

## The Indonesian delegations visiting the Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies



On June 25, 2019 a group including of 4 representatives from the Institute for Policy Analysis and Development, affiliated with the Indonesian State Department of Foreign Affairs were invited to the Institute for humanities and cultural studies. This visit was based on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of International relations of IHCS and the Office of Political and International Studies of the Foreign Ministry of Iran. This visit was scheduled in coordination with the Indonesian embassy in Tehran and based on the research program of the mentioned Institute. This group consisted of two members of the organization: Mr Nelson Simorangir, Vice President and Mr Parakoso Vikkasouno, Head of Western Asia and North Africa Division, along with two Indonesian embassy members. At the beginning of the meeting, Dr Hosseini, the director of the International Office, welcomed the guests and introduced the Institute of Humanities and cultural studies and the faculty members. Then the audience started the discussion.

Mr Ghobadi, the head of the institute, also welcomed the guests at the meeting, hoping that the relations between Iran and Indonesia would be strengthened and increase day by day. He added Iran has a very important geopolitical situation and is one of the rare countries in the world that has 15 neighboring countries and is connected in some ways to Asia and Europe and somehow to Africa. Iran's relations as a historically important country has been based on dialogue since the previous millennia, and we have never been the beginner of war and have always looked positively towards other nations. Iran was one of the few countries that, after accepting the religion of Islam, reserved its

language and culture, and it is due to the truth-seeking spirit of Iranian civilization. Dr Ghobadi also expressed his hope that, given the vast majority of the Muslim population in Indonesia, we could have more economic and cultural ties with this country, as we have in the Chabahar free zone and with Indian country. Mr Simarianaghir also thanked Dr Ghobadi and warm Iranian hospitality, especially in the Institute for Humanities science and cultural studies. He also emphasized the need to strengthen the ties between the two countries and hoped that in the near future between Iran and Indonesia, more cultural relation would be established among research institutes and universities.