

Press Release

Indonesia and New Zealand Sign Geothermal Partnership to Accelerate Development



Prof. Eniya Listiani Dewi, Director General of New Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation of the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (second from left) and Jacquie Dean, Global Development and Scholarships Divisional Manager of at the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (third from left) signed the Partnership Arrangement for PINZ, witnessed by Prahoru Yulijanto Nurtjahyo, Ph.D, Head of the Human Resource Development Agency (BPSDM) of the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (left) and His Excellency Phillip Taula, New Zealand Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia (right) on May 23, 2025 (Photo: Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources).

JAKARTA, INDONESIA – MAY 28, 2025 – New Zealand and Indonesia signed the Partnership Arrangement for the Indonesia-Aotearoa New Zealand Geothermal Energy Programme (PINZ) on Friday, May 23, 2025, marking an important step in strengthening the commitment of both nations to accelerate Indonesia's geothermal development and advance technical competency in the clean energy sector.

Indonesia is committed to accelerating the development of geothermal energy to enhance energy resilience and self-sufficiency. Optimising geothermal energy sustainably and inclusively is crucial for achieving clean energy that balances economic benefits with social equity and environmental stewardship, in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this context, one of the first activities under the PINZ will support the enhancement of Indonesian Government's policies to promote the realization of a more reliable, sustainable, and inclusive geothermal energy.

Implemented through 2030, PINZ will provide support related to policy, technical assistance, and capacity building to further advance Indonesia's geothermal development. This support is provided by leveraging skills and expertise within Indonesia while also integrating best practices from New Zealand.

Jacquie Dean, Global Development and Scholarships Divisional Manager of at the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said that, "Through the PINZ partnership, New Zealand is accelerating sustainable geothermal development in Indonesia by harnessing the country's energy potential, enhancing the skilled workforce to support geothermal growth, and ensuring that the benefits of geothermal development are equitably and sustainably shared among all Indonesians." Dean also expressed hope that this partnership will enhance the contribution of geothermal energy toward meeting Indonesia's climate change commitments and renewable energy transition targets.

Prof. Dr. Eng. Eniya Listiani Dewi, B.Eng, M.Eng, IPU, Director General of New Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation at the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, highlighted that Indonesia is at a pivotal moment in its energy transition journey.

"The Indonesian Government is strengthening its policy direction for accelerating the development of clean energy as an effort to achieve energy self-sufficiency, as outlined in the President of the Republic of Indonesia Prabowo Subianto's Asta Cita Mission. We are establishing a robust regulatory framework that facilitates the provision of clean energy in sustainable manner, create a more inclusive access to energy, and and fosters an attractive investment climate within the geothermal sector. I urge all stakeholders to collaborate closely to further advance Indonesia's geothermal sector," explained Prof. Eniya.

Prof. Eniya also emphasises the importance of suport from New Zealand as one of the key partners in the development of geothermal energy in Indonesia to support the Indonesia's target to become the largest geothermal producer in the world, surpassing the United States. The initiatives of cooperation between the Indonesian and New Zealand governments that have been established and are still ongoing prove that the partnership has achieved tangible achievements, and want to further enhance the long-term benefits of this cooperation through the PINZ Program.

"The PINZ Partnership Arrangement is a tangible proof of what we can achieve together. We are very grateful for the support from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and the New Zealand Embassy in Jakarta, which dedication has played a crucial role in shaping this partnership. Moving forward, I am confident that our partnership will continue to grow stronger, yielding tangible outcomes that benefit both Indonesia and New Zealand," she asserted.

Prahoro Yulijanto Nurtjahyo, Ph.D, Head of the Human Resource Development Agency (BPSDM) of the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, conveyed the importance of a shared commitment to implementing the partnership according to the established design. In addition, both parties must ensure the availability of human resources to realize the implementation of cooperation and a common baseline.

The governments of New Zealand and Indonesia hope that the partnership through PINZ will enhance the contribution of geothermal energy toward meeting Indonesia's climate change commitments and renewable energy transition targets, while fostering a mutually beneficial partnership in the geothermal sector between Indonesia and New Zealand.

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