



# The Habibie Center ACTIVITY REPORT 2020



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# Democratization Must Go On!

## Message from the Chairman Board of Trustees

Democracy and the protection of human rights must be fought for with the greatest of determination as they will not emerge by themselves. Democracy and human rights are even embodied in the national motto of Indonesia, "Bhinneka Tunggal Ika" (Unity in Diversity). Indonesia is not only looking forward to developing issues surrounding our democracy and human rights at the local or national level but also wider at the regional and even international levels. The Habibie Center was established as a vehicle for the people of Indonesia to continue the process of developing issues surrounding democratization and human rights issues. Globally, the rise of populism, terrorism, and radicalization remain challenges that we must all face.

The year 2020 was a very dynamic and challenging year for our democratization. Rising tensions in the run up to simultaneous local elections provoked the rise of identity politics where religion, race, and group issues seemed to matter more than policies and exchange of ideas. In this sad situation, we should remind ourselves that this Republic was not built to represent only particular group. Our founding fathers aimed to provide a livable world for each and every Indonesia citizen who calls this archipelago their home. In connection to this, The Habibie Center is committed to be part of the solution.

As a vehicle for the people of Indonesia, we cannot do all of this alone in creating a better Indonesia. Thus, I call on all members of society - the government, civil society, the media, and the public - to join us, support us, and work with us under the rallying cry of "Democratization Must Go On!"



**Dr.-Ing. Ilham Akbar Habibie, M.B.A.**

## Foreword from the Chairman Board of Directors

The year 2020 is the hallmark of our 21 year-role in promoting democracy and human rights since 1999. During this period, we witnessed the turning point in our nation's democracy and we intend to continuously contribute our efforts in making this democracy stay on track. As we know, the challenges to democracy does not become any easier as demonstrated by incidents of violence against human rights that keep happening across the globe. The influx of refugees in the region

and the rise of xenophobic sentiments makes us aware that there is a need for a comprehensive framework and mutual understanding to address these issues. Meanwhile domestically, the increasing divisions along religion, sects, race, and interest group showed we still need to make progress if we want to achieve a mature democratic country. Based on these facts, The Habibie Center conducted researches and seminars to maintain the democratization process in Indonesia. Through 19

years, we have consistently advanced 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. By cooperating with International partners, The Habibie Center actively participates in discussing important issues for Indonesia and the wider Southeast Asia region, as well as promoting solutions to address global problems. Our research, advocacy and other activities remains centered in our efforts to champion democracy, human rights and social justice. For this my sincerest gratitude goes to all those who have helped The Habibie Center in its endeavours.

**Prof. Dr. Sofian Effendi**

## Foreword from the Executive Director

The Habibie Center will remain to develop its creative activities and strengthen past achievements as well as remaining committed to our founder, Prof. Dr. Ing. B.J. Habibie's vision and mission: promoting democratization and human rights in Indonesia.

I am enormously proud that time and time again The Habibie Center has shown its relevance in not only being part of the discourse, but also in creating and shaping them. Moving forward, this will remain the case and our activities and research are testament to The Habibie Center's contribution to key issues that affected Indonesia and the wider region.

Taking the stand that every issue falls under the umbrella of democracy and human rights, The Habibie Center is unafraid to address a wide-range of subjects including democracy, ASEAN, peace and development through the

counter-terrorism program, interfaith and intercultural dialogue, capacity building for women peace activist, information and communication technology to support democracy, energy reform, and also build strong networking between NGOs.

We conduct research and event not only domestically but also in the region. These include, but are not limited to: 3rd Indian Ocean Dialogue, a democracy training and discussion for Myanmar Ethnic Group Leader, the Ambassador Seminar Series, TechTalk, Indonesia-New Zealand 15+15 Dialogue, South China Sea closed dialogue, the death penalty dialogue, Survey and FGD on ASEAN Awareness, prison reform, training on Human rights, and so forth.

To end, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to The Habibie Center's partners and supporters for their contribution. I look forward to working with the team to bring this organization to ever new heights.

**Hadi Kuntjara, Ph.D.**



## Advancing Democratization Process in Indonesia



**DEMOCRACY**



## Public Discussion on “2019 Review and 2020 Outlook and the Launching of The Habibie Center’s Institute for Economic Democracy”

29 January 2020

The Habibie Center has organized the “2019 Notes and 2020 Hopes and the Launching of The Habibie Center’s Institute for Economic Democracy” on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Public discussions on Notes and Hopes have been regularly held by The Habibie Center every year, to conduct critical reflections on several issues that have surfaced in the past year as well as convey the views and hopes of the nation’s journey for the next year.

As part of the community, The Habibie Center will always convey constructive views for the progress of the nation and state, for example through the 2019 Notes and 2020 Hopes. In addition, yesterday’s public discussion on Notes and Hopes was even more special because it coincided with the positivity of The Habibie Center’s Institute for Democracy and Economics.

