

Previous University of Newcastle graduates who have won a category in the Indonesia Australia Alumni Awards.

DR AGUSTINUS BANDUR



Gus to his friends, returned to St Paul's College of Education in Flores, Indonesia in 2008 armed with his PhD and is now the Director of the Research Centre and Community Development.

Dr Bandur is passionate about all aspects of research in education, and even with the local challenges like fluctuating electricity provisions and poor resources, he has worked tirelessly to improve research capacity in the region.

His work was recognised this year when he was announced the winner for the 2010 Indonesia Australia Alumni Award for Excellence in Education.

The award was offered through the Australian government in recognition of his contribution to the improved understanding of successful school-based management practices in Indonesia, and for influencing implementation of such for the benefit of school children in Eastern Indonesia.

Dr Bandur jokingly refers to the University of Newcastle as a "wild jungled corridor" but enjoyed his time at Newcastle. He highly valued the research skills and academic writing workshops, the study of leadership and management in education and the support of his supervisor Dr David Gamage during his time at the University of Newcastle.

He says his degree assisted him in the daily application of his duties when he returned to Flores.

PROFESSOR DR EDY TRI BASKORO

PhD Computer Science 1996



ALUMNI PROFILE

When Professor Dr Edy Tri Baskoro talks about mathematics, his eyes light up. It's obvious that it's more than his academic profession; it's his passion and his life's work.

Graduating in 1996 with a PhD from the University of Newcastle, he is now Professor of Mathematics at the Institut Teknologi Bandung in Indonesia and an adviser to the Indonesian Government through the Board of National Education Standards.

Last year, Edy competed in the rigorous selection process for Indonesia's annual 'Professorial Olympics' and won the Gold Medal, considered to be the top academic award in the country. He is delighted it is the first time it has been won by a mathematician.

Edy's Newcastle PhD supervisor Professor Mirka Miller and his colleague Dr Joe Ryan, nominated him for the Australian Alumni Award for Excellence in Education. This award,

offered by Australian Education International (AEI), allows the Australian Government to acknowledge graduates of any Australian University who have made a significant contribution to Indonesian Education.

In February 2009, Professor Edy Tri Baskoro was announced as the co-winner of the Award from a very competitive field for his commitment to taking Indonesian mathematics to an international level and for his leadership and contribution to education delivery.

Edy is currently establishing research links with other universities in Australia, Japan, The Netherlands and Pakistan, and just for good measure, he is developing a model to promote mathematics to developing countries. He sees international academic collaboration as vital.

"Mathematics is everywhere, in every living thing. It is creative and strongly linked to Art. Creativity is the key," he said.