
**Speech of the Rector of Antonine University Father Michel Jalakh
Indonesian Day at UA
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Your Excellency Mr Ambassador,
Dear guests and students,

It is our pleasure, at the Antonine University, to host such an amazing event, celebrating the culture of Indonesia. As you may know, our university celebrates every year its founders' day through a wide variety of activities related to a specific country, and we have already organized an Armenian day, an Italian day, and a Brazilian day (to name a few). Here we are today hosting an Indonesian festival. We want our students' experience to be as rich and stimulating as possible, and we want them to experience the world from here.

When we think of Indonesia, we cannot but imagine thousands of islands, dozens of volcanos and charming sceneries, the variety of spices, and the good coffee. Although we cannot compare this huge archipelago to our relatively tiny country, we still think of many common traits we share. Our two countries have a multicultural heritage, a young population, significant economic and technological achievements despite the difficulties.

I hope you will enjoy this journey to Indonesia that might encourage you to go discover this charming country, and I also thank the organizers of this cultural event for choosing our campus.

Thank you all!