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Message from the Chairman

Advancing democracy and human rights is a continuous effort that requires all of us to work together in order to realize it. They will not emerge on their own and so we must fight for them with the greatest determination. Moreover, the effort to develop democratization and human rights must be conducted at the local, national, regional and also international levels. Indeed, democracy and human rights are stated in our national motto of Indonesia “Bhinneka Tunggal Ika” (Unity in Diversity).

It was for this reason that The Habibie Center was established to be a vehicle for the people of Indonesia to continue the process of developing the democratization and human rights issues. By cooperating with International partners from Asia, Europe and all over the world, The Habibie Center actively participate in discussing important issues for Indonesia and the wider Southeast Asia region, as well as promoting solutions to address problems. Our research, advocacy, and other activities remains centered in our efforts to champion democracy, human rights, and social justice.

However, we cannot do all of this alone in creating a better Indonesia. Thus, I call on all members of society – the government, other institutions, the media and the public, both national and international – to join us, support us, and work with us under the rallying cry of “Democratization Must Go On!”

**“Democratization
Must Go On!”**



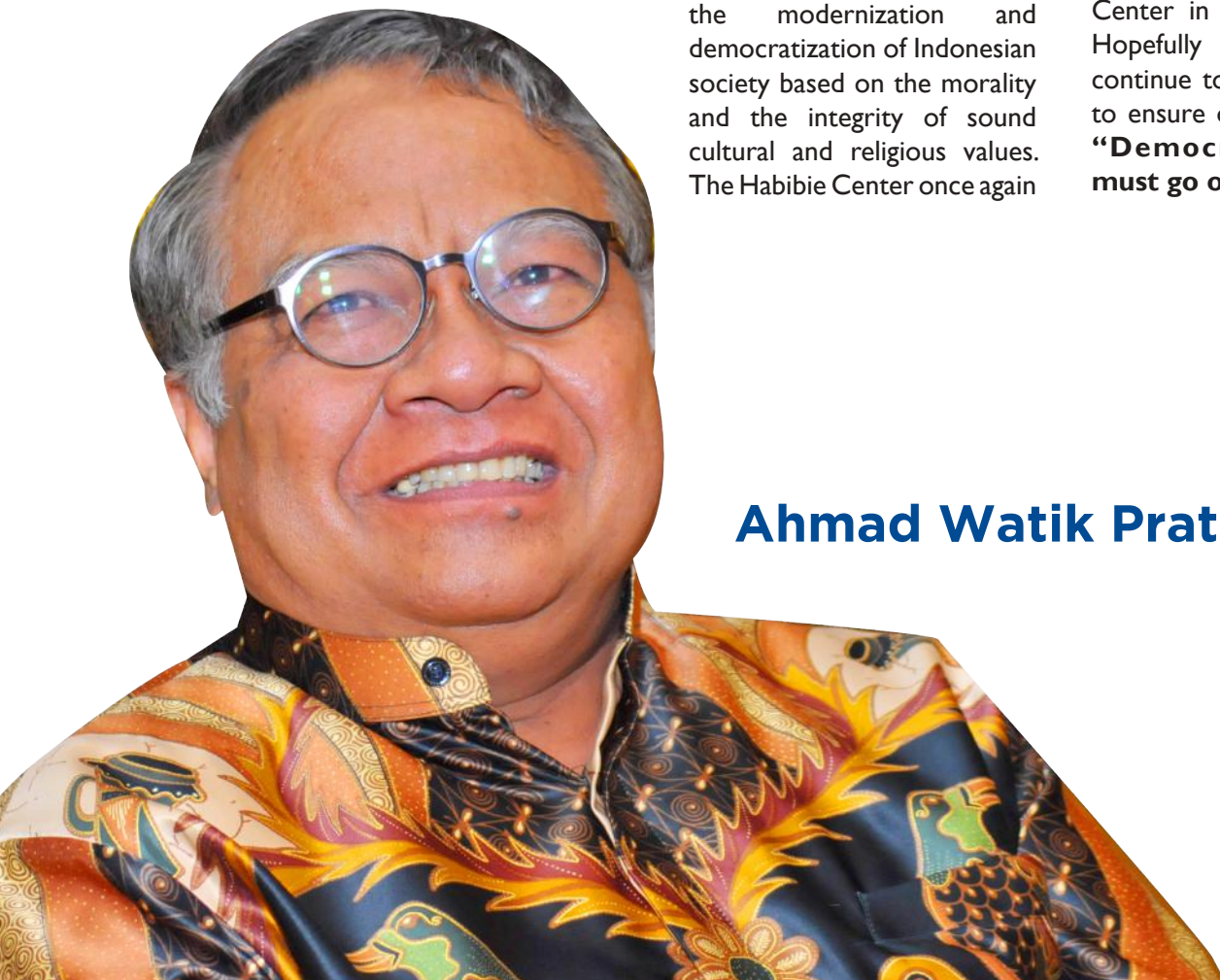
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Foreword from the Board of Directors

2016 marks 17 years of The Habibie Center and its committed role in promoting democracy and human rights since 1999. Indonesia achieved its independence in 1945, but did not go through major political reforms until 1998. 1999 became the turning point of democracy and we would like to contribute to make our democracy stay on its track. Through 17 years of up and

down phase of our existence, we consistently advance our primary principle to promote the modernization and democratization of Indonesian society based on the morality and the integrity of sound cultural and religious values. The Habibie Center once again

showed its relevance not only by being part of the discourse, but also in creating and shaping them. Finally, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to all those who have helped The Habibie Center in this journey. Hopefully we can continue to grow along to ensure our vision of **“Democratization must go on!”**



Ahmad Watik Pratiknya

Foreword from the Executive Director

Taking the stand that every issue falls under the umbrella of democracy and human rights, we at The Habibie Center have shown ourselves to be unafraid in addressing a wide-range of subjects, not only at a domestic level in Indonesia, but also at the international world. The Habibie Center once again showed its relevance not only being part of the discourse, but also in creating and shaping them. Through our core activities of research, program implementation and policy advocacy, The Habibie Center has over the years covered issues on democracy and human rights including: national politics, national and regional economy, maritime security and cooperation, fuel subsidies issues, and

Indonesia foreign policy which particularly focus in ASEAN. We are also advancing our research for the National Violence Monitoring System (NVMS), focusing on mapping the violence related data in Indonesia. Backed by our supporters, partners and the people of Indonesia as a whole, we will continue in our efforts to promote democracy and human rights so that the flames of Reformasi are never extinguished. The Habibie Center will persist in positioning itself at the forefront of pushing the democracy and human rights agenda for the betterment of Indonesia and to ensure our vision, **“Democratization Must Go On!”**



Rahimah Abdulrahim

Advancing Democratization Process in Indonesia





Democracy

Review of 2015 and Outlook of 2016

13 January 2016

JAKARTA - On Wednesday Jan 13, 2016 The Habibie Center held a public discussion entitled "Review of 2016 and Outlook of 2016." With the arrival of a new year, it has become an intellectual tradition amongst academics to conduct a critical review on several topics of national and state concern, as well as exchange perspectives or predictions on the paths governments may take in the next year. The discussion featured Prof. Indria Samego (Board of Experts, The Habibie Center), Umar Juoro (Expert Council, The Habibie Center) A, Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) as speakers and Wirya Adiwena (Head of International Relations, The Habibie Center) as a moderator. It was discussed that 2015 was considered a rather tumultuous year. From the political friction that took place between the Indonesian National Police and the Corruption Eradication Commission instigated by a polemic against the election of Commissioner General of Police, Budi Gunawan as Chief of the Indonesian National Police. The cabinet reform in August also caused an uproar within the elite class. Many believe that President Jokowi relented to the pressure from the coalition party, supporter of the government, by dismissing several members of the ministry who lacked adequate political support. The most significant tumult started with the case "Papah

Minta Saham" which involved the Head of DPR Setya Novanto. Putting the aforementioned scandals and clangor aside, there are several positive notes to be discussed in the political scene of 2015. Regional elections across the country ran relatively smoothly and peacefully. Meanwhile, economically, 2015 saw a slowdown in economic growth and a depreciation in the exchange rate of the Indonesian Rupiah. In the field of International Relations, 2015 marked the celebration of the 60th Afro-Asian Conference and the launch of the ASEAN Economic Community. The Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs focused on the enforcement of Indonesian sovereignty, the protection of Indonesian citizens abroad, the promotion of economic diplomacy and Indonesia's increased role whether on a regional or an International level. Moreover, the sinking of a ship that incited the anger of neighbouring countries, and the grant of authority for ministers to carry out bilateral relations with key countries that conflicted with the fundamental role of foreign ministry, were highlighted as well. The elevated tension between Saudi Arabia and Iran, the Korean peninsula conflict and the threat of ISIS became a concern in itself for the stability and peace of 2016. Indonesia also reiterated its support in the efforts to end the conflict of the South China Sea and the liberation of Palestine.

Talking Energy: Women's Important Role in Seeing the Recency of Energy

23 March 2016

JAKARTA - On Wednesday March 23, 2016. The Habibie Center in collaboration with Energy World Magazine Indonesia (EWINDO) have agreed to pay special attention to the sustainability of natural resources for the future of our country. One of the ways in which this effort is undertaken is through the public discussion entitled Talking Energy. This discussion held on Wednesday, the 23rd of March 2016 at 14.00 WIB – 16.00 WIB, at The Habibie Center building, floor number 3, Jalan Kemang Selatan No. 98, Jakarta.

This series of Talking Energy feature Wianda Puspongoro (Vice President Corporate Communication PT. PERTAMINA) and Novelita Primacahya Sri Hanto (CSR bidang pendidikan & Bina Lingkungan PT. Aneka Tambang Tbk), as speakers and Rahimah Abdulrahim (Direktur Eksekutif The Habibie Center) as moderator.

The objectives of this Talking Energy is to: (a) open new doors in energy governance from the perspective of women, (b) discuss the extent to which the role of women holds importance with regards to energy, (c) know the current issues concerning energy from the perspective of women, (d) decide the suitable steps from the point of view of women to rectify current energy issues.

Efficient energy production has become a crucial part of sustainability in energy. One of the key factors in energy sustainability is the role of professionals who are active in the field of energy as implementers and policy makers. Often, policy making is often seen as an occupation dominated by men, yet at the moment women have also become heavily involved as managers and professionals in the energy sector. This is reflected by the increase in the number of women who hold crucial roles in policy-making within the energy industry. This talk will discuss how women of various professions view the state of Indonesia's current energy sector and its potential to manufacture sustainable energy in optimally.

Talking Energy is a collaborative effort between The Habibie Center and Energy World Magazine Indonesia (EWINDO). Talking Energy focuses on discussing energy issues that exist in Indonesia from different viewpoints. This Talking Energy is the first of a series that will be held on a monthly frequency.

TechTalk #1: The Digital Economy and Democracy
10 May 2016

JAKARTA - On Tuesday May 10, 2016 Institute for Democratization through Science and Technology (IDST) The Habibie Center held a public discussion entitled "TechTalk: The Digital Economy and Democracy". The digital



economy has the potential to increase the prosperity of not just those in the upper class, but also those in the lower class of society. President Joko Widodo has announced his plans to support the e-commerce sector, wherein the government is projecting the e-commerce industry in Indonesia to reach 130 billion dollars in value by the year 2020. It is essential to achieve this target, and the Indonesian government invited all stakeholders to collaborate, including academics, businessmen and the community. This discussion featured Dr. -Ing. Ilham A. Habibie, MBA (Chairman IDST, The Habibie Center dan Dewan TIK Nasional), Mariam Barata (Direktorat Jenderal Aplikasi Informatika, Kominfo), Sanny Gaddafi (8Villages) as speakers and Estanto (Sekretaris IDST, THC) as moderator. In this discussion Mr. Ilham A. Habibie explained the current growth of digital economy and the efforts to capitalise on the potential of said digital economy to its maximum capacity. This was supported by the explanation Ms. Miriam Barata offered as a government representative, which outlined the actions that have been undertaken by the government and the regulations that have been and will be designed to support the development of digital economy. Meanwhile, Sanny Gaddafi through his 8villages became the exemplar young businessman who is able to maximise the use of digital technology to help farmers from the start of the production process up until the marketing process. "TechTalk: The Digital Economy and Democracy" is the first of a series of discussions to be held on a regular basis.



