



ACTIVITY REPORT 2015

The Habibie Center

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Message from the Chairman

2015 was a significant year for Indonesia with the Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Asian African Conference and the launching of the ASEAN Community. This moment will hopefully bring Indonesia to another level of international cooperation. Furthermore, 2015 also saw the latest development in our democracy. As we know, we successfully held simultaneous regional elections. Indeed, this is a very opportune time for the people of Indonesia to control the direction of their country for the sake of their own future.

Nevertheless we still have a lot of homework in 2016. Domestically, it would seem that political parties still leave a lot to be desired regarding their function as the representation of the Indonesian people in the political system. Moreover, the Rupiah will still be under pressure especially by the global economic slowdown. Regionally, the implementation of ASEAN Community raise many concern of our readiness. There are issues that ASEAN is not able to solve such as ethnic conflicts in Myanmar and the subsequent Rohingya refugee crisis.

Democracy in the region also still goes not have a strong foothold. Globally, the Saudi Arabia-Iran tensions, the ongoing Korean Peninsula dispute, and the threat of ISIS overshadows the peace and stability of the region. In addition to these are the unresolved South China Sea issues and the matter of Palestinian independence. While Indonesia has publicly stated its commitment to play its part in resolving these problems, it remains to be seen what contributions we can make for a more peaceful world.

In this connection, The Habibie Center is committed to be part of the solution. By undertaking activities that addresses the aforementioned and other related issues, The Habibie Center will be once again at the forefront in pushing the agenda of democracy, human rights and social justice. For this, my sincerest gratitude goes to all those who have helped The Habibie Center in its endeavours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a thick black line.

Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie

“ Message from the Board of Directors



I am pleased to present the 2015 annual report of The Habibie Center. As I reflect on the past year with this organization, I am truly delighted. Each year, The Habibie Center has grown from strength to strength. We have not only been active in promoting democratization and human rights in Indonesia, but also beyond our borders.

Indonesia has progressed significantly as it has become one of the leading democratic countries in South East Asia. In recent times, the Indonesian people has shown their determination and resilience. We have directly elected our local leaders simultaneously. We have also weathered terrorist attack in the heart of our capital.

During the year, The Habibie Center conducted research and seminars to further promote democratization in Indonesia. Our team works hard

under the belief that we are making a difference; that democracy should always be the cornerstone of the life of our people. The Habibie Center has also built partnerships with other institutions, from Indonesia and abroad, to strengthen our efforts and spread the messages of democratization and human rights.

I believe that the aforementioned topics and other related issues covered by The Habibie Center have contributed to Indonesia's democratization. I truly appreciate the great work of The Habibie Center's staff and the contributions of our partners.

Ahmad Watik Pratiknya



“ Foreword Executive Director

Looking back over 2015 I am deeply proud of the many achievements of The Habibie Center in advancing our primary principles of democracy and human rights in Indonesia. Through our core activities of research, program implementation and policy advocacy, The Habibie Center once again showed its relevance in not only being part of the discourse, but also in creating and shaping them. This annual report is a testament to The Habibie Center's response to the key issues that affected Indonesia and the wider region in 2015.

Taking the stand that every issue falls under the umbrella of democracy and human rights, The Habibie Center was unafraid to address a wide-range of subjects including democracy, ASEAN, Peace and development through National Violence Monitoring System, energy reform, and build strong networking between NGOs. This is reflected in our activities such as : Quad-plus dialogue, national

seminar “Encouraging Roles of Women Legislators in Bicameral Reinforcement”, public discussion on “Simultaneous Regional Election”, World Forum for Muslim Democrats, Talking ASEAN on “ASEAN as an Actor in International Forums : Reality, Potential and Constrains”, Talking ASEAN on “ASEAN's Response to the Rohingya Migrant Crisis”, “Relocation of Fuel Subsidy and Sustainable Energy Development”, “Democracy, Violence and Peace Development in Post-Conflict Area in Indonesia”, “Launching of Violence Intensity Index” and so on.

To end, i would like to express my sincerest gratitude to The Habibie Center's staff, partners and supporters for their hard work, dedication and contribution over the past year.

Rahimah Abdulrahim

Democracy

Advancing Democratization Process in Indonesia



Discussion “Overview 2014 and Outlook 2015”

Jakarta, 13 January 2015

For academics, The New Year holds a special place for critical reflection. The start of a new year provides an opportunity to look back and critically assess important issues that have surfaced in the previous years, as well as to assess the potentials and challenges that will come for the year ahead. In politics, Indonesia in 2014 witnessed a political turbulence happening around election. While the current political condition might change in the future, it can be safely assumed that

2015 will not be an easy year for Joko Widodo - Jusuf Kalla administration. The lack of strong support towards Joko Widodo - Jusuf Kalla in the elite level is further worsened by the lack of ability to conduct lobby and political communication. Meanwhile, in terms of foreign policy, Joko Widodo - Jusuf Kalla administration is also facing possible problems as they are projecting the impression of an inward looking administration. In the economic area, 2014 has been a challenging year. The Rupiah has become very volatile due to several factors, such as the rise of political tension after the presidential elections. The Indonesian government

will face another challenge in 2015. one of which is The Fed's policy to raise its interest rate as the US economy starts to recover. Based on these issues, The Habibie Center facilitated a discussion on "2014 Review and 2015 Outlook" The objectives of these issues were: to review government's policy in terms of politics, economy, and foreign policy in 2014; to identify internal and external challenges facing the government in 2015 in terms of politics, economy, and foreign policy; to elaborate government's policy in terms of politics, economy, and foreign policy in 2015; to give possible recommendation for the government in terms of politics, economy, and foreign policy.

Quad Plus Dialogue

Sofitel Bali Nusa Dua Beach Resort, 1-3 February 2015

"The Habibie Center, in collaboration with The Heritage Foundation, the Tokyo Foundation, Vivekananda International Foundation and Australian Strategic held the Quad-Plus Dialogue in Denpasar, Indonesia. The Quad-Plus Dialogue gathered prominent experts from Australia, India, Japan and the United States together with Indonesia to examine issues of mutual interest surrounding: Regional Challenges to Peace and Interstate Security; Defense Cooperation, Operations

and Industry; Counter Terrorism/Extremism Cooperation; Diplomatic Coordination, Issues and Venues; and Operationalizing Partnership. This dialogue featured:

- **Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI): Andrew Davies, Director, Research/Senior Analyst, Defence Capability; Mark Thomson, Senior Analyst, Defence Economics.**
- **The Heritage Foundation: James Jay Carafano, Vice President, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies; E. W. Richardson, Fellow and Director; Kathryn and Shelby Cullom, Davis Institute for International Studies; Walter Lohman, Director, Asian Studies Center; Lisa Curtis, Senior Research Fellow, Asian Studies Center; Patrick Cronin, Senior Advisor and Senior Director of the**
- **Asia-Pacific Security Program at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS); Renato Cruz De Castro, Albert Del Rosario (ADR) Institute for Strategic and International Studies and Professor, International Studies Department, De La Salle University; Manila Angel Rabasa, Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation.**
- **The Habibie Center: Dewi Fortuna Anwar, Chair of the Institute for Democracy and Human Rights; Rahimah Abdulrahim, Executive Director; Kusnanto Anggoro, Lecturer in Strategic Intelligence at the National Defence University and University of Indonesia (Jakarta).**
- **The Tokyo Foundation: Masahiro Akiyama, President of The Tokyo Foundation; Bonji Ohara.**



National Seminar “Encouraging Roles of Women Legislator in Bicameral Reinforcement”

*Istana Ballroom, Sari Pan Pacific Hotel
Jakarta, 16 February 2015*

The Habibie Center in Collaboration with Hans Seidel Foundation held a seminar entitled “Encouraging Roles of Women Legislator in Bicameral Reinforcement.” Indonesia faced internal and external challenges to strengthen bicameralism in Indonesia parliamentary. In line with those challenges, member of regional representatives need to do perspectives reorientation and political action. It will be the good opportunity for women legislator to show their capabilities. The objectives of this seminar were: to discuss the challenges of women legislator in bicameralism reinforcement and regional autonomy dynamics in Indonesia; to discuss role of women in the Bavarian Landtag and

the parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany. This seminar featured: Gusti Kanjeng Ratu Hemas (Deputy Speaker of Regional Representative Council RI 2014-2019), Barbara Stamm (Head of Parliament Germany Republic), Fahira Idris (Member of Indonesia Regional Representative Council RI 2014-2019), Eva Kusuma Sundari (Member of Indonesia House of Representatives 2009-2014), Sri Budi Eko Wardani (Executive Director of Pusat Kajian Politik Universitas Indonesia), and Indria Samego (Board of Experts The Habibie Center).

