BALI POST-CONFERENCE REPORT
May 1-5, 2026

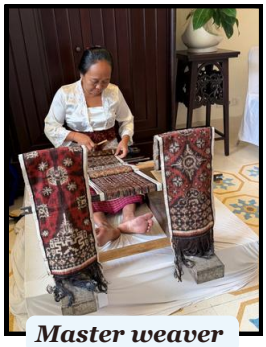
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Day 1: May 1, 2026 – Traveling to Bali; Welcome Dinner

A group of conference attendees flew from Yogyakarta to Bali International Airport, where post-conference hosts, led by Dr. Siti Mariah Waworuntu—a prominent academic, Southeast Asian textile expert, and former WCI Jakarta President—welcomed us. Our home base was the Hyatt Regency in Sanur, a peaceful coastal town where lush greenery and traditional Balinese architecture immediately set the tone. Attendees enjoyed a welcome dinner alongside representatives from the Bali Governor's office.



Post-dinner vibes



Master weaver

Day 2: May 2, 2026 – Trip to Rumah Luwih; NEKA Art Museum

Our group traveled to Rumah Luwih, a colonial-style beachfront resort in Gianyar. The morning began with a presentation on "Women in Textile Art" by Dr. Tjok Istri Ratna C.S.—lecturer, researcher, and writer—followed by a luncheon and trunk show. We gained a deeper understanding of Bali's rich textile traditions and the integration of its artistic elements into contemporary fashion. Meeting the artisans directly—and supporting their work—was a highlight in its own right.

The afternoon took us to Ubud, Bali's cultural and spiritual heart, nestled in the island's central foothills. The drive alone was worth it: artisans' villages, ornately decorated family shrines, and historic temples lined the road at every turn. At the NEKA Art Museum, traditional and contemporary Balinese art shared the same walls—a collection that rewards close attention. The day concluded with a traditional buffet dinner on the beach at Tanjung Sari Heritage, a boutique hotel in a breathtaking setting.



Striking a pose with the stars of the show

Day 3: May 3, 2026 – Exploring Tenganan; Klungkung Palace Complex

Sacred architecture



Another memorable experience was our visit to the ancient village of Tenganan Pegringsingan, one of Bali's oldest indigenous communities. There, we learned about the village's unique customs and world-famous weaving traditions. Exploring Tenganan was truly a journey into Bali's soul, offering a rare glimpse into cultural practices that have been preserved for generations. Lunch was at the Lotus Seaview Restaurant in Candidasa, with views to match the food.

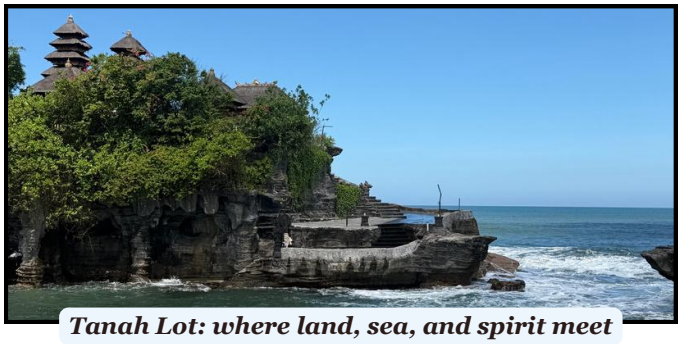


Experiencing Balinese hospitality and the beauty of the Indian Ocean



Meeting the people who keep Bali's cultural heritage alive

The afternoon brought a visit to the Kertagosa Pavilion at the Klungkung Palace complex—the former Judicial Court, renowned for its Kamasan-style ceiling murals depicting karmic consequences and the Hindu epic of Bhima Swarga. Extraordinary in every sense. Participants spent the evening at leisure in Sanur.



Tanah Lot: where land, sea, and spirit meet



Street food: klepon dessert

Day 4: May 4, 2026 – Visiting Tanah Lot Temple; High Tea; Kerambitan Palace

The morning began at Tanah Lot—the celebrated sea temple rising from a coral rock separated from the mainland, dedicated to the gods of the sea and one of Bali's most treasured cultural and spiritual landmarks. The main temple area was temporarily restricted, but the surrounding grounds and coastal views were impressive on their own.

Sustainable winemaking, cultural preservation, and the empowerment of women in the field



The afternoon shifted register entirely. The group visited Nuanu Creative City and Luna Beach Club, experiencing a side of Bali where sustainability, creativity, and innovation share the same space. At The Elysium—a pavilion of glass, bamboo, and ocean horizons—the group enjoyed a light lunch and High Tea alongside a presentation, "From Ocean to Vine," by Yoke Darmawan, Founder of the Bali Ocean Days Conference and Corporate Affairs Director of the women-owned, fair-trade Sababay Winery.

Ending our Bali journey with gratitude, fellowship, and celebration



The Gala Farewell Dinner and cultural performances, held at the historic Kerambitan Palace, served as a fitting culmination and farewell. This royal residence, established in 1650, provided the perfect setting—and it delivered. Traditional cuisine, music, fellowship with the royals, and live dance performances filled the night.

Day 5: May 5, 2026 – Farewell to Bali and Heartfelt Thanks

Participants headed home with full bags, as well as deepened and newly formed friendships. What the Bali program offered, beyond its remarkable itinerary, was time and space for genuine connection among WCI members. Deep thanks to Dr. Waworuntu and her team, presenters, artisans, and the local host who made the week magical. Their knowledge, generosity, and warmth showed at every turn. Sampai jumpa lagi—until we meet again!