Death Penalty Polemic in Indonesia

8 September 2016

JAKARTA - On Thursday, Sep 8, 2016 The Habibie Center in collaboration with The Coalition for the Abolishment of the Death Penalty in ASEAN (CADPA) held discussion entitled "Death Penalty Polemic in Indonesia" at Plaza Indonesia. Currently, Southeast Asia particularly Indonesia has to deal with death penalty controversy in their society. For the third times, Indonesia government executed four death row convict on drugs (29/7). Previously President Jokowi had

done two executions. This massive death execution in Jokowi's era raise the pros and cons. Particular group supporting death penalty specifically related with drugs case. Death penalty perceived as the most effective tools to prevent serious crime like drugs. Furthermore, they also argue if Preseident Jokowi revoke death penalty, it will portray Indonesia as a weak country. On the other hand, particular group against strongly the death penalty as it threats human rights and shows Indonesia's setback in human rights protection. Moreover, Indonesia's law enforcement is still weak. There is a tendency for wrong accusation in implementing death penalty

or error in persona, resulted the convict being the victims of the justice as they do not get proper treatment legally. Death penalty also controvert with President Habibie's principle. President Habibie believe life and death only belongs to God. Human beings do not have any rights towards other's life. President Habibie also questiong the effectivity of death penalty in preventing drugs and other serious crimes. From those elaboration above, this discussion try to examine the relevance of death penalty in Indonesia regarding Indonesia's weakness in law enforcement.

1st FGD
Oil and Gas Policy Reform
28 October, 2016

JAKARTA - On Friday, 28 Oct, 2016 The Habibie Center held a closed focus group discussion regarding Oil and Gas Policy Reform. We gathered NGOs activist, think-tanks and scholars who focuses on oil and gas. We also invited Mr. Andang Bachtiar (National Energy Council) as a trigger speaker to explain the current condition in oil and gas sector, why this reformation is needed and what are the challenges. It helped us to maintain the discussion alive yet still on the track as oil and gas sector is very complicated and involves many aspects. The result of this discussion will be based for Habibie Center's position paper in oil and gas reformation. The Habibie Center argue the success of this reformation become important since oil and gas are the vital sectors in our governance but too many interest within the implementation. This condition resulted the delayed of the reformation at legislative. This discussion gave us the new perspective from other NGOs and think-tanks in boosting the oil and gas reform.

Oil and Gas Policy Reform
Media Briefing
29 November 2016

JAKARTA - On Tuesday, Nov 29, 2016 The Habibie Center held a media briefing discussion to several prominent national online mass media and newspaper regarding oil and gas policy reform. The objectives of this media briefing was to socialize

this issue to the public through mass media. As we know news coverage of this policy reform is very limited and only disseminated through particular actors. Meanwhile, public deserves the updated and accurate information about this policy reform. We also try to gather information, ideas, perspective and other updates from the journalist regarding this issue. We were very open with this exchange thoughts discussion as there might be different perspectives or ideas from the journalist comparing to the ideas of NGOs that we have gathered previously. This lively discussion lasted nearly for two hours.


2nd FGD
Oil and Gas Policy Reform
7 December 2016

JAKARTA - On Thursday, Dec 7, 2016. The Habibie Center held a closed focus group discussion regarding oil and gas policy reform. This second focus group discussion involved stakeholders from different roles such as BPPT, BAPPENAS, Ministry of energy and mineral resources, BPH MIGAS, PETRAGAS, IPA, etc. We invited Mr. Arif Budimanta (KEIN) and Mr. Fahmy Radhi (Former Reformation Team) as trigger speakers for this closed discussion. We gather perspective and arguments from stakeholders as they run the daily process in managing oil and gas. They can share their own experience, the challenges and their suggestion in order to boost the policy reform process. It was very important to gather and analyze

the perspective from stakeholders as they do know the shortage and the advantages of current system. They are very relatable with the issue. There were a lot of pros and cons during the discussion but mostly the participant of the discussion agreed to boost the oil and gas policy reform to be finished as soon as possible.

Training Human Rights
7-9 December 2016

JAKARTA - On 7-9 Dec 2016 The Habibie Center in collaboration with ASEAN Secretariat held human rights training on Human Rights Mechanisms or Systems and Disability Awareness for ACWC and AICHR representatives assistant from all of ASEAN member countries. The training was held in JW Marriot Hotel Jakarta. This training divided into 10 sessions which discussed about UN Human Rights Systems, Regional Human Rights Mechanisms, National Human Rights Institution, understanding disability, disability awareness Sensitivity : Disability Etiquette and the Role of Media in Raising Awareness on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, rights of persons with disabilities in the ASEAN community, UN CRPD, Human Rights - Based Approach to Achieve social inclusion and equality, and development of human rights in ASEAN. This training featured scholars, human rights activist, UN officer, and other experts in the region. This training aimed to provide better understanding for AICHR and ACWC staff about human rights particularly person with disabilities rights in the region.



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Talking ASEAN on AICHR: Past Achievements and Future Challenges

21 January, 2016

JAKARTA – On Thursday, 21 January 2016, The Habibie Center hosted its 30th Talking ASEAN dialogue titled “The Role of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) in Promoting Human Rights in ASEAN: Past Achievements and Future Challenges” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Talking ASEAN featured as resource persons Rafendi Djamin (Representative of Indonesia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission of Human Rights), Prof. Aleksius Jemadu (Dean, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Pelita Harapan University) and Daniel Awigra (Program Manager ASEAN Human Rights Working Group) with A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head, ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) moderating.

The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were to: (a) discuss the current progress of AICHR in promoting and protecting human rights; (b) address issues that may and have hindered AICHR in its functions; and (c) give recommendation for policy makers to strengthen the effectiveness of AICHR.

Since its establishment, AICHR has made notable achievements. The Commission successfully produced the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, which was adopted by ASEAN Leaders in November 2012. Furthermore, AICHR has to some extent been particularly successful in engaging in dialogue and consultation

with ASEAN member states and the international community. Although the above evidence points to the past achievements of AICHR, critics still decry the lack of strong commitment by ASEAN to promoting and protecting human rights in the region. The Southeast Asian region has encountered numerous human right issues. In general, the function of the AICHR as a human rights commission has experienced many challenges and success. The development of human rights is however in need of enhancement from both the national and regional level.

In this Talking ASEAN dialogue, expert panelist addressed the importance of AICHR’s role and their consequent challenges to finally identify possible policy recommendations to support the promotion and protection of human rights in the region.

Talking ASEAN in Vietnam

24-27 January, 2016

VIET NAM – On Tuesday, 26 January 2016, The Habibie Center in collaboration with Tan Tao University held a Talking ASEAN public dialogue entitled, “ASEAN

Cooperation for Enhancing Food Security in the Region” at Tan Tao University in Long An province, Vietnam. This particular edition of Talking ASEAN featured Prof. Vo Tong Xuan (Rector, Tan To University, Viet Nam), Dr. Michael Loc Pham (Assistant Provost, Dean of the School of Business and Economics, Tan Tao University, Viet Nam), and Prof. Dr. Rolando Dy (Executive

Director, Center for Food and Agribusiness, University of Asia and the Pacific, the Philippines) as resource persons with A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center, Indonesia) moderating. The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: (a) to analyze ASEAN’s current challenges in maintaining food security in the region; (b) to explore potential collaboration initiated by ASEAN member states in order to tackle those challenges; and (c) to identify future recommendations with regards to preserve adequate food supply in the region.

Talking ASEAN on Post COP 21

3 February 2016

JAKARTA – On Thursday, 3 February 2016, The Habibie Center hosted its 29th Talking ASEAN dialogue titled “Post-COP21 Climate Change: What Lies Ahead for Southeast Asian Countries and the ASEAN Region?” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Talking ASEAN featured as resource persons Muhsin Syihab (Deputy Director for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia), Moekti Handajani Soejachmoen (Assistant to the President’s Special Envoy for Climate Change, Republic of Indonesia), and Andreas Pramudianto (International Environmental Law Researcher, Center for Research on Human Resources and the Environment University of Indonesia; Lecturer, International Relations Department, University of Indonesia) with Wiryadi Adiwena (Head,

International Relations, The Habibie Center) moderating.

The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were to: (a) assess the success/failure of the latest Conference of the Parties 21 (COP21) in advancing global effort to tackle global warming; (b) identify the remaining challenges in reducing greenhouse gas emissions to avoid the threat of dangerous level of warming due to human activities; and (c) explore the potential role ASEAN could play in global effort to tackle global warming.

On December 12, 2015, the 2015 Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (COP21) was concluded.

Many regard the meeting as a historic success. A number of roadblocks of global effort to tackle climate change were indeed addressed in the final agreement, including global commitment to keep global temperature below 2 degrees Celcius and to review each country's contributions to cutting emissions every five years. The long debated point on "climate finance" was also settled with developed countries finally agreed to provide financial assistance for poorer nations in their attempt to address climate change problems. Progress notwithstanding, the climate change accord would face immense challenge in its

implementation, particularly from its non-binding nature.

What does this mean for those living in Southeast Asia? With most of the population centers are located in coastal areas, stakes are indeed high for Southeast Asian countries; global warming could bring cataclysmic effects to the region. Therefore, it is timely and important for Southeast Asian countries, particularly in their attempt to achieve a post-2015 resilient ASEAN, to pay even closer attention to climate change issues.

In this Talking ASEAN dialogue, expert panelist addressed the key objectives and identify the role of ASEAN in international landscape in mitigating the issue of climate change.



Talking ASEAN in Thailand

12 February 2016

THAILAND – On Friday, 12 February 2016, The Habibie Center in collaboration with the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Thailand held a Talking ASEAN public dialogue entitled, “The ASEAN Community is Here: Now What?” at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. This particular edition of Talking ASEAN featured H.E. Mr. Jakkrit Srivali (Director-General, Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thailand), Assist. Prof. Dr. Kittiprasertsuk (Director, Institute of East Asian Studies, Thammasat University), Dr. Alexander C. Chandra (Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center), and Mr. Kavi Chongkittavorn (Senior Fellow, ISIS Thailand) as resource persons with Prof. Dr. Thithinan Pongsudhirak (Director, ISIS Thailand) moderating. The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: (a) to

explore the opportunities and challenges that the ASEAN Community poses for Thailand; (b) to analyze in what ways the ASEAN Community will forward the notion of ASEAN Centrality in the face of the great power dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region; (c) to discuss the potential and challenges of the ASEAN Economic Community after 2015 for the region, in particular how such challenges will evolve in light of the ASEAN Community, of which the economic pillar calls for the free movement of skilled labor; (d) to explore potential collaboration initiated by ASEAN member states in order to tackle those challenges and to identify future recommendations

Talking ASEAN on Counter Terrorism

18 February 2016

JAKARTA – On Thursday, 18 February 2016, The Habibie Center hosted the 31st Talking ASEAN public dialogue titled “Countering ISIS in Southeast Asia” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This edition of Talking ASEAN was moderated by Muhamad Arif (Researcher, ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) and featured an expert panel made up of Prof. Indria Samego (Member of Board of Experts at The Habibie Center), Robi Sugara (Counter-Terrorism Analyst, Executive Director of the Indonesian Muslim Crisis Center) and A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center). The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were to: (a) assess the threats from the growing presence of ISIS in Indonesia and Southeast Asia in general; (b) assess national and regional capacity to counter ISIS-linked terrorist threats; and (c) explore national and regional

challenges and opportunities to counter ISIS-linked terrorist threats. The Jakarta attack followed a series of moves by ISIS in Southeast Asia that had spread fear and alert throughout the ASEAN. The growing presence of ISIS in the region presents a very real threat to the stability and security of Southeast Asia, as a home for approximately 240 million of Muslims, including a number of Islamist extremist and secessionist groups. A concerted effort to counter ISIS influence is necessary to maintain the political stability, social harmony and economic growth the ASEAN region has enjoyed. These efforts, however, should be consistent with the regional agenda to promote democratic values.

