

Freedom of the Press

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Indonesia

Participant

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Interpreter

Mr. Widodo will be visiting the Central Ohio region March 2- 6. His US Department of State sponsored visit is being coordinated locally by the International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by International Institute for Education.

Mr. Widodo is a Lecturer within the Department of Communication, Faculty of Social and Political Science at the Airlangga University in Surabaya, East Java. He has worked with the U.S.-based International Foundation on Electoral Systems (IFES) on their media literacy programs promoting democratic participation in Indonesia's elections. Mr. Widodo is a member of East Java's broadcasting law committee and has been asked by the East Java Department of Communications to prepare a draft of the provincial broadcasting law. In addition, Mr. Widodo is particularly interested in international law.

Tentative Itinerary

Ohio University

WOSU

Election Observation

Program Objectives:

Through his exploration of public media and broadcast journalism in the United States, Mr. Widodo would like to gain a deeper understanding of:

- The role of the media in a democratic society and freedom of the press
- Public broadcasting and its responsibility to the community.
- Community journalism and the way media influences public discourse on education, employment, and legal protection for citizens

Welcome Reception

International Visitors Council Inc.,
OSU-Office of International Affairs and
OSU-International Institute for Democracy
will host a reception for the Professor on
Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 6:00 pm.
Dr. Alam Payind, Director of the Middle East
Studies Institute at OSU
will deliver a keynote address.
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information.

- The role of the media in the American political process
- U.S. regulatory policies on domestic and international communications issues

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