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## Institute Director change at Goethe-Institut Jakarta

**Former Institute Director Heinrich Blömeke leaves after five years. Stefan Dreyer will take over as the new institute director 15 March 2019.**

### **New institute director is looking forward to continuing projects and implementing new ones**

Starting 15 March 2019, Stefan Dreyer is the new institute director of the Goethe-Institut Jakarta. "I am very excited to meet our partners here in Indonesia and to continue running projects and designing new project lines. The Goethe-Institut is a central pillar of Indonesian-German cooperation in all its fields of work—teaching the German language, information work and cultural cooperation. Therein lies a rich wealth of experience that we want to develop further for the future," says the new institute director. "I especially enjoy coming back to Goethe-Institut Jakarta, as I worked here as an intern 35 years ago." Before coming to Jakarta this time, Stefan Dreyer had worked for Goethe-Institut for 31 years in Boston, Budapest, Colombo, New Delhi, Seoul and Munich.

### **Past projects of Goethe-Institut Jakarta**

Heinrich Blömeke headed Goethe-Institut Jakarta from January 2014 until 15 March 2019 as the institute director. In recent years the institute has experienced a growing interest of young learners of the German language. The institute supported the role of Indonesia as Guest of Honor at the *Frankfurt Book Fair* (2015) and initiated "IndonesiaLab", a presentation of contemporary arts practices by cultural institutions in Frankfurt. Also in 2015, the Goethe-Institut coordinated *German Season* in Indonesia with emphasis on cooperations and co-productions between German and Indonesian artists. One of the recent projects was the summer academy for young Muslim intellectuals from Indonesia on *Muslim Life in Germany* in 2017–2018 and a public forum on *Postcolonial Perspectives from the Global South*.

### **Goethe-Institut Indonesien**

Goethe-Institut Indonesien promotes the study of German abroad and encourages international cultural exchange. It also provides a comprehensive picture of Germany via information on German political, social and cultural life. Various cultural and educational programs support intercultural dialogue and enable cultural participation. These various programs strengthen the structures of civil society and support global mobility. In Indonesia, Goethe-Institut is represented by institutes in Jakarta and Bandung as well as Wisma Jerman in Surabaya. The Goethe-Institut in Jakarta coordinates all activities for the Goethe-Institut in Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

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