In this Talking ASEAN dialogue, expert panelist addressed the current threats from the growing presence of ISIS-linked terrorist to finally identify regional and global capacity in addressing the challenges.





Talking ASEAN in Laos
25 February 2016

VIENTIANE – On Friday, 25 February 2016, The Habibie Center in collaboration with the Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA) held a Talking ASEAN public dialogue entitled, “Women Empowerment and Gender Equality in the ASEAN Economic Community” at Vientiane Plaza Hotel in Vientiane, Lao PDR. This particular edition of Talking ASEAN featured as resource persons Ms. Chansoda Phonethip (Director General of National Commission

for Advancement of Women), Ms. Soukphaphone Phanit (Lao PDR’s representative for the ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children/ACWC), and Ms. Nguyen Thi Tuyet Minh (Chairwoman of Viet Nam Women Entrepreneurs Council/VWEC and ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs’ Network/AWEN) with H.E.Amb.Yong Chanthalangsy (Director General of the Laos Institute of Foreign Affairs) and Mr. A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) moderating.

The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: (a) to discuss the current development of women participation in the ASEAN Economic Community; (b) to identify challenges and opportunities in the efforts to promote women empowerment and gender equality in the ASEAN Economic Community; and (c) to produce possible recommendations on the efforts to promote women empowerment and gender equality in the ASEAN Economic Community.

Talking ASEAN in Cambodia 11 March 2016

CAMBODIA – On Friday, 11 March 2016, The Habibie Center and The Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) held a Talking ASEAN public dialogue on “Water Resource Security in the Mekong Region”. This particular Talking ASEAN featured as resource persons H.E. Watt Botkosol (Deputy Secretary General of the Cambodian National Mekong Committee), H.E.

Ambassador Pou Sothirak (Executive Director, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace), Dr. Chheang Vanarith (Former Executive Director of CICP, Co-Founder and Chairman of Cambodian Institute for Strategic Studies and Consultant for Southeast Asia Program for the Nippon Foundation in Singapore),

and Dr. Mak Sithirith (PhD in Geography (NUS in Singapore) and Post-doc in Water Governance & Climate Change (UNESCO-IHE, The Netherlands) with Pou Sovachana (Deputy Director in Charge of Research and Publication, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace) moderating. The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were to: (1) identify the threats and potentials posed by water resource management both from a security and non-security aspect; (2) discuss the current state of efforts at managing water resource security at the national and regional level; (3) promote multi-stakeholder dialogue on trans-boundary water resources management and strengthen regional networks whose

tasks are to promote greater collaboration in the Mekong region; (4) discuss how ASEAN can promote greater management of water resource security at the regional, national, and sub-national level, particularly the Mekong River Commission in putting in place good governance practice on the Mekong River; and (5) provide relevant recommendations on how to manage water resource in the Mekong River area in order to promote sustainable development and conflict free environment.

Talking ASEAN on Post-Special Leaders’ Summit U.S.-ASEAN Strategic Relationship 20 March 2016

JAKARTA – On Wednesday, 30 March 2016, The Habibie Center hosted the 32nd Talking ASEAN public dialogue titled “Post-Special Leaders’ Summit U.S.-ASEAN Strategic Relationship” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This edition of Talking ASEAN was moderated by A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) and featured an expert panel made up of Jamil Maidan Flores (Columnist & Consultant for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia), Courtney Kline (Political Officer, U.S. Mission to ASEAN), Dr. Evi Fitriani (Head of the International Relations Department, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Indonesia), and

Muhamad Arif (Researcher, ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie



Center).The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were to: (a) examine the dynamics during the 2016 U.S.-ASEAN Special Leaders' Summit and the results of the meeting;(b) identify regional perspective on the importance of maintaining security and economic cooperation

between ASEAN and the U.S.; and (c) identify challenges and opportunities in enhancing sustainable U.S.-ASEAN strategic relationship.

Talking ASEAN in Philippines

2 May 2016

PHILIPPINES – On Monday, 2 May 2016, The Habibie Center and Philippine Women's University (PWU) held a Talking ASEAN public dialogue on "Women's Leadership in ASEAN". This particular Talking ASEAN featured: H.E. Amb. Ma Hellen Della Vega (Assistant Secretary of the Office of ASEAN Affairs of the Philippines Foreign Office), Prof. Aurora Javate-De Dios (Executive Director of Miriam College-Women and Gender Institute/WAGI), Dr. Ir. Hetifah Sjaifudian

(Member of Commission II, House of Representatives, Republic of Indonesia/DPR-RI) as resource persons; Ms. Leticia Ramos-Shahani (former Philippine Senator and former Chair of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women), Ms. Socorro Reyes (Senior Regional Adviser for Governance, The Center for Legislative Department International), Dr. Endah Trista Agustiana (Technical Lead, ASEAN-U.S. PROGRESS), Dr. Kevin Villanueva (Senior Research Advisor, HZB School of International Relations and Diplomacy and Director, ASEAN Institute for Strategic Studies and Enterprise/ARiSE) as panel of interrogators; with H.E. Amb. Rosario G. Manalo moderating.

The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were to: (1) identify the causes and challenges facing women in participating in politics in ASEAN member states; (2) explore efforts undertaken by ASEAN and its member-states to increase women's political participation and measure the strengths and weaknesses of these efforts; and (3) identify future recommendations with regards to increasing women's political participation in ASEAN member-states.

Talking ASEAN on The Prospect for Maritime Law Enforcement Cooperation in the Region

25 May 2016

JAKARTA – On Wednesday, 25 May 2016, The Habibie Center hosted the 33rd Talking ASEAN dialogue titled "The Prospect for Maritime Law Enforcement Cooperation in the Region" at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This edition of Talking ASEAN was moderated by A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) and featured an expert panel made up H.E. Amb. Arif Havas Oegroseno (Deputy Minister for Maritime Sovereignty, Ministry for Maritime Affairs Republic of Indonesia), First Admiral Yuli Dharmawanto (Legal Director, Maritime Security Board, Republic of Indonesia), René Pattiradjawane, (Chairman of Center for Chinese Studies Foundation, Indonesia) and Dr. Arie Afriansyah (Djoko Soetono Research Center, Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia). The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were to: (a) identify the state of non-traditional, trans-national maritime security threats, especially piracy and armed robbery, in Southeast Asia; and (b) explore the limit and opportunities for maritime cooperation in Southeast Asia in general, and maritime law enforcement cooperation in particular.



Talking ASEAN on Reviewing the Potential Impact and Implementation of Indonesia's Economic Stimulus Packages

16 June 2016

JAKARTA – On Thursday, 16 June 2016, The Habibie Center hosted the 32nd Talking ASEAN dialogue titled “Reviewing the Potential Impact and Implementation of Indonesia's Economic Stimulus Packages” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This edition of Talking ASEAN was moderated by Ms. Fina Astriana (Researcher, ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) and featured an expert panel made up of Ms. Lorenta Siahaan (Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs), Mr. Umar Juoro (Chairman of the Supervisory Board

of Bank Indonesia/Member of Board of Experts, The Habibie Center) and Dr. Eric Alexander Sugandi (Senior Economic Analyst, Kenta Institute). The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were to: (a) discuss the recent 12 economic packages launched by the Government of Indonesia; (b) identify possible impact and consequences of the launch of the economic packages on Indonesia as the largest economy in ASEAN; (c) identify possible challenges from the economic packages; and (d) provide recommendations to further improving the economic packages.

Talking ASEAN on ACSC/APF 2016

21 June 2016

JAKARTA – On Tuesday, 21 June 2016, The Habibie Center held its 35th Talking ASEAN dialogue titled “ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN People's Forum (ACSC/APF) 2016 in Timor-Leste: Potentials and Constraints for the Future of CSOs' Engagement” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Talking ASEAN featured as speakers Isman Pasha (Councillor, Directorate of ASEAN Functional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia), Yuyun Wahyuningrum (Senior Advisor on ASEAN and Human Rights, Human Rights Working Group), Mugiyanto (Senior Program Officer for Human Rights and Democracy, INFID), and Yoong Yoong Lee (Director of Community Affairs Directorate, ASEAN Secretariat) with Askabea Fadhillah (Researcher, The Habibie Center) moderating. The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were to: (a) examine potentials and challenges for Timor-Leste in hosting the ACSC/APF2016; (b) identify ASEAN perspective on the importance of Timor-Leste as the host of the ACSC/APF2016 in engaging Southeast Asia people; and (c) explore the possibilities of improving CSOs future engagement through the existing mechanism of the ACSC/APF.



Talking ASEAN on Post-Tribunal's Ruling South China Sea Dispute

26 July 2016

JAKARTA – On Tuesday, 26 July 2016, The Habibie Center hosted the 36th Talking ASEAN dialogue “Post-Tribunal's Ruling South China Sea Dispute” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This edition of Talking ASEAN was moderated by Mr. A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) and featured an expert panel made up of Dr. Siswo Pramono (Director General/ Head of the Policy Analysis & Development Agency (BPPK) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia), Mr. Rene Pattiradjawane (Chairman of the Center for Chinese Studies Foundation), and Mr. Muhamad Arif (Researcher at the ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center). The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were: (a) To identify how the ruling would affect the prospect for the rule-based order and stability in the region; (b) To identify the challenges and opportunities presented by the ruling to the unity and centrality of ASEAN in maintaining peace and stability in the region; and (c) To explore the possible courses of action that Indonesia, and other concerned parties, could take to make the most of the ruling for the sake of maintaining peace and stability in the region.



Talking ASEAN on AICHR

27 September 2016

JAKARTA – On Tuesday, 27 September 2016, The Habibie Center (THC) held its 37th Talking ASEAN dialogue titled “Towards the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN: Reviewing AICHR's Past Achievements and Future Challenges in Promoting Human Rights” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Talking ASEAN featured Mr. Edmund Bon (Representative of Malaysia, ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights) and Ms. Yuyun Wahyuningrum (Senior Advisor, Human Rights Working Group), with Wirya Adiwena, THC's Head of International Relations, moderating.

The objectives of this dialogue were to: (a) discuss the AICHR's progress thus far in fulfilling its mandate; (b) explore the problems that is hindering the AICHR's effectiveness, particularly the transparency of its complaint addressing mechanism;

and (c) identify policies which can improve the AICHR.

Despite the various successes the AICHR has made towards promoting human rights in the ASEAN region, such as the creation of the ASEAN Declaration of Human Rights, there are still many criticisms directed towards the AICHR, particularly regarding its perceived lack of effectiveness and its opacity in dealing with allegations of human rights abuses. If this assessment that the AICHR lacks the sufficient transparency in the management of complaints submitted to them holds true, then there may not even exist a credible way in which the public can measure the efficiency with which the AICHR operates. The expert panelists discussed not just the various achievements the AICHR has thus far accomplished, but also evaluate the current state of the AICHR, and discuss the many improvements the AICHR can make in order to address current and future challenges.

1st FGD ERIA for Youth

6 October 2016

JAKARTA - On Thursday, October 6, 2016 The Habibie Center in collaboration with Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia held focus group discussion on ASEAN awareness. This FGD focusing on youth and student to gather their current perspective about ASEAN. There were 13 university student from various major and 3 high school students. Surprisingly, they are knowledgeable well with the establishment of ASEAN, ASEAN's role, how media portray ASEAN and what are ASEAN's shortage. They were 16 active students who very vigorous and optimistic about ASEAN. They know what should they do in order to be affiliated in ASEAN and survive in ASEAN's competitiveness. They also perceived they are citizen of ASEAN which they couldn't deny. The outcome of this focus group discussion gave all of us a good signal that the ASEAN awareness already disseminated well to the society especially Indonesian youth in this case.

