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## Science Film Festival Shines Bright in International Year of Light



For the sixth time in a row, the Science Film Festival, one of the most popular events in Indonesia's cultural calendar, will return to the archipelago!

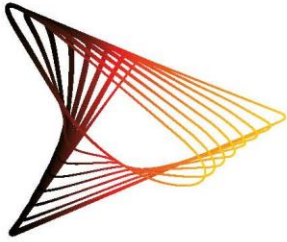
Adapting a unique approach of explaining scientific issues in an entertaining way in order to reach a young target audience and raise awareness of contemporary scientific, technological and environmental issues through the medium of film and television, the Science Film Festival was first initiated by Goethe-Institut Thailand in 2005. It has since become a global phenomenon in Southeast Asia, North Africa and the Middle East.

The festival's film selection demonstrates that science can be communicated in an educational, as well as entertaining manner through audio-visual media. The festival, which has grown considerably since its first edition, last year reached 600 000 visitors in 13 countries. In Indonesia, the Science Film Festival will be held from 12 to 26 November in 21 different cities: Aceh, Ambon, Balikpapan, Bandung, Bogor, Depok, Jakarta, Makassar, Malang, Manado, Mataram, Medan, Nganjuk, Samarinda, Serang, Sidoarjo, Sumbawa, Surabaya, Tangerang, Waingapu and Yogyakarta.

The Science Film Festival Indonesia will be officially opened by Education and Culture Minister **Anies Baswedan**, who has been a close partner and tireless supporter of the festival since its first edition in 2010.

The opening will take place **on Friday, 13 November 2015 at 15.00 WIB** at Plaza Insan Berprestasi, Gedung A, Kementerian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Republik Indonesia. Education and Culture Minister, Anies Baswedan, the German Ambassador, Dr. Georg Witschel, and the Regional Director of the Goethe-Institut, Dr. Heinrich Blomeke will give their statements at **14.30 WIB** while a VIP gathering takes place at Graha 1, 3rd Floor, Kementerian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Republik Indonesia. All media representatives should be ready and gather 15 minutes before the statements at the Science film festival press spot in front of Graha 1.





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In accordance with the United Nations' "International Year of Light", this year's Science Film Festival invites its audience to discover the different roles light and its applications play in our everyday lives and what it reveals about the nature of the universe.

People are using light to discover solutions for society's most pressing problems. From 3-D printing to bringing energy solutions to developing regions, light is key in driving economies and encouraging development in the 21st Century. It has revolutionized medicine, opened up international communication via the Internet, and continues to be central to linking cultural, economic and political aspects of the global society.

The Science Film Festival continues to work with local partners: this year, the German Embassy Jakarta, the Ministry of Education and Culture, Institut Français Indonesia, Universitas Paramadina, KUARK, PASCH, Wisma Jerman Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana and PPIPTEK are official festival partners, while Allianz is the festival's premium event sponsor.

This year's edition of the Science Film Festival in Indonesia is part of the German Season. The German Season is an initiative of the Federal Foreign Office in Germany and is organized by the Goethe-Institut Indonesien, the German Embassy Jakarta and EKONID.

### AT A GLANCE

Science Film Festival Indonesia  
12-26 November 2015

For full schedule information, visit [www.sciencefilmfestival.org/indonesia](http://www.sciencefilmfestival.org/indonesia)

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