

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA VET PROVIDERS IN EAST JAVA

A report was commissioned for the Australian Trade and Investment Commission and the WA Department of Jobs, Tourism Science and Innovation, to investigate opportunities in the East Java TVET community, specifically for WA VET providers.

The Indonesia Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA) signed in March 2019 by both governments, and the Indonesia Governments national priority to upskill Indonesians, combine to provide a unique opportunity for WA VET providers to leverage prospects in East Java to offer value brand vocational products to this long standing sister state, in order to increase skills capacity.

Below is a synopsis of the report and possible opportunities for development.

WA providers are confident as part of the WA VET to East Java Consortium to:

- Embrace The Indonesia Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA) as a collective group to provide superior outcomes for Indonesia and Australia;
- Support and be ready to invest in the Indonesia Government overall plan in prioritising TVET initiative;
- Support opportunities that have been identified as a national priority in Indonesia.

Recognised skills and experience that will be needed to embrace these opportunities:

- Capacity to respond with clear export potential using the WA VET to East Java relationships;
- Flexibility, culturally sensitivity, and stable education platforms;
- Build on long standing relationships (sister state reputable and valued brand);
- Adaptability to the various market requirements;
- Experience in a range of delivery modes, curriculum development, micro-credentialing of skill sets, learning in engagement, skilling in emerging technologies and other skills as required.





Identified non-tangible opportunities for both the VET sector in WA:

- Business confidence is high in East Java and there is an undersupply of skilled workers provides opportunity;
- The Indonesian plans for tax incentives to industry to invest in skill training;
- East Java economic data indicates a positive and strong growth position moving forward;

Recommendations for WA providers to develop education and training links:

- Concentration in the development of projects in the following industries to provide more access to skilled workers:
 - Underwater ship maintenance, particularly robotic technologies
 - Farm Management
 - Welding (particularly specialized welding)
 - CNC programmers, operators.
 - Workplace Safety
 - Manufacturing Equipment Maintenance
 - Product Manufacturing Design
 - Heavy Duty Mechanics
 - Digital, IT, ecommerce skills
 - English Language

- Focus on a flexible delivery options to give the broadest impact in East Java which capitalises on emerging technologies.
- Explosion of Indonesia's digital economy gives significant opportunities for training and education in multimedia, social media, online marketing, ecommerce, cloud computing, mobile and web app development.
- International migrant workers are a significant aspect of Indonesian social and economic activity. WA VET providers should pursue opportunities to strengthen the skills of migrant workers in response to overseas demands and standards.
- Fiscal and compliance requirements of WA VET providers should be modified and managed to facilitate exploration of VET opportunities in East Java.