This event presented six speakers from The Habibie Center, namely (1) Dr. -Ing. Ilham Akbar Habibie, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, (2) Prof. Dr. Dewi Fortuna Anwar, Deputy Chairwoman Board of Directors discussed 2019 Notes and 2020 Hopes in the field of abroad, (3) Prof. Dr. Firmanzah, Chairman Institute for Democracy and Economics (IDE), who discussed the 2019 Notes and 2020 Hopes in the economic field, (4) Prof. Dr. Indria Samego, Member Board of Experts who discussed 2019 Notes and 2020 Hopes in the social and political fields, (5)



Imron Rasyid, Head of the Department of Peace and Development who discussed 2019 Notes and 2020 Hopes in the field of peace and development, and (6) - Muhamad Arif, Researcher who discussed the 2019 Notes and 2020 Hopes in the field of defense and security and was moderated by Bawono Kumoro, Head of the Department of Politics and Government.



## Book Launching “Habibie & Soeharto”

17 February 2020

The Habibie Center supported by Imania Mizan Publisher held a book launching event of “Habibie & Soeharto” on Monday, February 17, 2020. This event was opened by Andi Makmur Makka, as the author of “Habibie & Soeharto” and Secretary Board of Directors The Habibie Center. Present as speakers were Prof. Dr. Abdul Malik Fadjar, former Minister of Religion and Minister of National Education and member Board of Trustees The Habibie Center, and Parni Hadi, Head of the Governing Board of Dompot Dhuafa as well as senior journalists who were close to Mr. B.J. Habibie.

The book “Habibie & Soeharto” portrays the interaction of two unique former Indonesian presidents with all their strengths and weaknesses. This book also wants to straighten out some of the public’s perceptions and opinions related to the relationship between Habibie and Soeharto. This book provides clear facts about the relationship between Habibie and Soeharto that has been vague and full of assumptions. Andi Makmur Makka framed the relationship between Habibie and Soeharto in writing that lead us to view the relationship from another perspective.



## Public Webinar “Realizing a High-Quality Pilkada in the Middle of the COVID-19 Pandemic”

16 June 2020

The election activists considered the choice to carry out the regional elections (pilkada) on 9 December 2020 to be very risky to the safety of workers in the field because they are prone to contracting with the COVID-19. In addition, the implementation of regional elections in the middle of a pandemic is also considered to decrease the quality of the elections themselves. Therefore with the remaining time available, how can the KPU complete all regulations, formats, and technical procedures for the implementation of the remaining stages until the election day?

The Habibie Center discussed the issue through the public webinar “Realizing Quality Pilkada in the Middle of the COVID-19 Pandemic” on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 which was broadcast live on The Habibie Center’s YouTube channel.

As speakers this public webinar invited Pramono Ubaid Tanthowi (Commissioner of the Indonesian General Election Commission) and Aisah Putri Budiatri (Researcher of the Political Research Center, Indonesian Institute of Sciences), and Bawono Kumoro (Head of the Department of Politics and Government, The Habibie Center) moderating.



## Public Webinar “Launching on a Policy Paper Entitled, Indonesia Towards a New Normal Life: Overview of Economic and Technological Development”

25 June 2020

In order to commemorate the Birthday of the Alm. Prof. Dr.-Ing Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie on June 25, The Habibie Center launched a policy paper entitled “Indonesia Towards a New Normal Life: Overview of Economic and Technological Development”. The policy paper was launched in a webinar which was broadcast live on The Habibie Center’s YouTube channel on Thursday, June 25, 2020.

This webinar presented Dr.-Ing. Ilham Akbar Habibie (Chairman Board of Trustees of The Habibie Center), who delivered the opening speech, as well as the policy paper writers, namely Prof. Firmanzah, Ph.D (Chairman Institute of Democracy and Economics) and Umar Juoro, M.A., M.A.P.E (Member Board of Experts) as resource persons and also Zamroni Salim, Ph.D (Expert Staff of The Habibie Center) as moderators.



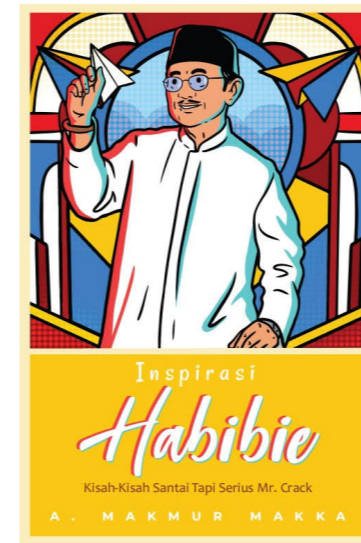
### Tahlil and Prayer to Commemorate Alm. Mr. Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie

11 September 2020

On Friday, 11 September 2020, in order to remember One Year of the Death of Alm. Prof. Dr.-Ing Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, the family held a tahlilan which was streamed live on The Habibie Center's YouTube channel. The tahlilan took place at 19.00 to 20.30 Western Indonesia Time, which began with congregation Isya prayer and opening speech by the first

son of Alm. Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, Dr.-Ing. Ilham Akbar Habibie, M.B.A. The event then continued with the recitation of Surah Yasin and tausiyah by Prof. KH. Nasaruddin Umar, MA, Ph.D, who spoke about the True Meaning of Death according to the Al-Qur'an.

