

**Malaysia-Indonesia People Friendship Foundation Formed**  
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JAKARTA, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- Relations and cooperation between the citizens of Malaysia and Indonesia will be further enhanced through the recent setting up of a non-governmental organisation called Malaysia-Indonesia People's Friendship Foundation (YIRMI).

YIRMI information chief Sabaruddin Ahmad Sabri said that for a start, a get- to-know programme for arts and cultural practitioners from both countries will be held in Yogyakarta on Sept 18.

"YIRMI will be involved in various fields, including arts and cultural heritage, information, economic, education and language as well as community programmes with the hope of improving relations between the two countries, apart from strengthening the Malay culture in the archipelago," he said.

YIRMI will spur community programmes with the involvement of people from both countries by stepping up networks of cooperation in information sharing through NGOs, community groups and the media.

It will also be involved in campaigns, research and exhibitions to raise awareness and boost friendship between Malaysians and Indonesians in various fields.

Teachers and students exchange programmes from both countries are also in the offing, Sabaruddin said.

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