The 2015 Earth Security Index Report Launch

Jakarta, 4 March 2015

The Habibie Center, in collaboration with Earth Security Group, held a public dialogue entitled “The 2015 Earth Security Index Report Launch” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. The public dialogue featured Mr. Alejandro

Litovsky (CEO and Founder, Earth Security Group) and Mr. Bernadinus Steni (Member of HuMa Association/ Secretary of Climate Justice Programme Australia) as resource persons and saw the Indonesian launching of the 2015 Earth Security Index. A key focus of the launch and discussion which followed was on the ASEAN case of transboundary haze and the need to involve companies in Indonesia to support zero deforestation. The objectives of this dialogue were; to evaluate the complexity and global inter-dependence of issues surrounding the sustainability agenda in the 21st century; to create a strategic focus on the risks and opportunities for companies, governments and stakeholders to work together on common interests. One of the blueprints in the report highlighted the transboundary haze case in Southeast Asia, particularly in Indonesia, Singapore, and Malaysia. In 2013, forest fires in Indonesia created haze pollution that affected people not only in Indonesia but also in Singapore and Malaysia. In order to reduce the haze pollution, the public dialogue called on companies based in Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia that operate in Indonesian provinces to support zero deforestation and practice zero-burning. Bernadinus Steni, *Member of HuMa Association and Secretary of Climate Justice Programme Australia*, added, “Solutions to deforestation and other challenges must be anchored in local societies,



economies, policies, and business models.” Additionally, he mentioned that, “Although numbers of regulations and rules have been established to control the deforestation, the combined monitoring system is still lacking in terms of legal status, inter-agency cooperation, and funding. Indeed, private sector’s commitment to support the monitoring system is also needed.” In addition to financial innovations, Bernadinus Steni also emphasized that, “Banks and financial institutions have an important role in incorporating environmental standard into the bank standard in terms of lending policies and credits to companies.” However, it is not only companies who share responsibility in solving the haze issue but also other stakeholders, such as governments and ASEAN policy-makers. The Government of Indonesia should also intensify its coordination among related ministries to address the haze pollution. In addition to that, ASEAN policy-makers should also be aware that they need to further push the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP) among member countries.

Book Launching: Rumpa’na Bone

Jakarta, 11 March 2015

On Wednesday, 11 March 2015, located at The Habibie Center Building, there was a book launching



entitled “Rumpa’na Bone.” Rumpa’na Bone means the “Undoing of Bone.” This book launching featured Andi Makmur Makka (Board of Director The Habibie Center), Mr. Anhar Gonggong (Historian), and Mahan S. Mahayana (Literary Critic). The objectives of this book launching were: to appreciate bone society’s struggle of freedom; to discuss bone’s culture and history; to instil positive value of Bone to the children. Mr. Makka stated that Rumpa’na Bone was a symbol of empathy to Bone’s society who have struggling for their freedom. The next speaker was Mr. Gonggong who explained that Rumpa’na Bone is a very recommended book who can give us value about Bone’s custom and history. The last to speak was Mr. Mahayana who stated that Rumpa’na Bone have inspired us and teach us how to be a Bugisian.

Public Discussion on “Post-ASEAN Community 2015 – the Role of Indonesia and the EU”

The Habibie and Ainun Library, 22 April 2015

The Habibie Center held a public discussion entitled, “Post-ASEAN Community 2015 – the Role of Indonesia and the EU” at The Habibie & Ainun Library in Jakarta. Featuring a distinguished panel, the resource persons for the public discussion include HE Amb. Boguslaw Majewski (COASI Chair), HE Amb. Ngurah Swajaya (former Indonesian Permanent Representative to ASEAN), Mr. Giles Merritt (Secretary General, Friends of Europe) and Dr. Alexander C. Chandra (Executive Director, ASEAN Business Advisory Council), with Mr. Rahimah Abdulrahim (Executive

Director, The Habibie Center) acting as moderator.

The objectives of the public discussion were: to discuss where will ASEAN's post-2015 vision take the region; to identify the challenges/obstacles that ASEAN will face and need to overcome in order to realize its post-2015 vision; to review, in particular, the existing problems faced by ASEAN and its member-states as it moves towards the realization of the ASEAN Community 2015; to explore the likely roles of Indonesia and the EU in any development of an ASEAN post-2015 vision. The ten member-states have made much progress in the region's integration efforts, since ASEAN first came together in 1967. Not wanting to stand still, attention has already turned to a post-ASEAN Community 2015 agenda. A significant actor that will determine is Indonesia. Beyond the role of Indonesia and its fellow member-states of ASEAN in determining the answer to the questions raised earlier, other significant actors are the regional organization's external partners, especially its Dialogue Partners. One such Dialogue Partner is the European Union. In this public discussion the expert panelist addressed the key arguments raised and identified possibilities, challenges, and possible recommendations surrounding the post-ASEAN 2015 agenda and the roles of Indonesia and the EU.

OnGood

Le Meridien Hotel Jakarta, 19 May 2015

The Habibie Center in collaboration with dot ngo (.ngo) held a cocktail meeting on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at Le Meridien Hotel Jakarta entitled "On Good." The objectives of this meeting were: to kick start collaboration between Habibie Center and OnGood; to distribute information about dot ngo (.ngo) to relevant stakeholders; to attract wider participant from civil society organizations in Indonesia in dot ngo (.ngo) initiatives. This event also been held to build a strong networking between NGOs in Indonesia and hopefully in the future, the domain of all NGO's website in Indonesia will be based on dot ngo (.ngo). So relevant stakeholders will gain information about NGO in Indonesia easily. This event hopefully could be a fruitful cocktail meeting to gather all NGOs in Indonesia, so they can share and exchange views, experiences and ideas.

SOAS Alumni Networking Event "The Diffusion of Shari'a Law Across Indonesia"

Habibie & Ainun Library, 6 August 2015

Since the collapse of the authoritarian New Order regime in 1998, hundreds of Islamic laws have been adopted across Indonesia. Over the past years, scholars have examined both the causes and the consequences of these shari'a laws. Yet, existing research has yet to explain why and how these shari'a laws have actually spread across the country. It is in this sense that The Habibie Center together with the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London are proud to host a public discussion on "The Diffusion of Shari'a Law Across Indonesia" to discuss the many questions raised above. In particular the public discussion featured a talk by Dr Michael Buehler, lecturer in Comparative Politics at SOAS. Based on several years of



fieldwork in Indonesia, Dr Michael Buehler's talk examined the concrete mechanisms through which Islamic law has spread across the largest Muslim country in the world and draw parallels to other countries, including the diffusion of morality policies across the United States in recent decades. The objectives of this dialogue were: to discuss the issues surrounding the diffusion of shari'a law across Indonesia, in particular regarding the discrepancy in their introduction and implementation at the national and local levels of government; to discuss to what extent the many shari'a laws introduced in Indonesia can be considered either Islamic or in line with democracy; to draw comparisons with other countries that has also introduced shari'a laws or morality policies, especially in terms of their diffusion. The panel discussion be held at The Habibie and Ainun Library, Jl. Patra Kuningan XIII No 5 Jakarta Selatan 12950 on Thursday August 6, 2015. 16.00-17.00 WIB (followed by networking reception for SOAS alumni from 18.00-20.00 WIB).

Public Discussion "El-Nino and Food Resilience"

Jakarta, 2 October 2015

The Habibie Center, in cooperation with CIDES and PISPI held a dialogue entitled "El-Nino 2015 and the future of food security in Indonesia." This



dialogue were held on Friday, Oct 2, 2015. This discussion featured as resource person: Prof. DR. Indria Samego (THC-CIDES-Indonesia); Prof. DR. Andreas Santosa (IPB); Dr. Ir. Enny Sri Hartati (INDEF); Sabeth Abilawa, SE. MSi (Dompot Dhuafa Foundation); M. Rudi Wahyono, Drs., Dipl. Env. MMA (Researcher at CIDES - Indonesia); Salamuddin Daeng, Director of Indonesian Global Justice; Khudori. Economist; Yeka Hendra Fatika. Chief of DPP PISPI advocation sector; Purwadi, MSc, food self sufficiency analyst. During 2015 we experienced the strongest el-nino. It affects our food resilience and also export-import sectors especially in food trade. We discussed several possible solution to overcome this problems.