2nd FGD ERIA for Academic, NGO, CSO

12 October 2016

JAKARTA - On Wednesday, 12 October 2016, The Habibie Center in collaboration with Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia held focus group discussion on ASEAN awareness. This FGD try to gather opinions, perspectives and ideas from NGO officers and scholars regarding ASEAN awareness. In line with the result

of 1st Focus Group Discussion on Youth, Focus Group Discussion on NGOs already noticed the presence and role of ASEAN in the region. As the participant of this Focus Group Discussion came from various NGOs, we luckily had a broad and comprehensive discussion about ASEAN awareness. Every participant emphasize the role of ASEAN on their own field. For example human rights NGO criticized the seriousness of ASEAN in tackling human rights issue in the region and provide the effective framework. Meanwhile NGO from economic fields criticize the implementation of several charters in ASEAN which are legally binding but do not have any punishment if we violate the rules.

Talking ASEAN on Drug Policies

13 October 2016

JAKARTA – On Thursday, 13 October 2016, The Habibie Center hosted Talking ASEAN dialogue entitled “Drug Policies in Southeast Asia: Towards a More Humane Approach?” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta.

This edition of Talking ASEAN was moderated by Mr. Muhamad Arif (ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) and featured an expert panel made up of Irjen. Pol. Drs. Arief Wicaksono Sudiutomo (Deputy of Law and Cooperation, the National Narcotics Agency/BNN), Ms. Dwi Ria Latifa (Member of Commission III, House of Representative, Republic of Indonesia), Dr. Ali Wibisono (Lecturer, International

Relations Department, University of Indonesia), and Mr. Ricky Gunawan (Human Rights Lawyer and Director of the Community Legal Aid Institute).

The objectives of this Talking ASEAN were to: (a) explore the current state of drug-related crimes in Indonesia and Southeast Asia in general; (b) find the possible best approach to drug-related crimes based on Southeast Asia countries' experiences; (c) identify the the pros and cons of adopting 'harder' and 'softer' approaches to drugs; and (d) discover the challenges and opportunities for Southeast Asian countries to work together to improve regional drugs policies.

The first to speak was Irjen. Pol. Drs. Arief Wicaksono Sudiutomo who explained the scope of work that BNN has conducted as part of Indonesia's national policy on drugs. Mr. Ricky Gunawan, as the second speaker argued, that it is time to change the approach on War on Drugs by embracing the existing evidence. This argument also echoed by Dr. Ali Wibisono, who emphasized that it is important to shift the approach from national security to human security, especially when most vulnerable groups are involved. The last one to speak, Ms. Dwi Ria Latifa, confirmed that it is a general consensus that drugs is an imminent threat to state or society.

This was followed by a Question and Answer session which heard a number of participants in the audience address questions to the resource persons.

**3rd FGD ERIA
for Business Sector**
19 October 2016

JAKARTA - On Wednesday, October 19, 2016 The Habibie Center in collaboration with Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) held the 3rd focus group discussion on ASEAN awareness at Hermitage Hotel. This 3rd discussion focused to gather perspectives, ideas and comments from business sector regarding ASEAN and how they perceived ASEAN or how ASEAN influencing their business. Unlike the first and second FGD on youth and NGOs who perceived ASEAN positively, this business sector discussion tend to perceived ASEAN a little bit pessimistic. Eventhough they already know about ASEAN but they do not get any specific benefits from ASEAN. They emphasized on several shortage in ASEAN mechanism to provide stable condition for investment in the region. They argued, Indonesia government should take any further actions and maximize ASEAN to boost economic growth. As they tend to see Indonesia being exploited by other countries in ASEAN only as a potential market. Meanwhile, we haven't done any successful attempt in penetrating other markets in ASEAN member states. But they also agreed ASEAN could be an effective tools to motivate Indonesia market as it motivates us to be more competitive in many ways.

**1st FGD on
ASEAN Common Visa**
19 October 2016

JAKARTA - On Wednesday, October 19, 2016 The Habibie Center under the EU - ASEAN Migration and Border Programme II which is funded by the EU and implemented by Interpol held first Focus Group Discussion on ASEAN Common Visa Research at Hermitage Hotel. The aims of the 1st FGD was to agree on the framework, methodology and the scope of the research. This ASEAN Common Visa project will have three different analysis on political security perspective, business-economy perspective and socio-cultural perspective. This study will analyze what kind of common Visa ASEAN wants and shall not follow the Schengen Visa

system as the nature, objectives and background of the needs of the visa are different between both regions. This study will take into account border management since ASEAN is divided between mainland and maritime ASEAN. This study will focus on three issues which are : visa rejection (which institution has the right to reject visa applications), Fee issues (how the visa fee will be distributed among ASEAN member states), and EU Schengen territory rules. This study will define the people who can obtain the ASEAN common visa, whether it is for tourists, businessman, etc. in the socio-cultural perspective, the ASEAN common visa shall contribute to regional identity building, promote tourism sector, and help fostering ASEAN identity





Talking ASEAN on Tax Amnesty

27 October 2016

JAKARTA – On Thursday, 27 October 2016, The Habibie Center (THC) held its Talking ASEAN dialogue entitled “The Impact and Challenges of Tax Amnesty in Indonesia” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Talking ASEAN featured Mr. Umar Juoro (Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Bank Indonesia/member of Board of Experts, The Habibie Center), and Mr. Yustinus Prastowo (Executive Director, Center for Indonesia Taxation Analysis (CITA)), with Fina Astriana, THC’s researcher, moderating.

The objectives of this dialogue were to: (a) discuss the recent tax

amnesty program in Indonesia, (b) identify the impact and consequences of the tax amnesty on Indonesia’s economy, (c) discuss the challenges from the implementation of the amnesty program, including its effects on Indonesia’s relations with neighboring ASEAN countries, and (d) provide recommendations to further improve the tax amnesty program.

In an attempt to boost much-needed tax revenues, the government of Indonesia launched yet another tax amnesty program. The amnesty program tries to either bring back assets that they have stored abroad or to report previously undeclared

assets. So far, the program has achieved mixed results, with asset declarations higher than expected while asset repatriation has fallen below the government’s stated goal. The program also created an issue between Singapore and Indonesia when there were reports that Singaporean banks reported the names of Indonesians who participated in the program. The expert panelists discussed the various issues concerning the implementation of the program and also the many consequences of what the program has achieved thus far.

ASEAN-India Media Exchange Program

15 December 2016

JAKARTA - On Thursday, 15 December 2016. The Habibie Center hosted a visit from 7 member team comprising of Journalist from Indonesia. The familiarization visit of journalists is taking place under ASEAN - India Media Exchange Programme. This program was initiated by Indian Mission to ASEAN. In line with long good relationship between Indian Mission to ASEAN and Habibie Center, this visit enhance the cooperation and exchange of information between them. This discussion last for one hours. During the discussion there are a lot of issues and concern which being examined specially on security issue in the region and the update of current condition in South China Sea and what are the implication for two countries and the region. This visit also emphasize the needs for further cooperation and collaboration between Indian mission to ASEAN and The Habibie Center

Talking ASEAN on AEC: Progress and Challenges of Southeast Asian Economic Integration

16 December 2016

JAKARTA - On Friday, Dec 16, 2016 The Habibie Center in collaboration with Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs, Indonesia Mission to ASEAN, ISD, and Binus University held Talking ASEAN : The Business Series Entitled "1 Year ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) : Progress and Challenges of Southeast

Asian Economic Integration" at Akmani Hotel. December 2016 marks the first anniversary of the official launch of the ASEAN Economic Community. Although ASEAN was quite successful in pushing for ASEAN's economic integration with each other and with the global economy, there are still much more work to be done in fully integrating the ten economies together. The immediate priority of the AEC now is to complete the plans of the 2015 AEC blueprint and start working on the AEC Blueprint 2025. There is little doubt that ASEAN's economic integration is becoming more of an anomaly in a world taken over by a wave of populism with a protectionist bent, but experts generally agree that the benefits of deeper economic integration outweighs the benefits if each ASEAN member state pursues its own distinct agendas. Because the AEC was designed to serve the interests of the region's population, the public's awareness and businesses' utilization of the AEC facilities is an important parameter to measure the success of the AEC. Equally important, the AEC's ability to address the negative impacts of integration is of paramount importance in judging

whether or not the integration process has been managed well. This Business Series featured Dr. raldi Hendro Koestoer (Senior Adviser to the Minister for Relation of Economic, Human Development and Culture, The Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia) to give his opening remarks, Prof. Patrick Ziegenhain (Visiting Professor, Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya) as Main Speaker and H.E. Amb. rahmat Pramono (Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to ASEAN), Dr. Yose Rizal Damuri (Head of the Department of economic CSIS and ISD Board and Founders), Dr. Nla Sarinastiti (Marketing and Communications Director Accenture Indonesia and ISD Board of Directors) and Ms. felia Salim (ISD Advisor) as Discussants. The objectives of this business series were to : facilitate ASEAN and its AMS, especially Indonesia, to socialize recent updates concerning AEC 2025 blueprint implementation and provide a platform with which ASEAN businesses and other stakeholders could interact with ASEAN policy-makers to discuss pressing issues around AEC 2025 blueprint implementation





2nd FGD on ASEAN Common Visa 20 December 2016

JAKARTA - On Tuesday, Dec 20, 2016, The Habibie Center under the EU - ASEAN Migration and Border Programme II which is funded by the EU and implemented by Interpol held a half day event structured discussion at Ritz Calton Hotel. The participant got brief introduction about the “Comprehensive Feasibility Study on ASEAN Common Visa” and then followed by structured discussion whereby participants asked to provide information about current visa policies of their respective countries including multilateral arrangements. This discussion become important as ASEAN has emerged as one of the largest economic zones in the world. ASEAN needs to consider a more strategic initiative to facilitate

a secured and freer movement of people. Regarding this concern, ASEAN Common Visa would be an important initiative within ASEAN to advance the region’s economic growth. On the economic perspective, the common visa policy would further support the strategic importance of the tourism industry for sustainable socio-economy growth of the ASEAN member states and the diversity in cultures, economy, and the complementary advantages across the region. In addition to the economic imperatives of regional visa, there are also the political-security and socio-cultural aspects to be reflected upon. A move towards an ASEAN Common Visa would require the ten ASEAN Member States to harmonize the different visa policies with their own characteristics, strategic outlook and threat perception. The subject of border management

would also be a major challenge to discuss, considering that it has always been a major issue among ASEAN member states. Moreover, it’s also crucial to take into account the future role of ASEAN common visa policy in the establishment of a peaceful, economically integrated and advanced region, centered on and oriented to the people of ASEAN. The objectives of this Focus Group Discussion were as follows to : gather officials from the ten ASEAN member states based in Jakarta, investigate the current visa policies of the ten ASEAN member states for non-ASEAN nationals as well as existing bilateral and multilateral arrangements in visa policies in the ASEAN region and gather specific information required by the research team with regards to the Final report’s baseline mapping of existing visa policies in the ASEAN region

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



A blue-tinted photograph of three people in a meeting, overlaid with the text 'International Scholar Series'. The image shows three individuals in a professional setting, possibly a conference or meeting. The person on the left is seen from the back, wearing a dark suit. The person in the center is a woman with glasses, wearing a light-colored blazer over a dark top, and is gesturing with her hands as if speaking. The person on the right is a man with glasses, wearing a light-colored shirt, looking towards the woman. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a doorway or a wall with some panels. The overall tone is professional and academic.

International Scholar Series

1st Ambassador Seminar Series on U.S. Foreign Policy towards ASEAN

20 January 2016

JAKARTA – On Wednesday, 20 January 2016, The Habibie Center hosted its 1st Ambassador Seminar Series dialogue titled, “U.S. Foreign Policy towards ASEAN” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Ambassador Seminar Series featured H.E. Amb. Nina Hachigian (Ambassador of U.S. Mission to ASEAN) as a Keynote Speaker, H.E. Amb. Rahmat Pramono (Permanent Representative of Indonesia) to ASEAN and H.E. Amb. Dato’ Hasnudin Hamzah (Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN) as discussants, with Dr. Rudi Sukandar (Senior Researcher, The Habibie Center) as a moderator.

