



ABC Darwin, Darwin

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Interview with David Hill, Professor of Southeast Asian Studies in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Murdoch University about his national strategy to improve Indonesian language studies at universities. Hill says he believes that Indonesian is the most strategically important language for Australians. He says that there are 400 Australian companies active in Indonesia and that there are Govt Depts are paying language loadings onto salaries for Indonesian speakers, making it surprising that more people do not choose to study Indonesian. He says that Australia has the worst takeup of second languages in the OECD. He says Charles Darwin University has a range of valuable initiatives in the Indonesian language and are a part of the Australian Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies hosted by Murdoch University in Perth. He says the next generation need to be prepared to be world citizens by learning Asian languages.

Interviewee

David Hill, Professor of Southeast Asian Studies, Murdoch University

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