Republic of Korea Roundtable on Korea Unification Policy

Fairmont Hotel, 12 October 2015

Republic of Korea Embassy and The Habibie Center hosted a closed roundtable discussion on "The Current Situation of Korean Peninsula and the ROK's Unification Policy." This event was held in Fairmont Hotel Jakarta on Oct 12, 2015. This roundtable discussion featured as keynote speaker H.E. Dr. Chung Chong-Wook, Vice Chairman of presidential Committee for Unification Preparation of the Republic Korea. He is a distinguished and well-known scholar with especially strong background on North Korea and China. In his presentation,

Dr. Chong-wook explained the recent developments on the Korean Peninsula and the policy of the Government of the Republic Korea about re-unification. The progress of this issue will have regional and global implication in terms of economic prosperity as well as politics and security. This roundtable discussion aimed to deepen the understanding of security situation on the Korean peninsula, as well as to obtain perspectives of and inputs from Indonesia.

Public Discussion “Welcoming Simultaneous Regional Election”

Jakarta, 27 October 2015

Simultaneous regional election will be the biggest event at the end of this year. This election will face potential conflict at the local level cause it will be carried out in one round. Every candidate will do anything to win the election, even the illegal one. In line with that it becomes important to prepare preventive ways. The objectives of this public dialogue were: to identify potential conflict before, during, and after election; to examine current solution for preventing potential conflict; to know the preparation from KPU and Bawaslu. This dialogue featured Sigit Pamungkas from KPU, Daniel Zuchron from Bawaslu, Sophar Peranto and Indria Samego from The Habibie Center. This public dialogue held on Tuesday, Oct 27, 2015. The



first to speak was Mr. Sigit Pamungkas by explaining all preparation from KPU to hold successful election. Mr. Daniel Zuchron was the second to speak by explaining Bawaslu's effort to control and evaluate the election. Mr. Zuchron also explained about potential conflict that might happen statistically. The third to speak was Mr. Peranto who explained all of findings from THC research about potential conflict during election and also identified potential conflict region. The last to speak was Prof. Indria Samego who analyse and sums up all the fact and findings from KPU, Bawaslu and NVMS-THC team politically.

World Forum for Muslim Democrats

*Le Meridien Hotel,
23-24 November 2015*

The Habibie Center in cooperation with The Sasakawa Peace Foundation from Japan, Institute Kajian Dasar, Malaysia and SETA, Turkey held The

Second World Forum for Muslim Democrats. This International forum aims to moderate and ameliorate the negative voices of intolerance, extremism and exclusivism with the voices of moderation, toleration, understanding and inclusivism. As the world's most populous Muslim nation and third largest democracy, Indonesia is the ideal host for the second international conference of the world forum for muslim democrats. While no apology is made of the fact that progressive views for the forum were to be encouraged, reflecting the modernity of Islam, alternative and dissenting perspectives will not be stifled in keeping with a liberal and democratic approach to a healthy and vibrant discourse. Following from this, the following broad themes are to be explored for the conference: Islamic State (ISIS), Sectarian Conflict and Islamic Extremism; Human rights and Refugees (Rohingya and Syria); Islamophobia and Minorities (focusing on Muslim minorities in non-Muslim

countries); Social justice and Rule of Law (including that of non-Muslim minorities in Muslim countries); Way forward (including the role of the media and other actors). The conference also holds out a unique opportunity for expanding and cementing the network of progressive community, national and international leaders, key players in civil society, scholars, and intellectuals. Invited speakers were political leaders in the Muslim world and countries with a sizable Muslim population, religious scholars and academicians, and leading players of civil society in the Muslim world as well as from America and Europe.

Talkshow “Measuring Performance of Working Cabinet”

Le Meridien Hotel, 24 November 2015

On the occasion of the 16th Anniversary of The Habibie Center, The Habibie Center held discussion entitled “Appraise performance of Kabinet Kerja.” One year after Jokowi was inaugurated as Indonesia’s President, there were several surveys stated that level of public satisfaction decreased. Indobarometer stated in their surveys peoples dissatisfaction mostly caused of economic and law problems. It always happened in every government, at the first public have a huge expectation to the new government and then after one year there are a lot of dissatisfaction to the government. There were lot pros

and cons about Jokowi’s leadership, the only way we could evaluate it is through Nawacita as Jokowi’s nine priority programs. The objectives of this dialogue were: to discuss political campaign that has been fulfilled and has not been fulfilled yet; to identify government’s obstacles in implementing Nawacita and Trisakti; to give suggestion to government in accelerate nawacita implementation. This dialogue featured Prof. Indria Samego, Muzzamil Yusuf, Purbaya Yudi Sadewa, Darmawan Prasodjo, and Maruarar Sirait as resource person.

Talkshow “Smart City and City Development in Indonesia”

Le Meridien Hotel, 25 November 2015

On the occasion of the 16th Anniversary of The Habibie Center, Habibie Center held a discussion entitled “Smart City and city development in Indonesia.”

Surabaya, Yogyakarta and Magelang selected as smart city on 2015. Surabaya was selected as the winner in big city category, Yogyakarta as the winner in medium city category and Magelang as the winner in small city category. Smart city index were published on 2015 as a tool to evaluate several city who has succeed in applying smart city concept to answer their metropolis problems and to enhance better quality life. there are several aspects that being considered as smart city index such as economy, social and environment. This discussion featured Tri Rismaharini (Mayor of Surabaya), Sigit Widyonindito (Mayor of Magelang), Yayat Supriyatna (Planology analyst), and Ilham Akbar Habibie as resource person. The objectives of this dialogue were: to identify several aspect that should be fulfilled to be a smart city; to review cities willingness in applying smart city concept; to discuss about



role of every mayor in applying smart city concept in their government

Conference “What are Asia’s Goals in the Asian Century?”

Le Meridien Hotel, 27 November 2015

Asian Countries have achieved amazing levels of economic and social progress, and the global center of gravity has shifted to the Asia Pacific region. Today, Asian economies are reaching an entirely new level. At the same time, countries of the region are facing a growing number of internal and external challenges, which require a fundamental reconsideration of national development models and the creation of viable regional security mechanisms. In line with that background, Valdai Discussion Club and Habibie Center held a closed roundtable discussion entitled “What are Asia’s Goals in the Asian Century?” This dialogue gather leading Asian and Russian scholars, intellectuals, diplomats, business people and public figure to search a joint answer to the key question - what does Asia wants for itself and the world during this period of change? how can national and regional development be adapted to meet challenges of the chaotic global system? What is Russia’s role in regional development and how do regional players perceive Russia? This Program consisted of three sessions; **Session 1:** Asia’s socio-



economic profile: from quantity to quality; **Session 2:** security risks and neutralization strategies; **Session 3:** Asia for Russia and Russia for Asia and also a press cocktail after event.

ASEAN Studies Program

To be the Center of Excellence of
ASEAN Related Issues



Talking ASEAN on “Regional Developments and Challenge in Southeast Asia”

Jakarta, 15 January 2015

“On Thursday, 15 January 2014, The Habibie Center held a Talking ASEAN Special Book Launch and Discussion entitled “Regional Developments and Challenges in Southeast Asia” at The Habibie Center building in Jakarta. This edition of Talking ASEAN featured Apichai Sunchindah (former Executive Director, The ASEAN

Foundation), Yuyun Wahyuningrum (Senior Advisor on ASEAN and Human Rights at Human Rights Working Group (HRWG), and Dr. Alexander C. Chandra (Executive Director, ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) as resource persons with Mr. A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Coordinator of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) as moderator. The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: to discuss and review issues raised in the book entitled “Regional Developments and Challenges in Southeast Asia” written by Apichai

Sunchindah, Yuyun Wahyuningrum, and Dr. Sauwalak Kittipapas; to explain development indicator trends in the region; to consider ASEAN as a development organization; to discuss democratization in ASEAN specifically in terms of civil rights and political rights. Mr. Sunchindah started his presentation by explaining the development indicators trends in the region. In Southeast Asia, general development trends were going up, including for economic growth.

However, there were still substantial numbers of people under the poverty line. Ms. Wahyuningrum explained that human rights issue was still a sensitive issue for discussion in certain ASEAN countries. The greatest stumbling blocks were impunity and lack of political will. Dr. Alexander C. Chandra was the last person to speak. According to Dr. Chandra, ASEAN could actually be considered as a development organization. However he argued that its concept of development was highly contested and ambiguous. At the end of Talking ASEAN, there were several questions and comments from the audience: ASEAN is good at economic and social cooperation but not on political issues. How can ASEAN strengthen cooperation in dealing with political issue? Will the new government of Indonesia continue with the Bali Democracy Forum and promote human rights in the region since it was described as interlinked with the development agenda?



Mr. Sunchindah said that basically, ASEAN needs a reconciliation. In reality, if there is a cross-cutting coordination, parties involved should sit and talk. Regarding the Bali Democracy Forum, Ms. Wahyuningrum explained that, President Joko Widodo is committed to it but perhaps he wants a new format for the BDF.

Talking ASEAN dialogue on “Regional Developments and Challenges in Southeast Asia” is a special edition of Talking ASEAN.”

