In conversation with Vice-Chancellors:
The role of humanities and social sciences in our universities and in the Asian-Pacific context

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President and Vice-Chancellor Monash University

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Vice-Chancellor, Western Sydney University
Engaging industry in long-term commitment to address shared major research challenges

- Started 2008
- Joint PhD program
- Students spend one year at Monash
- 187 PhD students currently enrolled
- 60 graduates
- 415 academic staff
- 420 collaborative projects

Research output:

- 615 publications
- 16 invention disclosures
Social sciences and humanities PhDs – from zero projects to 20 in 2 years

- 8 students currently enrolled in HASS PhDs
- (2 more affiliated but based in other Monash faculties)

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Southeast University partnership, Suzhou

Located in Suzhou Industrial Park: One of China’s largest innovation precincts

Joint Graduate School:
- 995 students through the masters programs to date
- Masters by coursework:
  - Industrial Design
  - Information Technology Systems
  - International Business
  - Interpretation and Translation Studies
  - Transportation Systems
  - Civil Engineering
  - Further options being explored

Joint Research Institute:
- Began taking joint PhD students in 2015
- 15 PhD enrolments to date
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Masters in Interpreting and Translation Studies

Two year double Masters
- 1 year coursework
- 6 month industry placement
- 6 month graduate thesis (12,000-15,000 words)
- Very strong demand

Career destinations of first cohort (graduated mid-2016):
- Teaching (secondary and university)
- Business and trade
- Dedicated translators/interpreters
- Monash PhDs in Australia
- Great interest in coming to Australia

Cohort growth:

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Great interest in coming to Australia

2014 2015 2016 2017
Partnership with Jeffrey Cheah Foundation

- Established 1998
- Rated Tier 5 ‘Excellent’ under the Rating System for Malaysian Higher Education Institutions by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA)
- 805 academic and administrative staff from 38 countries

Student profile:

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## Monash University Malaysia – HASS research

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New model for engagement with alumni, industry and government

- Foreign Company Representative Office Permit issued March 2016
- Goals:
  - Link Monash community with key partners
  - Deepen understanding of Indonesia’s national priorities
  - Identify collaboration opportunities in research and capacity building
Facilitating collaboration between Australia and Indonesia to generate high-impact research and engagement

Established in 2014 as a joint initiative of the Australian and Indonesian governments

Objectives:

- Pursue solutions to shared national challenges
- Strengthen and deepen Australia-Indonesia networks and relationships
- Promote greater understanding and cultural awareness
Revitalising Informal Settlements and their Environments (RISE)

Transforming water management and sanitation in Indonesia and Fiji

Monash University’s largest internationally funded research project

- $14 million from the Wellcome Trust
- $13 million from Asian Development Bank

Research partners:

- CRC for Water Sensitive Cities
- Stanford University
- Fiji National University
- Emory University
- Cambridge University
- Hassanudin University of Indonesia
RISE Project (continued)

Rigorously multidisciplinary and international research, led by a social scientist

Engaging talent across a diverse breadth of disciplines:

- Sociology
- Epidemiology
- Economics
- Ecology
- Science
- Engineering
- Art, Design and Architecture

Strong support from local partners:
Makassar Mayor, Ministries, Local Authorities, NGOs, and communities

Professor Rebekah Brown, RISE Leader
- Director, Monash Sustainable Development Institute
- Professor of Social Sciences until 2015
- PhD in Environmental Studies
- Faculty of Arts 2005-15