The objectives of this Ambassador Seminar Series were to: (a) discuss the state of ASEAN-US relations, especially in terms of challenges, opportunities that will come from the elevated ASEAN-US Strategic Partnership; (b) explore the possible impact of the ASEAN-US Strategic

Partnership on the geostrategic environment of the Asia-Pacific; and (c) identify recommendations to ensure the ASEAN-US Strategic Partnership withstand the changeable nature of government-to-government relations and can build effective people-to-people and business-to-business linkages in support of the realization of ASEAN Community 2015.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United States of America (U.S) have been partners for nearly 40 years, working together on shared goals of stability, prosperity, and peace in Southeast Asia. The U.S has consistently committed itself to the U.S-ASEAN Partnership for the long run. This commitment was demonstrated by the announcement of a new ‘ASEAN-US Strategic Partnership’ and an ‘ASEAN-US Plan of Action 2016–2020’ which significantly elevates the relationship between the US and ASEAN member states (AMS) and further deeper.

The ASEAN-US Plan of Action 2016-2020, which serves to implement the elevated strategic partnership

between the two parties, particularly focuses on five priority areas of cooperation, namely: economic integration, maritime cooperation, transnational challenges including climate change, emerging leaders and women’s opportunities.

Many analysts see the newly signed Strategic Partnership between ASEAN and the US is not only focusing on the officially-stated five priority areas of cooperation but also as a clear sign that Washington still holds a critical role in the ASEAN region and will continue to ensure the security of the wider Asia-Pacific region.

By looking at the aforementioned conditions, it is easy to envisage continued U.S presence in the ASEAN region. At the same time, with President Obama entering his final year in office, it is also easy to understand the concerns of some about the U.S commitment to ASEAN. As such further discussions are needed to give better understanding about the situation in ASEAN and the U.S policies toward it.



**International Scholar Series
2016 Trends and Forecast:
Global and Southeast Asia's
Strategic Environment**
2 February 2016

JAKARTA - On Tuesday, Feb 2, 2016 The Habibie Center held the dialogue International Scholar Series I 2016 with the theme of "2016 Trends and Forecast: Global and Southeast Asia's Strategic Environment" at The Habibie Center building, Jakarta. This event was held as a collaborative effort between The Habibie Center and the United States Embassy in Jakarta, The United States-Indonesia Society (USINDO) and Foreign Policy Community Indonesia (FPCI). This round of International Scholar Series featured Prof. Casimir A. Yost, senior fellow at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University and adjunct member of the RAND Corporation. Previously, Prof. Yost worked for the National Intelligence Council as a part of the Strategic Futures Group and later as a member of the Long Range Analysis Unit. This International Scholar Series aimed to: (1) identify major trends that must be anticipated in 2016 on a global and regional level, (2) discuss the trends that affect the lives of citizens, the government, the business sector and the environment, (3) discuss the challenges and opportunities that must be anticipated in 2016, and (4) discuss the approach to policies that would be taken by the president of the United States in conjunction with countries in the region.

Several key moments in the early months of 2016 were indicative of strategic tendencies in the global and regional levels in the years to come. Terrorist acts that have been affiliated with ISIS has spread across the Middle East, Europe, the USA and Asia. Indonesia is not immune to such terrorist threats either, as evidenced by the recent terrorist acts across Jakarta. Meanwhile, the continuous drop in world oil price remained a key factor of the world's economic growth. The issue of refugees from the Middle East had also captured international attention. On a regional level, the strategic rivalry between the USA and China was still a main issue. Issues of disputed territories, non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the safety of navigation and seafaring also presented challenges to the efforts of maintaining stability and peace in the region.

On the other hand, the finalization of the Iranian nuclear pact and the agreement concerning the climate change that was achieved in a meeting in Paris last year provided some optimism that nations are starting to firmly believe that global issues can only be resolved through collaboration.

The American presidential election for the next term has commenced in early this year. It is vital to see how issues and strategic tendencies above will affect US foreign policy and US relations with Southeast Asian countries, especially Indonesia.

**2nd Ambassador Seminar
Series on ASEAN-India
Relations**

24 March 2016

JAKARTA – On Thursday, 24 March 2016, The Habibie Center held its 2nd Ambassador Seminar Series dialogue titled,

"ASEAN-India Relations: A New Paradigm" at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Ambassador Seminar Series featured H.E. Amb. Suresh K. Reddy (Ambassador of the Republic of India to ASEAN) as a Keynote Speaker, H.E. Amb. Nguyen Hoanh Nam (Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to ASEAN) and Dr. Makmur Keliat (Lecturer, International Relations Department, University of Indonesia) as discussants, with

Ms. Rahimah Abdulrahim (Executive Director The Habibie Center) moderating. The objectives of this Ambassador Seminar Series were to: (a) discuss the state of ASEAN-India relations, especially in terms of challenges and opportunities that will occur from the developed ASEAN-India relations; (b) explore the alternative/possible sectors

of engagement between ASEAN and India in this contemporary setting of international affair; and (c) identify further recommendations to ensure a greater contemporary ASEAN-Indian relations that can withstand the changeable nature of government-to-government relations and can build effective people-to-people and business-to-business linkages.



4th Ambassador Seminar Series on The Role of The Republic of Korea as ASEAN Dialogue Partner
24 May 2016

JAKARTA – On Tuesday, 24 May 2016, The Habibie Center held its 4th Ambassador Seminar Series dialogue titled, “The Role of The Republic of Korea as ASEAN Dialogue Partner Post-2015” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Ambassador Seminar Series featured H.E. Amb. Suh Jeong-in (Ambassador of The Republic of Korea to ASEAN) as Keynote Speaker, H.E. Amb. Norng Sakal (Permanent Representative of the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia to ASEAN), and Dr. Alexander C. Chandra (Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center) as discussants with Ms. Rahimah Abdulrahim (Executive Director, The Habibie Center) moderating. The objective of this Ambassador Seminar Series were to: (a) discuss the state of ASEAN-Republic of Korea relations, especially in terms of challenges, opportunities that will occur from the developed ASEAN-ROK relations; (b) explore the alternative/possible sectors of engagement between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea in this contemporary setting of international affair; and (c) identify further recommendations to ensure a greater contemporary ASEAN-Republic of Korea relations that can withstand the changeable nature of government-to-government relations and can build effective people-to-people and business-to-business linkages.

3rd Ambassador Seminar Series on EU-ASEAN Relations
26 April 2016

JAKARTA – On Tuesday, 26 April 2016, The Habibie Center held its 3rd Ambassador Seminar Series dialogue

titled, “EU-ASEAN Relations: 40 Years of Diplomatic Relations towards a Strategic Partnership” at The Habibie Center Building in Jakarta. This particular Ambassador Seminar Series featured H.E. Amb. Francisco Fontan Pardo (Ambassador of the European Union to ASEAN) as Keynote Speaker, H.E. Amb. Busadee Santipitaks (Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to ASEAN), and Dr. Alexander C. Chandra (Associate Fellow, The Habibie Center) as discussants with Ms. Rahimah Abdulrahim (Executive

Director, The Habibie Center) moderating.

The objective of this Ambassador Seminar Series were to: (a) discuss the state of ASEAN-EU relations, especially in terms of challenges and opportunities that will occur from a developed ASEAN-EU relations; (b) explore the alternative/possible sectors of engagement between ASEAN and the EU in this contemporary setting of international affairs; and (c) identify further recommendations to enhance diplomatic relations between ASEAN and the EU so that it can withstand the changeable nature of government-to-government relations and can build effective people-to-people and business-to-business linkages.

A group of people in a meeting, with one person in the foreground gesturing with their hand raised. The image is overlaid with a blue gradient.

A Center for Open Dialogue and Expanding International Networks

A group of approximately 20-25 people, including men and women of various ages, are gathered in a meeting room. They are dressed in professional attire, such as suits and blouses. Some are seated in the front row, while others stand behind them. The room has a white wall and a doorway in the background. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Visits and Cooperations

15+15 Indonesia-New Zealand Dialogue

15 - 20 January 2016

BANDUNG - On the 17th to the 19th January 2016, The Habibie Center, together with the Asian-NZ Foundation, held the Second 15+15 Indonesia-New Zealand Dialogue at Hyatt Regency Bandung, Indonesia. The objectives of the dialogue aimed to strengthen the ties between the people of Indonesia and New Zealand -- two countries that are geographically within close proximity but still have a lot to learn about one another.

This year, Bandung had the honour of hosting thirty young leaders in the Second 15+15 Indonesia-New Zealand Dialogue entitled "Transforming Relations." In the course of three days, these young movers and shakers had been challenged to 'transform' both countries' relations by exchanging views, ideas, and experiences, to highlight the strengths and opportunities that exist in the Indonesia-New Zealand relationship from various perspectives, and to finally reflect on the joint-collaboration that may have emerged from this interaction.

The first day of the dialogue served as a foundation for the participants to understand both countries' development in six major areas: (1) Governance, policy, and international relations, (2) Law and human rights, (3) Community development, education and health, (4) Environmental conservation and natural resources, (5) Business, finance and trade, and (6) Media. Two delegates from both countries were chosen to share their insight and experience in their area of expertise.

The previous session on the first day was then followed by a collaborative cross-sector workshop. At this stage, the delegates were further challenged to join forces and develop ideas in order to deliver a timely yet tangible outcome of the dialogue. The discussion led to a unanimous proposal on establishing a permanent platform in which the delegates can take turns to contribute to the continuous exchange of ideas between New Zealanders and Indonesians.

It was also a huge privilege for the forum to welcome Evi Trisna, the Executive Director of Indonesia Mengajar. The initiative that she

carries has sent thousands of young minds to teach primary education in rural areas. It had sent ripples of impact even in the most remote parts of the country.

Another great name in the panelist was Dwinita "Tita" Larasati, the General Secretary of Bandung Creative City Forum (BCCF), a forum which aims to provide benefits to the creative community and the community at large. She explained how Bandung transformed into the so-called 'Creative City' until UNESCO awarded the title and listed Bandung as one of its Creative Cities network.

In relation to this advantageous dialogue, The Habibie Center, in cooperation with the Asian New Zealand Foundation, will proudly host the third 15+15 Indonesia-New Zealand Dialogue with more specific sectors to bring this dialogue to another level of cooperation between two countries. We believe this 15+15 Indonesia-New Zealand Dialogue built durable ties between these young movers and shakers from both sides.



Introducing MHF Japan: Biofuel-Producing Machine

19 February 2016

JAKARTA - On Friday, Feb 19, 2016 The Habibie Center held a public dialogue entitled 'Introducing MHF Japan: Biofuel-Producing Machine', with regards to Indonesia's big potential in the bioenergy field. According to Mr. Akira Sakamoto as a speaker and the inventor of the MHF machine, environmentally-friendly energy produced by the MHF machine could increase agricultural activity and increase the labour force in the agricultural industry. From his extensive experience he has successfully designed 'MHF' or 'Micro-emulsified Hydro Fuels', a machine that produces bio-fuels and is suitable to the conditions in Indonesia. Born in 1950 in the Nagano Prefecture of Japan and received his degree in Electrical Engineering, Mr. Sakamoto began his career at the Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corporation (NTT) and was tasked with transferring analogue networks to a digital form. When assigned to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) or popularly as Monbusho, he was involved in the research of biomass for power generation at Tokyo University and as an innovator in diesel fuel at Toyota Motor.

Study Visit from KPI

Tuesday, Feb 7, 2017

JAKARTA – On Monday, 7th of March 2016, The Habibie Center was honoured by a visit from the King Prajadhipok's Institute (KPI) of Thailand. KPI is an academic institution under the National Assembly of Thailand.