Talking ASEAN on “Regional Impact of Indonesia’s New Policy Towards Illegal Fishing”

Jakarta, 27 January 2015

The Habibie Center held a Talking ASEAN public discussion entitled “Regional Impact of Indonesia’s New Policy Towards Illegal Fishing” at The Habibie Center Building, Jakarta. This

edition of Talking ASEAN featured Ms. Sitti Hamdiah (representing Mr. Anang Nugroho, Executive Director for International Affairs, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, and Chair for Indonesian ASEAN Center for Marine and Fisheries), Lieutenant Colonel Salim (Staff of Assistant Chief of Naval Staff for Planning and Budgeting, Indonesian Navy), Dr. Edy Prasetyono (Head of Post-Graduate Programme of International Relations, University of Indonesia) as resource persons with Ms. Rahimah Abdulrahim (Executive Director of The Habibie Center) as the moderator.

The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: to analyse the regional impact of Indonesia policy in tackling illegal fishing; to share and develop understanding between various stakeholders and identify the challenges as well as opportunities; to discuss the importance of illegal fishing to Indonesia; to discuss the role of the Indonesian Navy in enforcing the



law against illegal fishing; to discuss human rights aspect of the foreign vessels's crew. On behalf of Mr. Anang Noegroho, Ms. Hamdiah explained that foreign vessels that had been destroyed was done according to the law and did not endanger the human rights of the captured crews. She elaborated that the recent stance to tackle IUU fishing was not the consequences of a new policy. As the second speaker, Dr. Edy Prasetyono explained the importance of illegal fishing to Indonesia, which based on five arguments: it was related to the excessive exploitation of aquatic resources; it was related to the reduction in food supply; it had major impact to the country's food security; it was tended to produce security implications such as weapon smuggling and human trafficking; and it shifted the conception of illegal fishing itself from being the conventional crime and transnational crime. As a conclusion, Let.Col.Salim argued that the Indonesian Navy's

strategy was preventive such as focusing on improving its presence at vulnerable areas. Talking ASEAN dialogue on "Regional Impact of Indonesia's New Policy Towards Illegal Fishing" is one of a series of twelve dialogues regularly held each month by The Habibie Center.

Talking ASEAN on "Jokowi's Trade Policy: Determining Indonesia's Position on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and the Trans-Pacific Partnership"

Jakarta, 24 February 2015

Determining Indonesia's Position on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and the Trans-Pacific Partnership" at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This edition of Talking ASEAN featured Reza Pahlevi Chairul (Head of Sub Director for

Inter and Sub Regional Cooperation, Directorate of ASEAN Cooperation Ministry of Trade); Dr. Yose Rizal Damuri, Head of the Department of Economics, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS); and Prof. Dr. Firmanzah (Rector of Paramadina University) as resource persons with Dr. Alexander C. Chandra (Executive Director, ASEAN Business Advisory Council and Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center) as the moderator.

The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: to address the opportunities presented by Indonesia's participation of RCEP and possible joining up with the TPP; to identify the internal and external challenges facing the Government of Indonesia in determining Indonesia's position on RCEP and the TPP; to produce possible recommendations for the Government of Indonesia with regard to RCEP and TPP; to explain that as the initiator of the RCEP it was important for ASEAN to maintain its centrality; to discuss Indonesia government's mixed signals about its involvement in regional trade agreements; to discuss the sustainability of RCEP. First to speak was Mr. Reza Pahlevi Chaircul, on behalf of Dr. Donna Gultom. In his presentation, it was explained that as the initiator of the RCEP it was important for ASEAN to maintain its centrality. The second to speak was Dr. Yose Rizal Damuri who argued that Indonesia was not going to join the TPP any time soon as Jakarta did

not see any benefits presently. The last to speak was Prof. Dr. Firmanzah who felt that TPP was too high profile. However he was also pessimistic about the RCEP arguing that the Indonesian Government would likely prioritize preparations for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) over the RCEP. Talking ASEAN dialogue on “Jokowi’s Trade Policy: Determining Indonesia’s Position on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and the Trans-Pacific Partnership” is one of a series of dialogues regularly held each month by The Habibie Center.”



Talking ASEAN on “ASEAN as an Actor in International Forums: Reality, Potential, and Constraints”

Jakarta, 17 March 2015

Jakarta – On Tuesday, March 17, 2015, The Habibie Center held a Talking ASEAN dialogue entitled “ASEAN as an Actor in International Forums: Reality, Potential, and Constraints” at The Habibie Center building in Jakarta. The discussion featured Dr. Juergen Rueland (Department of Political Science, University of Freiburg, Germany); Mr. Andreas List (Senior Coordinator for ASEAN, Delegation of the EU to Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, and ASEAN); and Mr. J.S. George Lantu (Director of ASEAN Functional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia)

as resource persons with Ms. Rahimah Abdulrahim (Executive Director, The Habibie Center) as the moderator. The objectives of this Talking ASEAN dialogue were: to address the key arguments surrounding ASEAN as an actor in international forums; to understand the rationale behind ASEAN’s ambitions and steps taken so far; to explore the attitudes of external actors towards ASEAN’s ambitions; to produce recommendations that will strengthen ASEAN as an actor in international forums; to discuss ASEAN’s negotiating capability; to review ASEAN’s recognition on the major shift in power relations between the U.S. and China; to review ASEAN as a consensus-based organization that works together to achieve its goals. The first to speak was Dr. Juergen Rueland. With respect to international

negotiation, Dr. Rueland argued that ASEAN must demonstrate greater coordination. Mr. Andreas List was second to speak, questioning whether ASEAN had fully recognized the major shift in power relations between the U.S. and China. According to Mr. Andreas, although ASEAN has not played an active role in the situation, it was also not part of any solutions. Last to speak was Mr. J.S. George Lantu, who explained that ASEAN was a consensus-based organization that works together to achieve its goals. The Talking ASEAN dialogue on “ASEAN as an Actor in International Forums: Reality, Potential, and Constraints,” is one of a series of twelve dialogues regularly held each month by The Habibie Center.

Talking ASEAN on “Addressing Non-Traditional Security Issues in Southeast Asia: Lessons from ASEAN- EU Cooperation”

Jakarta, 30 March 2015

The Habibie Center hosted its 21st Talking ASEAN dialogue entitled “Addressing Non-Traditional Security Issues in Southeast Asia: Lessons from ASEAN-EU Cooperation” at The Habibie Center building in Jakarta. The event was moderated by Mr. A Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) and featured an expert panel including, Dr. Felix Heiduk (Researcher, German Institute for International and Security Affairs – Stiftung Wissenschaft Und Politik), Dr. Kusananto Anggoro (Lecturer, Indonesia Defense University), Mr. Iis Gindarsah (Researcher, Center for Strategic and International Studies – CSIS), and Dr. Ming-Hsien Wong (Chair of Graduate Institute of International Affairs and Strategic Studies, Tamkang University). The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: to highlight the joint steps taken by ASEAN and the EU to address the non-traditional security threat of terrorism; to discuss the challenges and opportunities of this cooperation; to deliver recommendations aimed at enhancing ASEAN-EU cooperation on the issue; to discuss why the EU has failed to influence ASEAN; to discuss the prospect of ASEAN-EU cooperation; to



discuss non-traditional security issues prominence in Southeast Asia. Dr. Felix Heiduk, the first to speak, proposed four arguments centered on why the EU has failed to influence ASEAN. Included among his arguments was that ASEAN lacks the supra-structure institutions of the EU, and that the EU had become inward looking in judging its similarities to ASEAN. Dr. Kusananto Anggoro was second to speak, noting that while both organizations respected each other’s values, the EU had several advantages in terms of experience and expertise in addressing non-traditional security issues. Interestingly, Dr. Anggoro expressed skepticism at the prospect of ASEAN-EU cooperation, despite there being convergence on a number of ideas. Mr. Iis Gindarsah was next to speak, citing that non-traditional security issues were

gaining prominence in Southeast Asia, making it a key strategic region. Last to speak, offering Taiwan’s perspective, was Dr. Ming-Hsien Wong. He argued that non-traditional security issues for Taiwan includes: transnational crime, terrorism, disaster relief, information security, climate change, public health epidemics, and maritime issues. The Talking ASEAN dialogue on “Addressing Non-Traditional Security Issues in Southeast Asia: Lessons from ASEAN-EU Cooperation,” is one of a series of twelve dialogues regularly held each month by The Habibie Center.

