

## **P R E S S R E L E A S E: 14 July 2005**

### **Seminar on the Parliamentary Oversight of Treaties, Republik Indonesia & Australia.**

**Hotel Mulia Senayan, Jakarta, 15 – 16 July 2005**

On 15-16 July 2005, the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat (DPR), and the Centre for Democratic Institutions (CDI) at the Australian National University (ANU) will convene a Seminar on the Parliamentary Oversight of Treaties at the Hotel Mulia Senayan.

The seminar is designed to deepen ties between the Indonesian and Australian parliaments by facilitating mutual learning and exchange at the highest levels between parliamentary committees, elected representatives and secretariat staff on issues of best practice in international treaty-making.

Participants are drawn from the ranks of parliamentarians and officials from DPR's Commission I, Commission III, and Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Council (BKSAP) and Australia's Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (JSCFADT), and Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (JSCOT).

The program will be based around presentations on the respective legislative processes, political and national implications and legal force of international treaties in Indonesia and Australia.

The design of this project reflects the common desire of Indonesia and Australia to expand people-to-people and institution-to-institution linkages between the two countries, including between the two parliaments. It will provide the basis for continued strengthening of links between counterpart committees in the parliaments of Indonesia and Australia.

As part of the program, delegates from the DPR and the Australian parliament will plan future programs of cooperation.

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