8) kemarin. Presiden Yudhoyono juga berdialog dengan Dirut PT Lens Industri dan PT Inka dari Kemayoran Jakarta serta pengembangan energi terbarukan dari Universitas Sriwijaya Palembang.

Tatang Taufik usai vedeoconference mengatakan pengembangan informasi berbasis IT sampai ke polosok desa tingkat kabupaten dipelopori Jembrana dan Sragen, Jawa Tengah. Bupati Jembrana Winasa kepada Presiden menyatakan jaringan IT Jimbarwana telah menjangkau kecamatan, desa, SD sampai SMA di Jembrana. J.Net Jembrana adalah program mandiri dalam bidang IT yang bisa mengakses seluruh jaringan nasional dan internasional. 'Semua akses internet itu cuma-cuma untuk masyarakat,' katanya.

Rektor Unud Prof. Dr. dr. Made Bakta usai vedeoconference menyatakan fokus penelitian di Bali disesuaikan dengan kebutuhan daerah. Di antaranya pengkajian budaya Bali dengan pengembangan sastra daerah, penelitian pariwisata di Fakultas Pariwisata. Selain itu arsitektur tradisional, pemberdayaan ekonomi kerakyatan dan usaha kecil dan menengah, kedokteran tradisional dengan fokus pengembangan usaha Bali.

Presiden Yudhoyono pada peringatan ke-13 Kebangkitan Teknologi Nasional di Istana Negara menyebut fokus penelitian secara nasional diarahkan pada ketahanan pangan seperti penemuan varietas unggul. Penelitian sumber energi baru dan terbarukan seperti energi biokelapa sawit, teknologi manajemen transportasi, industri pertahanan modern. Di bidang kesehatan, fokus pada penemuan vaksin untuk penyakit menular seperti flu burung dan HIV/AIDS, informasi dan teknologi dan deteksi dini gempa dan tsunami.

Menristek Kusmayanto Kadiman menyebut tahun ini ada 100 dari 623 karya inovasi teknologi. Seperti prototipe pesawat tanpa awak serta kapal bersayap.

Presiden Yudhoyono memandang perlunya dirumuskan pemberian insentif yang layak bagi peneliti, mengingat nasib peneliti sering dipertanyakan. (029/\*)