ASEAN Talking on “the Potential Roles and Challenges of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB): A View from ASEAN”

Jakarta, 20 May 2015

The Habibie Center hosted its 22nd Talking ASEAN dialogue entitled, “The Potential Roles and Challenges of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB): A View from ASEAN” at The Habibie Center building in Jakarta. The event was moderated by Ms. Fina Astriana (Researcher, The Habibie Center) and featured an expert panel including Mr. Umar Juoro (Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Bank Indonesia/Member of Board of Experts, The Habibie Center), Dr. Maria Monica Wihardja (Economist, The World Bank Jakarta Office), and Dr. Makmur Keliat (Lecturer of International Relations Department, University of Indonesia). The objectives

of this Talking ASEAN were: to discuss the recent developments regarding the establishment of the AIIB; to identify the AIIB’s potential roles and challenges; to explore potential collaboration between the AIIB and ASEAN in developing infrastructure; and to identify the role of ASEAN in shaping the AIIB from within. The first speaker was Mr. Umar Juoro. He began by acknowledging that the AIIB offers a great deal of promise as a financial source for infrastructural development in Asia. Although many consider it to be a competitor against existing multilateral financial institutions, Mr. Juoro views the AIIB as complementary. Dr. Maria Monica Wihardja was next to speak, confirming that global growth needs to come from infrastructure development. She argued that the world’s GDP has multiplied around 7 or 8 times since the Bretton Woods era and thus requires more than one or two multilateral financial institutions. The last to speak was Dr. Makmur

Keliat, who began by explaining the AIIB’s three stages for institutional development: consultation and commitment (pre-negotiation), negotiation and preparatory talk, and operational development. Dr. Keliat argued that determining how the bank’s capital should be shared among its members – whether based on GDP or population – as well as whether contributions should be paid in installments, needs to be made clear. The Talking ASEAN dialogue on “The Potential Roles and Challenges of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB): A View from ASEAN” is one of a series of twelve dialogues regularly held each month by The Habibie Center.

ASEAN Talking on “ASEAN’s Response to the Rohingya Migrant Crisis”

Jakarta, 16 June 2015

The Habibie Center held its 23rd Talking ASEAN dialogue titled, “ASEAN’s Response to the Rohingya Migrant Crisis” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Talking ASEAN featured as resource persons H.E. Amb. Makarim Wibisono (former Indonesian Permanent Representative to the United Nations and former Executive Director of the ASEAN Foundation), Mr. Tantowi Yahya (Deputy Chairman of Commission I, House of Representatives – Republic of Indonesia), Mr. Thomas Vargas



(Country Representative, UNHCR Indonesia), and Rudi Sukandar PhD (Senior Advisor Researcher, National Violence Monitoring System, The Habibie Center) with Mr. A Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head, ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) as the moderator.

The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: to discuss the current Rohingya migrant crisis, in particular the recent as well as longer-term causes for it; to identify the steps taken by ASEAN to resolve the Rohingya migrant crisis, and examine its effectiveness and shortcomings; to explore the main concerns of ASEAN member-states in adopting a regional solution to the Rohingya migrant crisis, in particular from the perspectives of Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia; to discuss what implications the Rohingya migrant crisis has on ASEAN's long cherished principle of

'non-interference'. As the first speaker, H.E. Ambassador Makarim Wibisono started by explaining ASEAN's history and how it provided the need for ASEAN members to strive to be politically cohesive, economically integrated, and socially responsible. The second speaker, Tantowi Yahya stated that the crisis was an opportunity to re-evaluate the "non-interference" principal in postive way. Indonesia as the largest member state should take a part in moderating the crisis, he argued. The third to speak was Thomas Vargas who stated that since the violence in Rakhine state escalated the partnership fell apart and the discussion about the Rohingya crisis and resolving their citizenship status become highly politicized and sensitive. He suggested, that all members needed to facilitate constructive dialogue for resolving the problem taking into account the economic perspective

and humanitarian response. The last speaker, Rudi Sukandar stated that The core problem was the nationality or citizenship Rohingya refugee and if this issue was not properly answered, Mr. Sukandar warned of the possiblity of another Galang Island, which housed Indochinese refugee but was also a place for conflict between refugee, local police, and people. The solution that he offered was to go back to the ASEAN Way practice of "musyawarah" (consultation) and "mufakat" (consensus). Talking ASEAN dialogue on on "ASEAN's Response to the Rohingya Migrant Crisis" is one of a series of twelve dialogues regularly held each month by The Habibie Center."



Talking ASEAN on “Challenges of Raising ASEAN Awareness”

Jakarta, 26 August 2015

The Habibie Center will host its 24th Talking ASEAN dialogue titled, “Challenges of Raising ASEAN Awareness” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Talking ASEAN will feature as resource persons Asep Setiawan (Head of Content and Knowledge Division, Metro TV), Yuyun Wahyuningrum (Senior Advisor, Human Rights Working Group), dan Ilman Dzikri (President of Indonesian Student Association for International Studies) with Alexander C. Chandra Ph.D (Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center) moderating.

The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: to analyze the success and weaknesses of ASEAN’s current engagement with people from various sectors to raise greater awareness and identity with ASEAN; to discuss the views of people from various sectors about ASEAN, in particular their interests in promoting ASEAN, how much they care about the regional organization and what they really know about the regional integration process; to make recommendations about improving the level of engagement and involvement of ASEAN to better promote ASEAN awareness and identity. The regional organization’s 48th anniversary comes at a momentous time as the



ten member-states will soon usher in the ASEAN Community 2015. Once realized, the ASEAN Community 2015 will see the fulfillment of the founding fathers’ aspirations that the peoples of Southeast Asia should determine their own political, economic and socio-cultural courses. A vital precondition for this aspiration is the support and involvement of the peoples of Southeast Asia themselves.

However it is widely considered that general – let alone substantive – awareness of ASEAN and ASEAN Identity remains weak from all kind of important sectors. With only a few months remaining until the December 2015 deadline for the realization of the ASEAN Community 2015, it is somewhat concerning the peoples of ASEAN demonstrate a weak level of public association with ASEAN, thus calling into question the viability

and longevity of ASEAN’s regional integration project.

In this Talking ASEAN dialogue, expert panelist addressed the importance of raising ASEAN’s profile among its people; identify possible policy recommendations and their consequent challenges in raising ASEAN awareness.

Talking ASEAN dialogue on “Challenges of Raising ASEAN Awareness” is one of a series of twelve dialogues regularly held each month by The Habibie Center.

25th Talking ASEAN on South China Sea

Jakarta, 29 September 2015

The Habibie Center will host its 25th Talking ASEAN dialogue titled, “In Pursuit of Peaceful Settlement

in the South China Sea: The Role of Civil Societies” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Talking ASEAN will feature as resource persons Dr. Kusananto Anggoro (Lecturer, Indonesia Defense University), Dr. Kwei-Bo Huang (Secretary General of The Association of Foreign Relations, Taiwan; Associate Professor, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University), and Muhamad Arif (Researcher, ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) with A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head, ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) moderating. The objectives of this Talking ASEAN are to: discuss the recent development in the South China Sea with regards to the territorial disputes as well as other important issues; and identify potential roles and challenges of civil society in its contribution to find a peaceful settlement in the South

China Sea. Recent development in the South China Sea suggests that the dispute is entering a new episode. With China completing its extensive land reclamation projects, the United States strengthening its presence and alliances in the region, and other regional powers continuing to build up their military, the possibility of open conflict in the disputed area is now higher than ever. Regional institution-led initiatives notwithstanding, there is a need to find a creative breakthrough in settling the dispute. In the pursuit of peaceful settlement in South China Sea, it is time to turn to non-state-centric approaches to conflict settlement: to explore the potential role of civil society, which itself has proven influential in the regionalization process in Southeast Asia. Talking ASEAN dialogue on “In Pursuit of Peaceful Settlement in the South China Sea: The Role of Civil

Societies” is one of a series of twelve dialogues regularly held each month by The Habibie Center.

26th Talking ASEAN on “Japan’s Cooperation towards the ASEAN Economic Community”

Jakarta, 30 September 2015

The Habibie Center will host its 26th Talking ASEAN dialogue titled, “Japan’s Cooperation towards the ASEAN Economic Community” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Talking ASEAN will feature as resource persons H.E. Amb. Koichi Aiboshi (Ambassador of Japan to ASEAN), Prof. Dr. Tirta Mursitama (Head of International Relations Department, Bina Nusantara University), and Izuru Kobayashi (Chief Operating Officer of Economic



Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia) with Alexander C. Chandra, Ph.D. (Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center) moderating. The objectives of this Talking ASEAN are to: discuss the current cooperation between Japan and ASEAN in terms of economic cooperation; address issues that may hinder Japan's cooperation with ASEAN towards the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community; and to give recommendation for policy makers to strengthen economic cooperation between ASEAN and Japan. ASEAN and Japan have been working closely for the past decades and ties between them are getting stronger. This cooperation is not only limited to only trade and investment, but Japan has also been supporting ASEAN to tackle issues that may hamper the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC). On the other hand, Japan sees this cooperation as part of their response to the changing regional dynamics. However, this relationship between ASEAN and Japan has a number of issues that need addressing. As ASEAN will face its economic integration in just a few months, new challenges will occur thus ASEAN and Japan have to adapt and create new approaches to respond to these changes.



