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Book Launch Guidelines for Wikipedia/ Cooperation Between Wikimedia Indonesia & Goethe-Institut Indonesien

Wikimedia Indonesia in collaboration with Goethe-Institut Jakarta launched the book "Guidelines I: A manual on editing and writing for Wikipedia Indonesia".

This book launch marks the first event in a lasting collaboration between Wikimedia Indonesia and Goethe-Institut Indonesien. Christel Mahnke, Head of Information and Library of the Goethe-Institut, said in her opening remarks that librarians in Germany have actively supported the German-language Wikipedia by providing and editing articles since the launch of the site in June 2001.

Even before the digital era, libraries have been a window to knowledge, and the library of the Goethe-Institut is actively supporting the transformation to the digital world by continuously providing access to knowledge. At the same time, librarians have always embraced the idea of granting knowledge to everybody through free access to existing data.

Siska Dovina, the writer of the guidelines book for Wikipedia Indonesia and former head of Wikimedia Indonesia welcomes the collaboration. According to Siska, libraries are very important for Wikipedia as books provide the information and references that are essential for the authors to create high-quality content. Since 2010, Wikimedia Indonesia has supported the creation of high-quality articles for Wikipedia, among others through a competition which has been held in 2010 and 2014.

Later this year, Wikimedia Indonesia and Goethe-Institut Indonesien plan to invite a speaker from Germany, Till Kreuzer, who wrote the book "Open Content – A Practical Guide to Using Creative Commons", which has already been translated into Indonesian.

The guideline book for Wikipedia Indonesia was funded by Making All Voices Count as part of its efforts for transparency of information in Kalimantan. Ria Ernunsari from Hivos who also was one of the speakers emphasized that it was important for the civil society to participate and contribute in open knowledge so the government can consequently make more informed decisions. The book launch was followed by a workshop, during which 30 participants from various backgrounds and across Indonesia created new Wikipedia entries using the book for the first time.

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