

Jakarta - Yogyakarta - Bali, Indonesia | 27 April - 1 May 2026

Jakarta, 19 September 2025

To Our Beloved Sister Clubs of Welcome Clubs International,

Warmest greetings from Indonesia! It is with great joy and anticipation that we invite you to the **17th WCI Biennial Conference**, to be held in **Jakarta and Yogyakarta, 27 April – 1 May 2026**, with an optional **four-day post-conference program in Bali**.

Guided by the theme **“Bridging Traditions and Transformations: Empowering Women through Education and Cultural Heritage in a Changing World,”** the conference celebrates the unique role of women in shaping the future, drawing strength from heritage while advancing education, innovation, and sustainable development. Convening in Indonesia enables us to realize this vision through firsthand immersion: meeting women leaders, artisans, and educators; visiting living heritage sites in Jakarta and Yogyakarta; and engaging meaningfully with local communities, gaining insight into WIC Jakarta’s social welfare programs and speaking with local university students supported through our scholarship initiatives.

Beyond inspiring sessions and keynote addresses, you will experience the very heart of Indonesia, its rich cultural heritage, vibrant spice-laden cuisine, and “unity in diversity” in action. As the world’s largest archipelago, Indonesia is home to approximately 275 million people from 300+ ethnic groups, speaking over 200 languages and dialects. And everywhere you go, you’ll be welcomed with the warm hospitality for which Indonesia is renowned.

This biennial conference aspires to enrich our global sisterhood through shared learning and friendship. Together, as women's international clubs from around the world, we will share our collective spirit in acknowledging and championing women’s vital role in shaping society - in families, communities, economies, and public life. In this spirit, the conference aligns with WIC Jakarta’s motto: **“Friendship Through Understanding,”** fostering genuine connection, listening, and learning across cultures.

We warmly invite you and your members to join us for this extraordinary occasion of learning, culture, and friendship. Further details on registration, accommodation, and travel arrangements are provided in the accompanying registration form. We look forward to welcoming you - with open hearts - to Jakarta, Yogyakarta, and Bali. *Selamat datang!*

With sisterly affection,

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