

# Maria Sagrado Speaks at UK Alumni Year-End Gathering on Building Indonesia's Future

Our Managing Partner, [maria sagrado](#), was invited to be a speaker at the UK Alumni Year-End Gathering, organized by [The University of Sheffield](#) Alumni – Indonesia, held on Thursday, 11 December 2025 at The Summit Club, WTC 1.

The evening was a discussion on:

“Why, in the midst of pessimism, we must continue to love and build Indonesia.”

Moderated by [Rory Asyari](#), the discussion featured [Muhammad Neil El Himam](#), Deputy for Digital and Technology Creativity at the Ministry of Creative Economy / Creative Economy Agency (EKRAF), as the Keynote Speaker. The panel discussion also included [Merry Riana](#), Special Advisor for Non-Governmental & International Cooperation at the Coordinating Ministry for Infrastructure and Regional Development, and [Tom Lembong](#), former Minister of Trade of Indonesia and former Head of the Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM). The session was opened by [Andrew Sutedja](#), President of University of Sheffield Alumni – Indonesia.

Maria shared her perspectives on law enforcement in Indonesia and the importance of alumni educated abroad returning home to contribute meaningfully to the country's development and long-term progress.

The discussion highlighted the importance of building alumni networks as platforms for delivering positive growth to Indonesia.

We appreciate the invitation from University of Sheffield Alumni – Indonesia and are proud to have Maria represent Makarim & Taira S.