

DENNIS HEFFERNAN

Dennis Heffernan is a principal and co-founder of Van Zorge, Heffernan, and Associates. He has over twenty years of experience in business and consulting in Indonesia, and has recently provided commentary for CNBC, Al Jazeera, the New York Times, the Economist, and other media. Before coming to Indonesia in 1992, Dennis spent twenty years in state and national politics in the USA. He served directly with two state governors, and was Assistant to the Speaker, Ohio State House of Representatives. He worked for eight years in Washington DC, as a campaign consultant. He advised congressional candidates in eight states, and worked closely with Congressman Charles Vanik, a ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee. As an entrepreneur, he developed real estate in Ohio, Massachusetts and Florida - including owning and operating a luxury resort in Palm Beach.

Dennis has served on the Board of Directors of Penril Datacomm – then a publicly-listed company on the NASDAQ. For nine years, he served as Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ohio University, an 18,000-student institution and his alma mater. In 2005, he volunteered as the chief advisor to Coordinating Minister Alwi Shihab who was responsible for the tsunami emergency disaster relief. For the past ten years, Dennis has participated as one of three partners in the development of a commercial farming business (strawberries, blackberries, blueberries) which is located high in the mountains of West Java. The fruit is sold in supermarkets throughout Indonesia and exported to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan and Dubai. Since 2009, Dennis has served as Governor of the American Chamber in Jakarta where he resides. He is married to Indriena Basarah, a television executive, and they have five children.