KPI held a training workshop certified as 'Thailand and ASEAN Community in Global Politic Economy', where one of the workshop's program is carried out through collaboration with The Habibie Center. We held a limited discussion with the theme of "Indonesian Culture and Society in ASEAN Community Year I :What is to be expected?" The aim of this training is to (1) Analyse the effects of the implementation of the ASEAN Community on every ASEAN country, particularly in Thailand, (2) enhance the readiness of both the government and the private sector in adapting to regional changes, including to develop insights from various communities such as businesses, governments, the private sector and civil society.

In an effort to enhance the participants' understanding of the ASEAN community, the closed the dialogue featured A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center), Fina Astriana and Askabea Fadhillah (researchers in the ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center). The discussion consisted of 42 participants comprising of local politicians, civil servants, local government representatives and employees of both public sector and the private sector.



IORA Dialogue

12 - 14 April 2016

PADANG - On 12 -14 April 2016 The Habibie Center, in collaboration with Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was honored to host the 3rd Indian Ocean Dialogue. The Indian Ocean Dialogue is a stand-alone I.5 Track dialogue forum for member countries and dialogue partners of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). In this third edition, the organising committee assumed “Addressing Security Challenges in the Indian Ocean through Enhanced Regionalism” as the theme. The three days event was organised into five interactive sessions focusing on strategic challenges that are facing Indian Ocean Region: rule-based regionalism in the Indian Ocean; piracy and armed robbery, illicit trafficking and maritime terrorism; regional cooperation on combating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing; the role of naval powers in

enhancing security in the Indian Ocean, and; energy in the Indian Ocean.

As the current chairman of the IORA, it is in Indonesian national interest to have a strengthened, inclusive and rule-based regionalism in the Indian Ocean Region that could address challenges as well as benefit all of the countries in the region. The organising of the 3rd Indian Ocean Dialogue was aligned to that agenda.

The 3rd Indian Ocean Dialogue culminated in an outcome document, the Padang Consensus that documented the issues raised and discussed during the two days dialogue. The Padang Consensus highlighted, among others, the importance of promoting connectivity to facilitate equitable economic development as well as people-to-people contact in the Indian Ocean Region; the complexity and inter-relatedness

of non-traditional security threats that require holistic and comprehensive partnerships among regional countries; the importance of confidence-building measures to cultivate trust among regional navies.

In the first day of the event, the delegates had the opportunity to attend the opening ceremony of the 2nd Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo and the 2nd International Fleet Review hosted by the Indonesian Navy at the Teluk Bayur, Padang.

The Habibie Center, in coordination with its counterparts in the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was responsible to draft the agenda and the themes of the dialogues as well as to moderate the sessions. The Habibie Center’s Executive Director and one of its researchers also spoke as panellists. The Habibie Center is proud to be an important part of the concerted effort to strengthen the regionalism in the Indian Ocean Region.



Myanmar Ethnic Group Leader

19 April 2016

JAKARTA - On Tuesday, 19 April 2016, The Habibie Center hosted a visit from Harvard's Kennedy School Myanmar Program and Proximity Designs at Hermitage Hotel. The delegation of Myanmar leaders participated in a One-Day Structured Discussion to address the issues of State Building, Regional Autonomy and Peace Process: Lesson Learned from Indonesian Democratic Transition. Following the historic Myanmar Elections on November 8, 2015, the country is currently in a critical juncture of its erratic democratization process. This one day structured seminar is intended to provide a comparative perspectives to the Myanmar leaders concerning various issues related to transition from authoritarian military regime to a free, democratic accountable elected government. The structured discussion is first of all to address similarities and differences between Myanmar and Indonesia as plural societies. The two countries were controlled by authoritarian military regimes for decades. The authoritarian military regime in Indonesia resulted in significant economic development and improvement in people's living standards, despite its numerous shortcomings. Instead, the Myanmar state and economy experienced deterioration. In political development Myanmar has failed to develop a common ideology to function as unifying factor for all ethnic and religious groups. Indonesia is fortunate to have Pancasila or five basic principles as state ideology has been able to enliven harmonious life among different groups and

maintain Indonesia unity as a unitary state. Indonesia's founding fathers adopted Pancasila as the state ideology and created a common set of beliefs. By not adopting sharia, they united Indonesians from different ethnic and religious groups. This might be a good model for Myanmar leaders to search for a unifying state ideology or common denominator that would be accepted by both the Burmese and various ethnic groups. Such a unifying state ideology or common denominator would likely ease the tension between Myanmar ethnic armed groups and the central government. This one day structured seminar featured several prominent speakers such as Romo Magnis Suseno, Dr. Made Suwandi, Dr. Wahyu Prasetyawan, May-Gen Sudrajat, Dr. Adrianus Meliala, Mr. Solahudin etc.

Sasakawa Preparatory Meeting

25 April 2016

JAKARTA - On Monday July 10, 2017, The Habibie Center warmly welcomed students from American University lead by Dr. Pek Koon. The delegations were welcomed by Our Head of ASEAN Studies Program, Mr. A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi and team and also our Associate Fellow, Dr. Rudi Sukandar. The aims of this visit was to discuss Indonesia-US-ASEAN relations under the Jokowi Administration as well as the role of Muhammadiyah and Islam in Indonesia. The discussion divided into two session and lasted for a day

Institutional Visit from IDE

28 April 2016

JAKARTA – On Thursday, the 28th of April 2016, The Habibie Center received an honorary visit from the Institute Darul Ehsan (IDE), Selangor, Malaysia. IDE is a think-tank founded by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. Delegations from IDE featured Dato Dr. Siddiq Fadzil (Chairman, IDE), Prof. Dato'. Dr. Mohammad Redzuan Othman (President, Universiti Selangor), Dr. Shahrudin Badaruddin bin Badaruddin (Director, IDE), Khairul Arifin bin Mohd. Munir (Senior Resesearch Manager, IDE) and Sharipuddin bin Muis (Senior Administration Manager, IDE). On behalf of The Habibie Center, the delegates of IDE were received by Mr. Hadi Kuntjara (Deputy Director for Operational, The Habibie Center), Wiryadi Adiwena (Head of International Relations, The Habibie Center), A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center), M. Arif (Researcher, The Habibie Center), and Mila Oktaviani (Communication Officer, The Habibie Center).

The aim of this visit was to introduce to the two institutions and discuss possible collaborations. IDE is a think-tank funded by the Royal State of Selangor and was founded in April 2015. Think-tanks remain a relatively new concept in Malaysia, hence IDE frequently visits other countries in order to share experience. IDE undertakes several activities such as research, publication, dialogues, community development, advocacy programs and more. The studies conducted by IDE focus on national politics and development, Islam and pluralistic society, the dynamics of leadership based on truth and

justice, and ethnic studies and assessments and studies on rural and sub-urban areas.

After each institution's presentations, there was a two-way discussion on the topic of Indonesia-Malaysian relations, ASEAN and the presence of think-tanks in each country. Both institutions also discussed the possibilities of cooperation on the issue of refugees, mainly Rohingya refugees. The studies conducted by The Habibie Center focused on regional solutions to problems related to refugees in ASEAN, while studies conducted by IDE focused on activities that aim to empower and educate refugees, which had been done by IDE in areas such as Kuantan, Pinang and Klang.

Study Visit from Unihaz Bengkulu

19 May 2016

JAKARTA - On Thursday, May 19, 2016, The Habibie Center hosted a visit from the ASEAN University study program Unihaz, Prof. Dr. Hazairin SH Bengkulu. ASEAN study program Unihaz was first formed on the 27th August 2015. The objective of this visit was to obtain further information from The ASEAN study program at The Habibie Center and to open opportunities for collaboration between the two ASEAN studies centers. The visit, which lasted for an hour, included discussions of several topics; including recent developments of ASEAN issues and how the efforts that can be undertaken in order to

allow the ASEAN centers of studies in the area, particularly ASEAN studies center Unihaz, to remain competitive within the ASEAN economic community. Imparted on by the delegates of the ASEAN studies center Unihaz, students in Bengkulu have some constraints in the face of MEA, with the main challenge is the lack of English proficiency among students despite the province of Bengkulu possessing abundant potential for tourism and housing industries. Its geographical location is classified as being in close proximity of neighbouring countries. Based on these conditions, the ASEAN studies program at The Habibie Center seeks to provide short-term solutions, among them suggesting the use of basic English for transaction needs with tourists and encourage the marketing of products of the domestic industry of Bengkulu to neighboring countries of ASEAN. Furthermore, the ASEAN studies program at The Habibie Center also opened up opportunities for collaboration, including the internship opportunities at The Habibie Center for student at Unihaz. Such opportunities have been offered as the ASEAN studies program is not only focused on the evaluation or research policies at the ASEAN level, but also seeks to empower people in the region in the face of MEA.



80th Birthday of Romo Magnis

26 May 2016

JAKARTA - On Thursday, May 26, 2016, The Habibie Center, along with the extended family of Prof. Dr.-Ing B.J. Habibie celebrated the 80th birthday of Romo Magnis Suseno, who is a good friend of President Habibie since President Habibie resided in Germany. President Habibie also wished to appreciate the kindness of Romo Magnis and their friendship that spanned decades. Hence, President Habibie invited friends of Romo Magnis from STF Driyarka, Kanisius and other interfaith leaders such as Mr. H.S. Dillon to President Habibie's place of residence at Jalan Patra Kuningan XIII to celebrate the 80th birthday of Romo Magnis. In his greetings, Mr. B.J. Habibie said, "Mas Romo and I (re: Romo Magnis) shares one quality. We both love God." May Romo Magnis and Mr. B.J. Habibie always be an exemplar for us all in the issue of pluralism and religious tolerance in Indonesia.



Visit from South Korean Minister of Unification

1 June 2016

JAKARTA - On Wednesday, June 1, 2016. We were delighted to host institutional visit from Wuhan University. We had an insightful discussion about China-ASEAN Relations and Maritime Security Issues. Our humble Prof. Hasjim Djalal was also joining the discussion and explained his mindblowing opinion on the said issues and shared his experiences as a respected and knowledgeable. Discussion last for nearly two hours

Roundtable Discussion: Asia the Korean Peninsula

17 June 2016

JAKARTA - On Friday June 17, 2016 The Habibie Center hosted a visit from South Korean Minister of Unification, H.E. Hong Yong-pyo with his delegation at our office, The Habibie Center Buidling. The discussion lasted for two hours and resulted in a fruitful discussion about current situations in Asia, the Korean Peninsula and potential collaboration. The forum agreed on the importance of DPRK's

engagement in every discussion about the Korean Peninsula issue. Despite Indonesia not being the main actor in this issue and and not having any specific interests, we are aware of the need for settlement within both countries as Indonesia has maintains cordial relations with Republic of Korea and DPRK as a neutral and friendly partner. We can see the contribution of Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, civil societies in Indonesia and other actors in supporting peaceful building process in Korean Peninsula.

Book Launch: “Habibie: The Series”

23 June 2016

JAKARTA - On Thursday, June 23, 2016, The Habibie Center in collaboration with the publishing company Tiga Serangkai to launch the book *Habibie: The Series* at the Habibie and Ainun library in Jalan Patra Kuningan XIII. This book is dedicated to the 80 years of ‘Eyang Habibie’ as he prefers to be known as. *Habibie: The Series* is divided into 8 stories that resonate with Mr. B.J. Habibie, which are “Jangan Pernah Berhenti Jadi Habibie” (Never Stop Being Habibie), “Jejak Sang Penanda Kebangkitan” (Footsteps of the Figure of Revival), “Karya Nyata untuk Indonesia” (An Original Creation for Indonesia), “Totalitas Sang Teknosof”, “Musik, Film, dan Kegemaran” (Music, Film and Hobbies), “Makna Dibalik Lensa” (Meanings Behind the Lens), “Ainun : Mata Cinta Habibie” (Ainun: Habibie’s Love), “Dalam Komik, Puisi, dan Surat” (In Comics, Poems and Letters). These 8 books are part of a collection of stories compiled from various books about Mr. B.J. Habibie under the supervision of Mr. Andi Makmur Makka as one of the closest people to Mr. B.J. Habibie. Aside from a direct discussion event with the editor, the representative for the publishing company Tiga Serangkai, Mr. Andi Makmur Makka and Mr. B.J. Habibie, the book launch was also livened up by the “Sinrilik” performance, a storytelling performance unique to Bugis. “Sinrilik” told the story of Mr. B.J. Habibie, starting from his childhood in Pare-Pare to his love story with Mrs. Hasri Ainun Habibie. The book launch was also attended by good friends of Mr. B.J. Habibie, such as Prof. Muladi, Prof. Jimly Asshiddiqie, Abdul Malik Fadjar, Laksdya (Purn) Abu Hartono, etc.