Talking ASEAN on “Southeast Asia’s Haze Problems : Integrating Local, National and Regional Approaches“

Jakarta, 27 October 2015

The Habibie Center will host its 27th Talking ASEAN dialogue titled, “Southeast Asia’s Haze Problems: Integrating Local, National and Regional Approaches” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Talking ASEAN will feature as resource persons Basah Hernowo (Director of Forestry and Conservation of Water Resources, National Development Planning Agency), Prof. Dr. Herry Purnomo (Scientist, Center for International Forestry Research), Fitriani Ardiansyah (Indonesia Country Director, IDH-The Sustainable Trade Initiative), and Longgena Ginting (Indonesia Country Director,

Greenpeace Southeast Asia) with Wiryadi Adiwena (Head, International Relations, The Habibie Center) moderating. The objectives of this Talking ASEAN are to identify the causes and impacts of the haze problems; address challenges in tackling the issues; and explore a formulation of an integrated approach—local, national and regional—towards the haze problems. The thick haze from forest fires has blanketed Indonesia’s Sumatera and Kalimantan for months now. The haze and polluted air have also spread to the neighboring countries of Singapore, Malaysia and southern part of Thailand. There has been call from throughout the region on Indonesia to quickly and decisively respond the haze problem. The haze problem is transnational in nature. The haze has significant economic, health and societal impacts that are felt not only in Indonesia but also in other countries in the region. Despite



the existence of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP), regional mechanism to tackle the haze problem has yet to be effective. There is a need, therefore, for a coordinated regional effort to tackle the root causes of the problems. Meanwhile at the national level, central government is undermined by the limited political will to sanction big companies and smallholders; a limited capacity to access and protect the areas involved; weak coordination between ministries as well as between central and local governments and; weak law enforcement due to police, administrative and corrupt political party in Indonesia. The local aspect is also part of the problem. Companies and local farmers, for instance, are reluctant to abandon the slash-and-burn method for more expensive alternatives. There are also reports on companies gaining unofficial concessions from local governments.

Talking ASEAN Malaysia “The Role of Media in Countering Religious Extremism”

Kuala Lumpur, 5 November 2015

The Habibie Center in collaboration with IMAN Research Consulting held a Roundtable Discussion entitled, “The Role of Media in Countering Religious Extremism” at Pusat Kreatif Kanak-Kanak Tuanku Bainun, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Roundtable discussion featured Dr. Rudi Sukandar (Senior Advisor of the National Violence Monitoring System, the Habibie Center, Indonesia), Jahabar Sadiq (Chief Executive Officer and Editor, Malaysian Insider, Malaysia), and Ahmad El-Muhammady (International Islamic University, Malaysia) as resource persons. The Objectives of the roundtable discussion were to :

a. generate awareness among stakeholders; b. initiate a discourse on the importance of ‘contents’ and ‘language’ in the public sphere as a conduit towards favourable countering religious extremism (CRE)/countering violent extremism (CVE) outcomes; c. foster productive partnerships and contacts to strategise and capitalise on publicly available information for CRE/CVE purposes; and d. cross border collaboration with partners of roundtable. Dr. Rudi Sukandar explained about Indonesia’s experience in using media to counter religious extremism. Mr. Jahabar Sadiq explained that when we talked about media, we should note that there were many types of media, such as state media, independent media, and news media. Mr. Ahmad El-Muhammady, proposed a strategic partnership between researchers and media practitioners to counter violent extremism.

Talking ASEAN Singapore “Tackling the Haze Issues in Southeast Asia : Domestic and Regional Approaches”

ISEAS, Singapore. 11 November 2015

On Wednesday, Nov 11, 2015, The Habibie Center held a meeting with Ms. Moe Thuzar (Lead Researcher on Socio-cultural Affairs - ISEAS) and Mr. Jason Salim (Researcher Officer, ISEAS) to discuss several issues related to ASEAN and ISEAS’ role in the region. ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute



had several publications that aim to increase ASEAN awareness among people. It was mentioned that ASEAN awareness was still low among people within the region, including Singapore. Although there was an ASEAN department in each foreign ministry of ASEAN member-states, due to limited resources it was hard for them to do public outreach, especially in countries such as Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam. The Public outreach was also limited to capital cities and rarely extended to rural areas. Based on the current situation, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute explained that they were trying to increase public awareness on ASEAN by producing publications. The meeting also discussed the Rohingya issue. In the recent elections held in Myanmar, it was noted that none of the major political parties had filed candidates from Muslim background whereas there were candidates representing LGBT and

transgender views. In this sense political inequality was still a problem. The institutional visit ended with The Habibie Center and ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute agreeing to cooperate further through contributing to each other's publications and other means.

Special Talking ASEAN “The Dynamics and Future of Democracy in the ASEAN Region”

Le Meridien Hotel, 25 November 2015

On the occasion of the 16th Anniversary of The Habibie Center, ASEAN Studies Program of The Habibie Center in Cooperation with US Progress held a discussion entitled “The Dynamics and Future of Democracy in the ASEAN Region” at Le Meridien, Jakarta. This particular edition of Talking ASEAN featured as resource persons Prof. Dr Bridget Welsh (Senior Associate

fellow, The Habibie Center), Mr. Mediyatama Suryadiningrat (Chief Editor, The Jakarta Post), and Ms. Natalia Soebagio (Chairwoman, Transparency International Indonesia), with Ms. Rahimah Abdulrahim (Executive Director, The Habibie Center) moderating. The Objectives of this Talking ASEAN were : a. to discuss the recent development of democratisation in Southeast Asia; and b. to explore possible ways to further enhance democracy in Indonesia and broader Southeast Asia. The first to speak at the Talking ASEAN was Prof. Dr. Bridget Welsh. The most important points that she explained in her presentation were the major challenges of democratic government in the region and the areas that needed to be strengthened for democratic governance. The second resource person to speak was Mr. Mediyatama Suryadiningrat. He explained that it was hard to define democracy and



questioned whether Indonesia, as the third largest democracy, was happier than Brunei Darussalam which did not have elections. He further asked if the Philippines had better governance than Singapore. Ms. Natalia Soebagio was the last person to speak. She stated that Indonesia was indeed a role model for corruption eradication in the ASEAN region, notwithstanding Singapore. To support this view, Ms. Natalia pointed to the independent corruption eradication commission (KPK) which was highly respected.



**Talking ASEAN on
“Indonesia’s Participation in
Regional Trade Agreements
: The Trans - Pacific
Partnership vs Regional
Comprehensive Economic
Partnership“**

Jakarta, 17 December 2015

The Habibie Center hosted its 28th Talking ASEAN public dialogue entitled, “Indonesia’s Participation in Regional Trade Agreements: The Trans - Pacific Partnership vs Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.” This edition of Talking ASEAN was moderated by Ms. Fina Astriana (Researcher, The Habibie Center) and featured an expert panel made up of Mr. Wijayanto Samirin (Special Staff of Vice President of the

Republic of Indonesia for Economic and Finance), Mr. Abdulkadir Jailani (Director for Treaties on Economic, Social, and Cultural Affairs, Republic of Indonesia), and Dr. Berly Martawardaya (Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Indonesia). The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: to explore the reasons behind Indonesia’s sudden interest to join both the TPP and the RCEP; to address the opportunities presented by Indonesia’s participation of RCEP and the TPP; to identify challenges facing the Government of Indonesia by joining the RCEP and the TPP; to discuss what impact Indonesia’s intention to join both the TPP and the RCEP will have on ASEAN centrality/unity; and to produce possible

recommendations for the Government of Indonesia with regard to RCEP and TPP and ensuring that it increases the welfare of Indonesian people. The first to speak was Mr. Wijayanto Samirin, he explained two important points: the rationale behind Indonesia’s intention in joining TPP and the country’s readiness for joining the agreement. Mr. Jailani was the second to speak explained that the TPP covers a huge scope of issues and it was not merely about international trade. Mr. Jailani also identified some follow-up actions that were required by Indonesia from a political, economic and legal aspect Dr. Martawardaya began his presentation by explaining the nature of both the RCEP and the TPP. This Talking ASEAN is one of many regular dialogues held by The Habibie Center.

