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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



Happy December!

As we close 2019 and begin 2020, I'd like to take this time to invite you to reflect on our organization's achievements to date. Truly, MAFFAA continues to make a presence in virtually every local and neighboring community that we have engaged with.

Furthermore, I continue to be most humbled by the all the opportunities to learn, connect and engage within these many spaces that I have been so privileged to become part. It is my hope that you too have been just as fortunate and possibly even more in your own experiences and travels as I believe that I have been.

This past month was no exception to previous months in terms of community engagement, which included a number of unique opportunities such as the chance to welcome a special delegation of arts and government leaders from the Republic of Armenia, where I had chance to learn about the many intricate facets of their traditional arts and culture today as relayed by these young leaders as well their vision for their country moving forward.

In addition, I also enjoyed partaking in a number of events hosted by the Indonesian Embassy, kicking off the month with a film screening and concluding it with a important indigenous dialogue in which His Excellency Ambassador Mahendra Siregar noted the value in the desire to preserve the linguistic diversity of all languages globally, most especially by among the youth of today.

Another significant event that took place this month included an important program which featured His Excellency Ambassador David John Newman of Botswana, where he highlighted his country's successes and challenges in light of the current global political landscape. This interactive program was organized by the Sustained Dialogue Institute (SDI) and generously hosted by the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC.

Lastly, I was once again very pleased to join my friends at the Embassy of Latvia as they celebrated their 101st year of independence. It was truly a pleasure to join His Excellency Ambassador Maris Selga, who only recently assumed his post following the departure of his predecessor Ambassador Andris Teikmanis who recently returned to Riga, Latvia this summer to serve the newly elected Latvian President Egils Levits.

In closing, I wish to personally extend a very happy holiday season ahead to all of you and look forward to many more great memories together in the new year!

All the best,  
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EMBASSY OF INDONESIA**



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AMBASSADOR DAVID JOHN NEWMAN OF BOTSWANA  
RONALD REAGAN BUILDING AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER**




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SPECIAL INDONESIAN LANGUAGE DIALOGUE WITH  
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