80 Years of Habibie Photo Exhibition entitled “The Nation’s Living Inspiration And His Love For The Country”

24 July 2016

JAKARTA - On Sunday, Jul 24, 2016 The Habibie Center in collaboration with Museum of Mandiri Bank and held the celebration 80 Years of Habibie Photo Exhibition entitled “The Nation’s Living Inspiration And His Love For The Country”, which featured various photo collections of Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, the third President of the Republic of Indonesia. The photo exhibition and the various competitions held by many joint communities took place at the Friends of Mandiri Museum.

The rows of photos that depict the life of Habibie, which has now reached a full 80 years – B.J. Habibie was born on the 25th June 1936 in Pare-pare, South Sulawesi – was displayed very neatly. From black-and-white close-up photos of Habibie in his childhood, a teenage Habibie, when Rudy married Ainun on 12th May 1962, his term as a Minister, Vice President, his term as President and so on.

Aside from the photo exhibition, Mr. Habibie’s huge motorcycle became a show-stealer as it was once ridden by the RI-1 and RI-2. President Soeharto and Vice President BJ Habibie once drove the vehicle around the State Palace courtyard. Mr. Habibie drove while Mr. Harto comfortably sat on the backseat. Both leaders of the country appear to be wearing helmets. Mr. Habibie wore a long-sleeved shirt paired with a thick vest, while Mr. Harto wore a thick jacket that covered his entire body. Photos of the pair driving the large motorcycle beside the steps of the palace became one of the pictures exhibited in the museum located in Jalan Lapangan Stasiun Nomor 1 Jakarta – Kota (directly in front of Kota station or BEOS station).

Several activities carried out by communities such as Tiga Serangkai and the forum Lingkar Pena included a discussion on the books “Habibie: The Series”, an entertaining stand-up comedy, as well as competitions for caricature-drawing and simultaneous poetry-reading that will be held on the 7th August 2016. This exhibition was opened to the public from the 24th of July to 21st of August 2016 at the Mandiri Bank Museum, Kota Tua – West Jakarta.

Vsiti from Members of the Atlantic Council Asia-Pacific Strategy Task Force

27 July 2016

JAKARTA - On Wednesday, Jul 27, 2016 The Habibie Center hosted a visit from members of the Atlantic Council Asia-Pacific Strategy Task Force. The objectives of this visit were to consult with local experts and officials regarding key challenges and opportunities the region is likely to face over the next 10-20 years and the elements of a strategy for addressing those challenges and opportunities. Areas in which challenges and opportunities have been identified include the following:

Potential interstate conflict, Ongoing and potential internal conflicts, Terrorism and religious extremism, Regime change, state failure, political stability, and quality of governance, Economic growth, stability, and the distribution of wealth and income, Cyber crime, Climate change and other environmental issues, Refugees and human trafficking, Piracy, Illicit drugs, Pandemic disease, Transformative technological change, such as in biotechnology and genetic engineering, The overall international order in the Asia-Pacific

Visit from Rumah Kepemimpinan

29 July 2016

JAKARTA - On Friday, 29th July 2016, The Habibie Center was visited by the representatives of the Young Leaders scholarship

program by the Rumah Kepemimpinan at The Habibie Center building. Deputy Director for Operational, Mr. Hadi Kuntjara, along with the Head of International Relations, Mr. Wirya Adiwena, had the opportunity to discuss with the representatives from the House of Leadership. The aim of the visit was to further introduce the two institutions and explore the possibilities of collaboration.

THC in cooperation with SPF

31 July - 2 August 2016

JAKARTA - On Jul 31 - Aug 2, 2016, The Habibie Center and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation hosted the first "Eminent Experts Meeting on Promoting Regional Cooperation for Peace, Stability and Prosperity in East Asian Seas" at the Hermitage Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia

The meeting promoted dialogue among intellectuals and senior statesmen from China, Japan,

Indonesia, and the United States, and was chaired by Prof. Dewi Fortuna Anwar, Chairman of the Institute of Democracy and Human Rights at The Habibie Center. The eminent experts meeting for promoting regional cooperation for peace, stability and prosperity in East Asian Seas aims to provide an open space for frank and honest dialogue among intellectuals and senior statesmen from China, Japan, Indonesia and the United States of America to promote constructive international cooperation over maritime issues in the region based on the spirit of collaboration. The meeting actively discussed the issue of territorial disputes, especially historical and traditional rights in the maritime area. The participants shared their respective views and perspectives on this important matters. It was realized that the territorial problems in South China Sea is multi-layered and its final settlement is extremely challenging, if not intractable. The meeting noted that there are differences of opinions on a number of issues relating to



the South China Sea in particular, such as on land reclamation, the role of external powers, traditional or hoistorical fishing ground, and the recent international tribunal arbitration's rulling. The Meeting recognized the importance of ASEAN centrality and unity, as a collection of emerging powers, in supporting regional activism and in shaping regional order. ASEAN member states, claimant and non-claimant, should actively participate in the efforts to manage existing disputes and to prevent future escalation of conflicts in the South China Sea. The Meeting recognized the challenges and opportunities presented by the respective domestic political dynamics in concerned parties. It is important, however, not to allow domestic political pressure to translate into aggressive international behavior that is detrimental to regional stability. The Meeting discussed the role, challenges and opportunities of extra-regional powers' involvement in the region. The meeting highlighted that extra regional powers can have legitimate interests on the peace, stability, and prosperity of the region. The meeting acknowledged that although extra regional powers are not parties to disputes in the region, they can help promote cooperation among the concerned parties and in the wider region. The meeting recognized previous experiences and best practices that have been proven successful to resolve disputes and promote multilateral cooperation, such as the Antarctic Treaty and Jakarta Informal Meetings on Cambodia. Such initiatives can serve as valuable lessons for the



establishment of future regional architectures in the East Asian Seas.

The meeting also highlighted the importance of second track diplomacy in promoting constructive cooperation in the region. I believe that academics, think tanks, and civil society organizations are important elements of regional security and economic architecture that can help ensure a region that is truly peaceful, stable, and prosperous, for the benefits of the peoples of all our countries.

Habibie Festival 11 - 14 August 2016

JAKARTA - On 11-14 Aug, 2016 The Habibie Center, in collaboration with Orbit Ventura and CATEC, held the Habibie Festival at National Museum, Jakarta. Habibie Festival is a family festival comprising exhibitions of various scientific and technological developments, education, research and development, democracy,

Islam and culture. Aside from the festival, there were also Talkshows, a Science Park and a Food Fair to remind and celebrate the dedication and commitment of President Habibie to the future of Indonesia. Among the several talkshows that were held were, “Habibie and Indonesia’s Democracy”, “Habibie and Technological Advancements in Indonesia”, “Habibie and Islamic Intellect”, “Habibie and ASEAN”, “Habibie and Aerospace”, “Habibie and the Building of Bata,”, “Habibie and the Freedom of Press”, etc. Meanwhile, the exhibition featured an N-250 airplane, Panser Anoa, arsenal collection of PT. PINDAD, a replication of production ship PT.PAL etc. This festival is not simply for the younger generation who are familiar with President Habibie, but also to inspire the future generation to dream big in order to bring Indonesia forward. Habibie Festival is an opportunity to bridge the knowledge between Mr. Habibie’s generation, wherein he was actively inventing, and the young generation today.

THC - USINDO for Prof. Julian Ku Visit
6 September 2016

JAKARTA - On Tuesday, Sep 6, 2016 The U.S. - Indonesia Society in collaboration with The Habibie Center (THC) and the U.S. Embassy Jakarta were delighted to host Prof. Julian Ku (Maurice A. Deane Distinguished Professor of Constitutional Law and the Faculty Director of International Programs, Hofstra University), Ayodhia G. L. Kalake (Deputy Assistant for Maritime

Zone Delimitation, Indonesia Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs), and Aaron Jensen (Deputy Political Counselor, U.S. Embassy Jakarta) to Open Forum on The Hague’s South China Sea Ruling: Legal and Political Implications. On July, 2016, an International Tribunal of The Hague ruled against China’s Nine-Dash Line claim to the South China Sea; declaring that the claim violates the sovereign rights of the Philippines. China has since, openly rejected the ruling, and challenged the jurisdiction of the court within the case. The ruling has received various responses from many countries. This centuries-long dispute over waters of the South China Sea has been fought by various member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN), including Brunei Darussalam, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam. Indonesia’s response as a key country in Southeast Asia could affect response among other ASEAN countries. The non-claimant countries, including the United States, have also expressed a significant interest upon the region. Recently, the U.S.’ Secretary of State, John Kerry stated during a recent strategic and commercial dialogue in Washington D.C. that the U.S. respects this “final and legally binding character.” This discussion addressed what is the legal and political impact of the ruling by the international tribunal to Indonesia and the U.S.? Where will Indonesia and the U.S. position themselves after the ruling statement? How will the issue affect the dynamic between countries in the region?

THC Event with FPCI
17 September 2016

JAKARTA - On Saturday, 17th September The Habibie Center in collaboration with FPCI held a public discussion entitled “Who Makes Foreign Policy in Jokowi’s Administration” at Kota Kasablanka. Since President Joko Widodo began his presidency in 2014, he focus on strengthening Indonesia’s maritime security. He plans to expand the canvas of regional diplomacy to cover the entire region of the Indo-Pacific, and project the Indonesian navy as a respected regional maritime power in East Asia as he aimed to transform Indonesia into a “Global Maritime Fulcrum”. Meanwhile on the economic sector, with regard to the ASEAN Economic Community, Jokowi displaying apprehension over the prospect of Indonesia becoming a mere playground for incoming foreign businesses. Under Jokowi, Indonesia also launched a number of new domestic content requirement regulations. These developments have been interpreted as signs of an increasingly inward looking Indonesia foreign policy. The panel of speaker at this session discussed and share insights on how the Jokowi’s administration make decisions, maintain its foreign relations, and embark on new policy initiatives on foreign policy. This discussion featured Charles Honoris from Commission I Indonesia parliament, Mr. Rene Patiradjawane, Prof. Dr. Dewi

Fortuna Anwar and Chrisma Albandjar (Special Staff of the Indonesia President). The objectives of this discussion were to address what is foreign policy vision under President Jokowi's Administration, what are the focuses and what are the diplomacy strategies. Foreign policy and diplomacy remains as an important aspects in Jokowi's Presidency.

Delegation Visit from TASAM Turkey

28 September 2016

On Wednesday, September 28, 2016. The Habibie Center warmly hosted site visit from Turkish-Asian Center for Strategic Studies (TASAM). The delegation was represented by Mr. Suleyman Sensoy (Chairman of TASAM) along with Ambassador (R) Murat Bilhan (Vice Chairman of TASAM), Prof. Dr. Sedat Aybar (Advisor of Chairman) Mr. Osman Orhan (Director of World Islamic Forum) and Adinda Hertoro (Assistant Expert). The visit last nearly for one hour. During the visit, TASAM delegation and The Habibie Center discussed possible collaboration between these two think-tanks. We also discussed current bilateral relations between Turkey and Indonesia and what can we do to enhance this friendship especially on research and academic aspects. As two democratic countries with Islam majority, these two institutions also agreed upon the needs to disseminate and support the advancement of Muslim democratic ideas.