International Scholar Series

Features Guest Academics to Speak on Topical Issues That are of Particular Concern to The Habibie Center



International Scholar Series “The Role of Media in 21st Century Russia”

Jakarta, 25 March, 2015

“In the Soviet era the media was under full state control. The major media were the official organs of government agencies. The Gorbachev government changed this condition by opening up Soviet’s media alongside economy liberalization. However, after that period of liberalization, analysts have

seen an interesting trend happening regarding media in 21st century Russia. The European Journalism Center, for example, has noted that all but one national TV channels are wholly or partially owned by the state. The Russian experience in developing its media is quite different with the Indonesian experience. Around 1998, Indonesia faced a monetary crisis which resulted in social crisis and public disorder. The Indonesian people responded to this with demand

of freedom of speech and democracy based on human rights. Habibie government put freedom of press as one of the main priorities. Together with the DPR, the government passed law No 9/1998 on Freedom of Speech in Public Places. This allowed for more dynamic movement of the media that continues well until today. It is with this background that The Habibie Center (THC) in the spirit of learning about the roles media can play in different countries and different contexts throughout the world held a discussion of “The Role of Media in 21st Century Russia.” The objectives of this discussion were: to discuss the development of media in Russia, from the end of Soviet rules to its current situation in the 21st century; to identify the roles that the media plays in Russia during the 21st century; to identify the challenges and opportunities for the development of media in 21st century Russia. This discussion also featured Andrey Bystritsky, *Dean of the Faculty of Communications, Media and Design, National Research University Higher School of Economics*; Dr. Henny Saptatia, *Head of Graduate School of European Studies, University of Indonesia*; Satrio Arismunandar, *Indonesian senior journalist*.

International Scholar Series “Australian Electronic Intelligence and Indonesia: Facilities, Activities, and Policies for a Better Future”

Jakarta, 29 June 2015

The relationship between Indonesia and one of its neighbours, Australia has not been a smooth one especially in recent years despite a long relations in trade. The “Australian spying scandal” erupted in late 2013 following Edward Snowden’s revelations of Australian intelligence phone surveillance of President Yudhoyono and surveillance of Indonesia’s trade negotiations with the U.S. Indonesia gave immediate response after the spying scandal broke into the news. The ambassador of Indonesia to Australia, Ambassador Nadjib Riphath Kesoema was summoned back to Indonesia. In fact, these operations were just the tip of the iceberg: Australian electronic intelligence gathering against Indonesia has a long history, and now involves intensive and highly sophisticated operations at a number of intelligence bases in Australia. These operate in close cooperation with the other partners in the “Five Eyes” partnership for global electronic surveillance – the US, the UK, Canada and New Zealand.

While Foreign Ministers Natalegawa and Bishop negotiated an end to the standoff with the announcement of a code of conduct for Australian activities, it is doubtful that very much has changed on the Australian side. It is worth noting that relationship among countries should be based on trust and cooperation. A single problematic issue such as spying its neighbour country, especially to its high level ranking officials, might hamper the already complicated relations between Indonesia and Australia. Thus, this seminar raises the question of not only what Australia and its partners are doing in these operations, but also whether it is possible to think about these Australian-Five Eyes facilities being used to foster a more cooperative and equal bilateral relationship in the shared interests of both Indonesia and Australia. The objectives of this seminar were: to discuss Indonesia-Australia bilateral relations post “Australian Spying Scandal”; to discuss what Australia and its partners are doing in the “Spying Scandal”; to discuss the possibility of Australian-Five Eyes facilities being used to foster a more cooperative and equal bilateral relationship in the shared interests of both Indonesia and Australia; to raise understanding in Indonesia’s stance on the issue.

Energy Reform Program

Fuel Subsidy Policy, Budget Reallocation Policy, and Sustainable Energy Reform.



Talking BBM on “Mechanism of New Price and the Impact to Society”

Jakarta, 15 June 2015

Fuel subsidy is the most important and dilemmatic problem in Indonesia. fuel subsidy become the problem that couldn't be solved since our former president Soekarno till Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. The new government under Joko Widodo's leadership start to do a reformation by repeal the fuel subsidy. The subsidy will be allocated

to productive sector. Unfortunately, the people hasn't known when will the new price be implemented and the mechanism. Based on that background, The Habibie Center held a discussion entitled “Mechanism of New Price and the Impact to Society”. The objectives of this seminar were: to review the new fuel pricing policy in Indonesia; to review the impact of new price system to the society economically and non-economically including politics, social culture and so on.



Talking BBM on “Relocation of Fuel Subsidy and Sustainable Energy Development”

Jakarta, 25 August 2015

The new government under Joko Widodo’s leadership start to do fuel reformation by repeal the fuel subsidy. The subsidy will be allocated to productive sector., such as infrastructure, subsidy for fisherman and farmer, or the development of

renewable energy. Along with that, The Habibie Center held a discussion entitled “Relocation of Fuel Subsidy”. The objectives of this dialogue were: to review relocation of fuel subsidisy; to review productive sector which be prioritized for budget relocation; to review the implementation of budget relocation; to review the implementation of renewable alternative energy development; to review types of alternative energy and its development. This dialogue

featured; Rida Mulyana (Director of New Energy, renewable and energy conservation - Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources); Askolani (Director of Budgeting,Ministry of Finance); Komaidi Notonegoro (Executive Director of Reforminer Institute); Arya Rezavidi (Member of Indonesia Renewable Energy Public Expert Council). With Mr. Zamroni Salim (Senior researcher The Habibie Center) as moderator. This dialogue lasted for nearly for hours.



FGD “Energy Reformation”

Jakarta, 30 September 2015

The new government under Joko Widodo's leadership start to do fuel reformation by repeal the fuel subsidy. The subsidy will be allocated to productive sector, such as infrastructure, subsidy for fisherman and farmer, or the development of renewable energy. On the other hand, there are a lot of scarcity especially in energy availabilty, it's time for all of stakeholders to find another alternative to fulfill energy availability in Indonesia. Along with that, The Habibie Center held a discussion entitled “Relocation of Fuel Subsidy”. The objectives of this closed dialogue were: to review relocation of fuel subsidy; to review productive sector which be prioritized for budget relocation; to review the implementation of budget relocation; to review the implementation of renewable alternative energy development; to review types of alternative energy and its development. This FGD invited several decision maker, NGOs and mass media who focused on energy issue. The result of this FGD are strategic paper which we hope could be a innovative solution for energy problem in Indonesia.

FGD “Mechanism of New Price and the Impact to Society”

Jakarta, 29 September 2015

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of this seminar were: to review the new fuel pricing policy in Indonesia; to review the impact of new price system to the society economically and non-economically including politics, social culture and so on. This closed forum group discussion was held to gather all the ideas, experiences or findings from capable decision maker, researcher, or activists who relate with energy, environment or economic issues. During discussion, raised inovative ideas to overcome consumer's problem in exercise all of energy that has been provided. There were also discussions how to drive people's intention to use energy wisely. Hopefully this closed forum group discussion will fruit decent strategy to solve any problem about energy in Indonesia.

Visits

A Center for Open Dialogue and Expanding International Networks



Visit by China Delegation

Jakarta, 21 January 2015

On Wednesday, January 21, 2015, The Habibie Center was honoured to host a visit by China Delegation lead by Mr. Fan Guifen . The meeting was held at The Habibie Center office in Jakarta and lasted for nearly two hours. The purpose of the meeting were: to discuss Indonesia foreign policy; to discuss south china sea issues; to discuss potential Indonesia-China

Collaboration. The discussion begun by a warm welcome and opening from our Executive Director, Ms. Ima Abdulrahim and accompanied by Mr. Wiryadiwena (Head International Relations), Mr. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head ASEAN Studies Program), Ms. Fina Astriana and Mr. Steven (ASEAN Studies Program Researcher). Topics raised include The Habibie Center profile and activities, Indonesia foreign policy, South China Sea, and Indonesia-China Collaboration



Delegation Visit from Foreign Affairs of Vietnam

Jakarta, 10 June 2015

The Habibie Center was honoured to host a visit by the delegation of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam. Vietnam delegation lead by Mr. Nguyen Duc Hoa (Director of Policy Analysis, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam). The delegation was greeted by The Habibie Center's Deputy Director for Operations, Mr. Hadi Kuntjara and included Mr. Rene L. Pattiradjawane (Head of Center for Chinese Studies). The meeting was held at The Habibie Center office in Jakarta and lasted nearly two hours. The aim of the meeting were: to discuss how Indonesia's domestic political climate has impacted its foreign policy; to discuss the role of the Chinese diaspora in Indonesia's economy; to discuss how ASEAN has

shifted from being 'the' cornerstone of Indonesian foreign policy, to 'a' cornerstone. This discussion was last for almost two hours. Hopefully it could fruit a potential cooperation in the near future between Indonesia and Vietnam, especially on ASEAN studies.



