



## Java St Andrew Society Whisky Tasting Event



The RIO Club was proud to be the sole sponsor of a whisky tasting evening for the Java St Andrew Society held at Fez-Kinara dining & Lounge in Kemang. With William Gray being the founder of RIO, and also holding the post of Chieftain of the St Andrew society 2018 it afforded a rare opportunity for the two entities to join to promote the event, this proved it's worth, with over 75 people attending, the Society's highest turn out for a whisky tasting in almost two decades. The amount of people whom attended is especially gratifying when one considers the decline in the number of expat residents in Jakarta and across Asia over the past two years.

The effort put in by both the Society's volunteers, and RIO staff underlined the benefit of the joint effort. RIO and the members of the St Andrew's committee pulled out all the stops to promote the Java St Andrew Society in a concerted effort to raise the awareness of the Society and its upcoming events.

The St Andrew Society whisky event was a landmark. Not only was it the largest such gathering in over 15 years, but the occasion was held during the Centenary year of the Society which made it a very memorable get together.

For those lucky enough to secure tickets, the whisky tasting featured a truly exceptional Indian buffet, along with a selection of sparkling, red and white wines for those of more mundane taste!

For the whisky tasting itself there was a formidable selection of eight different malt whiskies to sample, including two malts that were over 25 years old.

All in all, it was an exceptional get together, with members and guests also offered some Scottish entertainment in the form of some Highland dancing. The evening concluded with two raffle draws for charity, not forgetting the auctioning of a rare bottle of whisky, donated by the RIO Club to help add to money raised for the society's elected charity.