Roundtable on Korean Peninsula

17 October 2016

JAKARTA - On Monday, Oct 17, 2016 The Habibie Center in Collaboration with Embassy of Republic Korea in Jakarta held a roundtable discussion entitled "Korean Peninsula : Is the Korean Reunification A cry for the Moon?" Korean Peninsula is the location of one of the most challenging strategic situation in the world today. Korea—South Korea and North Korea—solely remains divided in the world since the mid of 20th century. President of South Korea discribes the situation, " Today, a 'wall of military confrontation' runs through the center of the Peninsula. A ' wall of distrust' has also

been erected during the war and the ensuing decades of hostility. Formidable still is a 'sociocultural wall' that divides southerners and northerners who have long lived under vastly different ideologies and systems in terms of how they think and live." Moreover, the development of the situation in the region seems to be everchanging. There has been attempt to peacefully manage or even resolve the situation through negotiation rounds. However, these efforts have not yet bear fruit. Still, North Korea makes provokations all the more flagrantly these days with more than a dozen of missile lunches

and 4th nuclear test this year alone. This is a real threat not only to the Korean peninsula but also to its neighboring countries and the international community.

In this connection, Indonesia's involvement in Korean Peninsula merit further analysis. Indonesia has continuously expressed interest on the development of the security situation in the Korean Peninsula. Current Minister of Foreign Affairs Retno Marsudi has also expressed her concern on the issue, as well as urged for the continuation of Six Party Talks. In the MIKTA multilateral forum, Indonesia has also signed a joint statement on North Korean nuclear test which "(deplores) North Korea's fourth nuclear test, which constitutes a clear threat to international peace and security."

This roundtable aimed to better understand the situation in Korean Peninsula, especially vis-avis Indonesia's foreign policy regarding the situation. This is meaningful given that Indonesia's unique position which engages in both Koreas and other neighboring countries. It seems that Indonesia has both interest and is strategically positioned to contribute to the issue.

But it needs to first understand the possible ways forward and the challenges to constructively and actively participate in the promotion peace and security in the region.

CSAVE Working Group Extremism

2 November 2016

JAKARTA - On Wednesday, November 2, 2016. The Habibie Center in collaboration with Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) and Civil Society Against Violence Extremism (CSAVE) Working Group held focus group discussion entitled "Violent Extremism and the Correction System.

The Indonesian prisons system has a challenge for Indonesia's response to terrorism. There have been numerous examples of individuals being radicalised or terrorist planning attacks in prison. To tackle this challenge, basically Indonesian civil society has a wide variety of expertise on what measures are required. Regarding this issue, The Habibie Center in collaboration with CSAVE working group held a meeting to share information about how Indonesian prisons system is currently managing violent extremism and to identify how the Indonesian correction systems can be improve its response violent extremism.

This meeting consist of three session. First session entitled "overview of the Indonesian Prisons System." This session examined several question which are : is the structure of the prison system appropriated? How can better reward good performance from prison officials? and what is the process for developing a new Blueprint?. The seocnd session is entitled "The Management of Extremism in the Indonesian Prison System." This session

examined several questions which are : what are the indications of radicalisation? What services are currently being offered? What special procedures should be in place for terroris prisoners? How can they be improved? and what additional resources and skills are required?. The last session entitled "Identifying Areas for policy Reform." this last session discuss about what are the most important policy changes required to improve the corrections system overall? What about specifically countering CVE? and who should be the targets of advocacy?

Site Visit from Taiwan Economic Trade Office

16 November 2016

JAKARTA - On Wednesday November 5, 2016, The Habibie Center was honoured to host a visit from Taiwan delegation

accompanied by Ms. Iris Liu (Staff of Taiwan Economic Trade Office). Held at The Habibie Center office in Jakarta, the purpose of this meeting were : 1. to discuss about THC activities and contribution 2. To discuss the democracy in Indonesia 3. to discuss culture and pluralism in Indonesia. 4. to discuss current situation in the region. The delegation was greeted by 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. Delegation from Taiwan also stated their appreciation for pluralism in Indonesia especially Bhinneka Tunggal Ika watchword. They also discuss current situation in the region particularly South China Sea issues and its implications to the region specifically for Indonesia and Taiwan.



Business Forum on Trade and Investment Opportunities in ASEAN

23 November 2016

JAKARTA – On Wednesday, 23 November 2016, The Habibie Center (THC), in partnership with the Indonesian Services Dialogue (ISD) and the Indonesian Youth Entrepreneur Association (HIPMI) held its Business Forum entitled “Seizing Trade and Investment Opportunities in ASEAN” at The Fairmont Hotel in Jakarta. This Business Forum have an opening remark from Dr. –Ing. Ilham Akbar Habibie, MBA (Chairman of the Institute For Democracy through Science and Technology, The Habibie Center and Vice Chairman of IT, broadcasting, research and technology, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN)), a keynote speech from Mr. Tim Condon (ING Asia Chief Economist), and a business talk-show featuring Mr. Anangga W. Roosdiono (Chariman of Indonesia ASEAN Business Advisory Council), Mr. Glenn Pardede (Managing Director, PT. East West Seed Indonesia), Dr. Lili Yan Ing (Senior Advisor on Trade and Investment, President’s Office of the Republic of Indonesia), Dr. Donna Gultom (Director of ASEAN Cooperation, Ministry of Trade, Republic of Indonesia), Mr. Noke Kiroyan (Board of Founders, ISD), Mr. Bagas Adahirga (Head of Foreign Affairs and Tourism, HIPMI), moderated by Florence Armein (Head of Jakarta Globe News Channel).

Almost one year ago, the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), the most ambitious economic integration project of the region,



officially launched. Although people are generally aware and excited of the prospect of the AEC, yet the full potential affiliated with the AEC has yet to be fully used. Businesses in particular, whether from within or outside of ASEAN, are still unaware of the many opportunities and challenges afforded by the AEC.

The objectives of this dialogue were to: (a) familiarize economic actors within

and beyond ASEAN, especially those from the Netherlands and Indonesia, about business opportunities and constraints deriving from the full implementation of the AEC; (b) provide a networking platform for business from ASEAN and the Netherlands; and (c) contribute to the potential expansion of trade and investment both within and beyond ASEAN.

**Study Visit from Raffles
Global Studies Programme
& History and Strategic
Affairs Society**
30 November 2016

JAKARTA - On Wednesday, Nov 30, 2016. The Habibie Center host a study visit from Raffles Global Studies Programme and History and Strategic Affairs Society. Mr. Wirya Adiwena (Head of International Relations) and Ms. Fina Astriana (researcher) warmly welcomed the delegation with some explanation about The Habibie Center, the development of democracy in Indonesia and ASEAN. The discussion mostly focused on the nature of democracy in Indonesia, which was a startling and sober reminder of the realities of nation-building. Democracy building is always a work in progress, and one that is built on the realities of civic society and the electorate's conviction in democracy, was emphasized during the discussion. Mr. Wirya Adiwena explained how different elements of Indonesian society come together to push for democracy highlighted the importance of a country's culture in building a durable democracy. From this discussion, we hope there were an exchange idea and lesson learned on how to build a durable and fair democracy for every people in both countries, Indonesia and Singapore

**Seminar on Disruptive
Technology**
16 December 2016

JAKARTA - On Friday, Dec, 2016, The Habibie Center in collaboration with The Embassy of Denmark, Berkarya!Indonesia, National ICT Council (Wantiknas), International University Liaison Indonesia (IULI), and Pulse Lab Jakarta hosted Seminar on Disruptive Technology: Opportunity or Challenge for Indonesia? at Habibie and Ainun Library. Disruptive application of new and digital technology has taken businesses and governments across the globe by surprises. Technological developments create obvious opportunities and present significant challenges, affecting governments, businesses, and civil society alike. This Disruptive Technology Seminar brought together carefully selected representatives from government, private sector, academia, the international and civil society to discuss how Indonesia can seize opportunities and prepare for the challenges created by the technological development. This seminar featured Ilham A. Habibie (Chairman, Wantiknas, Founder Berkarya!Indonesia, and Chairman Institute for Democracy through Science and Technology, The Habibie Center), Firmanzah (Rector of Paramadina University), Thomas Jul (CEO of Ericsson in Indonesia) and Marta Rennberg (Expert in 3D Printing and AI, Dare Disrupt)

**THC-CCS Roundtable
Series I**
16 December 2016

JAKARTA - On Friday, Dec 16, 2016 The Habibie Center in collaboration with Centre for Chinese Studies held a closed roundtable discussion entitled "Understanding the New Normal of China : Opportunity and Challenges" The discussion began by warm welcome from Ms. Rahimah Abdulrahim (Executive Director - The Habibie Center) who stated the importance of examined current situation in ASEAN and East Asia. Followed by Ms. Natalia Soebagjo (Chairwoman of CCS) who stated this discussion needs to be held regularly as it will broaden the networks especially in China Studies. The next to speak as the trigger speaker was Mr. Poltak Hotradero. He explained the new normal of China needs to adjust with Trump's policy which is very blurry and remains unclear unlike Obama's Presidency. He also emphasized on financial and bank issues in China as the main factor in defining what is the new normal for China. This discussion involved scholars and researchers who focus on China Studies from LIPI, CCS, CSIS, UI, etc



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JAKARTA - On Monday, November 7th 2016, The Habibie Center held its 17th anniversary in J.W. Marriot Hotel, South Jakarta. This year's anniversary celebration will see the holding of a series of events. This series of event began with a seminar on "ASEAN and Refugee Crisis: Practices, Policy, and Solution" which was held from 09.00-12.00 WIB in Mutiara Ballroom Dua. The seminar featured as speakers Dr. Makarim Wibisono (Ambassador and Permanent Representative of

the Indonesian Mission to the United Nations in 2004-2007), Rafendi Djamin (Director of Amnesty International's Southeast Asia and Pacific Regional Office), Heru Susetyo, Ph.D (Head of Center of Islam and Islamic Law Studies), Mohammad Hasan Ansori, Ph.D (Head Researcher, The Humanitarian Refugee Program, The Habibie Center), Wiryadi Adiwena (Researcher, The Humanitarian Refugee Program, The Habibie Center) and was moderated by Johari Effendi (Researcher, The Humanitarian Refugee Program, The Habibie Center). The seminar aimed to

explore the policies and practical strategies used by ASEAN member states to overcome the refugee issue in Southeast Asia and to explore the challenges, issues and solutions related to the handling of refugees in Southeast Asia.

Parallel with the aforementioned event, there was also an 'Understanding China' seminar on "Getting to know the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Progress and Challenges" held in Mutiara Ballroom Tiga from 09.30 – 12.00 WIB. The seminar featured Dr. Joachim von Amsberg (Vice President, Policy Strategy,

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank), Dr. Didit A. Ratam (Member of Board of Directors, The Habibie Center) and Poltak Hotradero (Head of Research Division, Indonesia Stock Exchange) as speakers. This seminar was moderated by N. Nuranto (Senior Associate Fellow, Centre for Chinese Studies). The purpose of this seminar was to familiarise our understanding of the AIIB including its position/relationship among other development banks in the region and also to discuss the implication of the AIIB's establishment in the region's

political and economic context.

The series of event was closed by a national seminar on "Reviving the Broad Outlines of State Policy, Is it Necessary?" from 14.00 – 17.00 WIB in Mutiara Ballroom Dua. This national seminar featured Prof. Dr. Bambang P.S Brodjonegoro, S.E., M.U.P (Minister for National Development Planning of the Republic of Indonesia), Prof. Dr. M. Mahfud MD, SH (Head of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia 2008 – 2013), Prof. Dr. Ravik Karsidi, MS (Rector of Universitas Sebelas

Maret), Dra. Eva Kusuma Sundari, M.A., MDE (Member, House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, PDI-Perjuangan faction), and Prof. Dr. Indria Samego, M.A. (Member of Board of Experts, The Habibie Center) as speakers. The seminar was moderated by Yuslihayanti, S.T., (News Anchor from Parliament TV) and aimed to seek inputs from intellectuals, political elites, government representatives, and the public on the discourse of reviving the Broad Outlines of State Policy.





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