

The International Center



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Indonesia America Soccer Exchange: Women in Soccer Sports Exchange Program

The International Center's Sports Corps Division is pleased to announce a sports exchange program – "The Indonesia America Soccer Exchange", in co-operation with the Center for Civic Education in Indonesia. This sports exchange program is possible by a grant from the SportsUnited Division of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and aims to further improve understanding between the people of Indonesia and the United States through the medium of youth sports. The "Indonesia–America Soccer Exchange" will serve two primary functions: (1) increase mutual understanding and strengthen ties between the people of Indonesia and the United States through sports. (2) empower young Indonesia women and disabled athletes ages 12-18 years, plus their coaches through unique sporting opportunities designed to increase skill, passion and respect for teammates. The International Center has conducted exchange programs in SE Asia for the last 15 years and travels to Indonesia for the first time with a soccer specific exchange program.

Components of the Program

The 2011 program will consist of two main components. The first component includes three one-day training clinics for approximately 200-300 female athletes, including disabled athletes, (within the 12-20 year old range) and 30 coaches. This first component will be conducted Jan 3rd-7th 2011 in the regions of Jakarta, Surabaya, and Pontianak. The visiting American Coaches include former members of the US Women's National Team, US Women's National Youth Team, and top NCAA college programs who are now elite Youth Club and High School coaches in the United States. The second component includes an 8-10 day visit to the United States for a smaller group of coaches and athletes in the summer of 2011.

Public-Private Partnerships

We hope that the "Indonesia America Soccer Exchange" will be enhanced by strong participation of the U.S. private sector. We look forward to working closely with U.S. companies to develop this program further. For more information on the program, please contact KarenWilloughby9@Gmail.com or Robert Schiffer (schifferl@hotmail.com).