



Centre for Democratic Institutions

ANTI-CORRUPTION WORKSHOP INDONESIA

From 15 to 19 February 1999, a coalition of Indonesian NGOs organised a five day anti-corruption workshop in Jakarta. The Centre for Democratic Institutions facilitated the involvement of three Australian trainers: Peter Larmour of the National Centre for Development Studies at the Australian National University, and Nick Wolanin and Grant McKay, both of whom are Corruption Prevention Officers with the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

Peter Larmour provided a presentation on the links between explanations of corruption and strategies to prevent it. This led into presentations by Mr Wolanin and Mr McKay on the role of ICAC, followed by a case study of a corruption prevention investigation. The Malaysian Government's anti-corruption agency, Badan Pencegah Rasuah Malaysia, and Mr Tunku Aziz of the Malaysian chapter of Transparency International also provided presentations.

Background of participants:

The 48 workshop participants were drawn from civil society, the media, universities and government. The breakdown of sectoral representation was as follows:

- NGOs: 15 participants (31 per cent)
- Government: 11 participants (23 per cent)
- Media: 11 participants (23 per cent)
- University (faculty members): 5 participants (10 per cent)
- University (students): 4 participants (8 per cent)
- Political parties: 1 participant (2 per cent)
- Private companies: 1 participant (2 per cent)

Participant feedback:

Participant feedback indicated a high level of satisfaction with the foreign resource people involved in the workshop. In particular, participants were extremely positive about the sessions in which they were required to work with the resource person as part of a team. Participants noted that the training increased their knowledge about how corruption operates and how it can be investigated; case studies and group discussions were considered to be particularly useful. Participant feedback indicated that future courses could be strengthened through the inclusion of sessions on investigative techniques, investigative journalism and corruption and the military.

Follow-up:

In the wake of the workshop, the Indonesian organisers plan to host a national integrity workshop, using Nigeria as a case study; to promote the Transparency International source book within government, civil society and among political

parties; and to organise training on investigative techniques. The written materials prepared for the workshop will be utilised in future anti-corruption training projects.