Visit from Chuo University

Jakarta, 19 August 2015

The Habibie Center was honoured to host a visit from Chuo University. Held at The Habibie Center office in Jakarta, the purpose of this meeting were: to discuss about THC activities and contribution; to discuss the democracy in Indonesia; to discuss culture and pluralism in Indonesia. The delegation was greeted by our Secretary of Board of Director, Mr. Andi Makmur Makka, our Head of International Relations, Mr. Wirya Adiwena, and Ms. Rahma (Communication officer). During the meeting, some of the issues that were discussed related to Indonesia foreign policy, Indonesia's democratization process and pluralism in Indonesia and also THC's activities and contributions. Chuo University delegation also stated their



appreciation for pluralism in Indonesia especially *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika* watchword. Chuo University delegates stated their interest to Indonesia's democratization during 1998 and its implementation nowadays. There were also discussions about South China Sea and ASEAN, especially from Indonesia's perspective. This meeting lasted for nearly two hours.

Delegation Visit from Tochigi Prefecture AALA

Jakarta, 5 November 2015

On Nov 5, 2015, The Habibie Center was honoured to host a visit from Tochigi Prefecture. Held at The Habibie Center office in Jakarta, the purpose of this meeting were: to discuss about THC activities and contribution; to discuss the democracy in Indonesia; to discuss culture and pluralism in

Indonesia. The delegation was greeted by our Mr. Hadi Kuntjara (Deputy Director for Operations), Mr. Wirya Adiwena (Head of International Relations), Mr. A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program), Ms. Fina Astriana, Mr. M. Arif, Ms. Askabe Fadhilla (researcher). During the meeting, some of the issues that were discussed related to Indonesia foreign policy, Indonesia's democratization proses and pluralism in Indonesia and also THC's activities and contributions. Delegation from Tochigi Prefecture also stated their appreciation for pluralism in Indonesia especially *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika* watchword. Delegation from Tochigi Prefecture came to The Habibie Center as part of their vacation to Indonesia. They stated that Japan should make Indonesia as their reference in implementing their democratization. This meeting lasted for nearly two hours.

Visit from Genro NPO Visit

Jakarta, 10 December 2015

On Thursday, December 10th 2015, The Habibie Center was honoured to host a visit from Genro NPO. Held at The Habibie Center office in Jakarta, the purpose of this meeting were: to discuss about THC activities and contribution; to discuss the democracy in Indonesia; to discuss culture and pluralism in Indonesia. The delegation was greeted by our Deputy Director for Operations, Mr. Hadi Kuntjara, Head of International Relations, Mr. Wirya Adiwena, and Mr. A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program). During the meeting, some of the issues that were discussed related to Indonesia foreign policy, Indonesia's democratization proses and pluralism in Indonesia and also THC's activities and contributions.

Peace and Development

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Democracy, Violence, and Peace Development in Post-Conflict Area in Indonesia

JS Luwansa Hotel, 25 March 2015

Conflict and violence has become the global agenda especially post cold war. Afterward, post-conflict election assessed as the strategic instrument to overcome conflict and to build peace-settlement in post-conflict area. As part of the democratization, post-conflict election assessed as the suitable system who can accommodate

various interest. Unfortunately, there's no many research about post-conflict election. Along with that, SNPK-THC team held a discussion entitled "Democracy, Violence, and Peace Development in Post-Conflict Area in Indonesia" The objectives of this dialogue were: to discuss SNPK-THC findings; to discuss typical problem in several conflict areas and post-conflict in Indonesia; to disseminate knowledge and SNPK-THC team's findings to every related stakeholders and public. This dialogue featured: Juri

Ardiantoro, M.Si (The Central Electoral Commission - Republic of Indonesia); Dr. M. Najib Azca (CSPS-UGM); Fadli Ramadhani (Perludem); Mohammad Hasan Ansori, Ph.D (Researcher SNPK-THC).

Launching of Violence Intensity Index 2015 and National Seminar “Urban Violence and asymmetric development in Indonesia”

The Ritz-Carlton Jakarta, 16 April 2015

The Habibie Center through the NVMS project (National Violence Monitoring System) held a national seminar entitled “Urban Violence and Asymmetric Development in Indonesia”. This national seminar also along with Launching of Violence Intensity. The objectives of this seminar were: to introduce Indonesia violence intensity index to the stake holders and public; to discuss violence trend throughout 2014; to discuss various urban violence and asymmetric development in Indonesia; to discuss various solution that can be applied to solve urban violence problems. This seminar featured: Sofyan Cholid, M.A. (SNPK-THC); Sopar Peranto (SNPK-THC); Dr. Ismail Ruslan (West Borneo); Ridwan Almakassary (Papua); Munzirin (NTB); Prof. Dr. Ing Jo Santoso (University of Tarumanegara); Dr. Mohammad Kemal Darmawan (Head Department of Criminology, University of Indonesia).

Institutional Capacity within conflict prevention in Indonesia

Double Tree Hotel, Jakarta, 13 May 2015

World Bank stated that the escalation of conflict influenced by three factors: pressure of national changes, social fragility, and institutional weakness.

The last factor (re; institutional weakness) is the most important factor that need to be researched. There are no many research that discussed the institutional weakness or the institutional capacity to prevent the conflict.

Based on that background, The Habibie Center through the NVMS Project (National Violence Monitoring System) held a national seminar entitled “Institutional Capacity Within Conflict Prevention in Indonesia” The objectives of this seminar were: to discuss SNPK-

THC findings about institutional capacity within conflict prevention 2. to discuss related problems with conflict prevention and the implementation of policy in national and local level 3. to disseminate SNPK-THC findings to public and several related stakeholders. This seminar featured: Prof. Dr. Djohermansyah Djohan, M.A. (Former General Director Regional Autonomy, Ministry of Internal Affairs); Syamsul Tarigan (United Nation Development Program); Pubertus Ipur (Executive Director of Elpagar, West Borneo); DR. H.M. Natsir, S.H., M.Hum (Chief of FKDM); Rudi Sukandar, Ph.D (SNPK-THC).

Potencies and Challenges in 2015 Simultaneous Regional Election in Indonesia”

Le Meridien Hotel, 25 November 2015

On the occasion of the 16th anniversary of The Habibie Center, THC held



discussion entitled “potencies and challenges in 2015 simultaneous regional election in Indonesia” This dialogue featured Titi Anggraini (executive director of Perludem), Arief Budiman (KPU), representatives from POLRI, M.Hasan Anshori (Senior researcher The Habibie Center), Sopar Peranto (researcher The Habibie Center). the objectives of this dialogue were: to identify local politics in facing cocurrent election; to identify legitimated local leaders who can build a good governance; to identify potential factors that can trigger violence. This dialogue become important as we know simultaneous regional election is the biggest political agenda to implement local democratization in Indonesia. There would be seven batch of cocurrent election during 2015 till 2027 in Indonesia, the first

one would be on Dec 9, 2015. If there were obstacle during that event, local political agenda for a long term will face a big challenge and the success of simultaneous election absolutely will give a big impact to the next government.

Public Discussion “Role of religious leader in maintaning inter-religious harmony: A Lesson from Ambon”

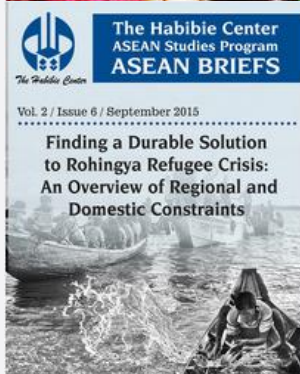
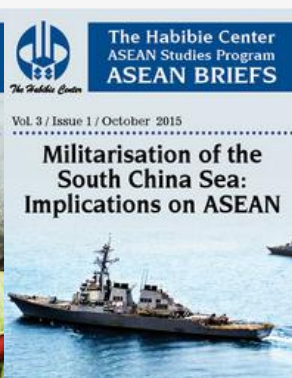
Intercontinental Hotel, 3 December 2015

The Habibie Center in collaboration with Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (HDC) held a public discussion entitled “Role of religious leader in maintaning inter-religious harmony:

A Lesson from Ambon” this discussion featured Romo Magnis Suseno, Romo Beni, Mr. Justus Patipawae from TIFA Foundation, expert staff of Maluku’s Governor, religious leaders from Ambon and researcher from The Habibie Center, Mr. Imron Rasyid and Mr. Hasan Anshori. All of speakers shared their experience in building and maintaning inter-religious harmony in Ambon after conflict that happened in 1999. Ambon is a good lesson for all of us where citizens and stakeholders could build a good relationship after conflict and maintain it untill now. The speakers shared how worst the tragedy is but after the conflict all of stakeholders cooperate to make Ambon a better place. This discussion also aims to bring peace in Ambon to the next cooperation level.



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