The tahlilan were held in private and attended only by the closest relatives of Alm. Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie. Other family members and colleagues attended the tahlilan virtually via Zoom.



### Book Discussion "Legacy & Inspirasi Habibie" with A. Makmur Makka

7 October 2020

On Wednesday, October 7, 2020, Member of Executive Board of The Habibie Center, Mr. Andi Makmur Makka, M.A. became a speaker in a book talk show entitled "Inspirasi Habibie" organized by the Indonesia International Book Fair. The talk show was broadcast live on Mr. Andi Makmur Makka and Indonesia International Book Fair's social media. This event was hosted by Muh. Iqbal Santosa as a Senior Editor of the Republika Publisher.




### National Webinar "Two Decades of Reform and The Roles of THC"

24 November 2020

On Tuesday, 24 November, The Habibie Center celebrated its 21st anniversary with organizing a national webinar "Two decades of reform and the roles of THC". This webinar

aimed to reflect two decades of Indonesian reform era and The Habibie Center's journey. This webinar featured Dr. -Ing. Ilham A. Habibie (Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Habibie Center) as a keynote speaker, and Prof. Dr. Sofian Effendi (Chairman Board of Directors The Habibie Center), Prof. Dr. Indria Samego (Board of Experts The Habibie Center), Umar Juoro, M.A., M.A.P.E. (Board of Experts The Habibie Center), and Prof. Firmanzah (Chairman Institute Democracy and Economics The Habibie Center) as resource persons, with Mohammad Hasan Ansori, Ph.D. (Director for Program & Research The Habibie Center) as a moderator.

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**ASEAN  
STUDIES  
PROGRAM**



## Foreign Policy Coffee Talks on “ASEAN Amidst Rising Trade Protectionism”

15 January 2020

On Wednesday, 15 January 2020, The Habibie Center’s ASEAN Studies Program hosted Foreign Policy Coffee Talks, discussing ‘ASEAN Amidst Rising Trade Protectionism.’ We invited Poltak Hotradero (Head of the Research Division, Indonesia Stock Exchange) and Eka Puspitawati, Ph.D. (Associate at the Institute for Development of Economics and Finance) as speakers. The discussion aimed to evaluate the RCEP negotiations amidst the rising trade protectionism, to scrutinize recent developments over the RCEP and determine its likely future, and to discuss developments in ASEAN’s relationship with the RCEP participants and the U.S. in relation to China’s economic dominance in the region.

## Talking ASEAN on “Counter-Radicalization and Deradicalization”

26 February 2020

The Habibie Center held the beginning of the ASEAN Talking Series across the ASEAN, started in Indonesia. Talking ASEAN Series on “Counter-Radicalization and Deradicalization” was held on Wednesday, 26 February 2020 in The Habibie Center, Jakarta.

This particular Talking ASEAN featured Raden Usman Effendi (National Counter Terrorism Agency/BNPT Indonesia), Vidya Hutagalung (Researcher of Department of Peace and Development, The Habibie Center), and Robingul Ahsan (Regional CERITA Workshop Participant from Indonesia) as speakers with Muhamad Arif (Researcher of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) moderating the event.



## Talking ASEAN on “Preventing Violent Extremism through Good Governance and Rule of Law”

04 March 2020

The Philippines was the second place for the Talking ASEAN Series across the region. After Jakarta, The Habibie Center went to Manila - Philippines and collaborated with Stratbase ADR Institute to organize Talking ASEAN Series on “Preventing Violent Extremism through Good Governance and Rule of Law.”

This particular Talking ASEAN was held on Wednesday, 4 March 2020 and featured some influential speakers, namely Usec. Jonathan E. Malaya (Undersecretary for Plans, Public Affairs and Communi-



cation, Department of Interior and Local Government), Amina Rasul-Bernardo (President, Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy) Dr. Francisco “Kiko” A Magno (Senior Fellow and Founding Director, La Salle Institute for Governance Trustee and Program Convenor, Stratbase ADR Institute) and moderated by Richard Javad Heydarian (Non Resident Fellow, Stratbase ADR Institute).



## Talking ASEAN on “Protecting Fundamental Human Rights in ASEAN amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic”

22 April 2020

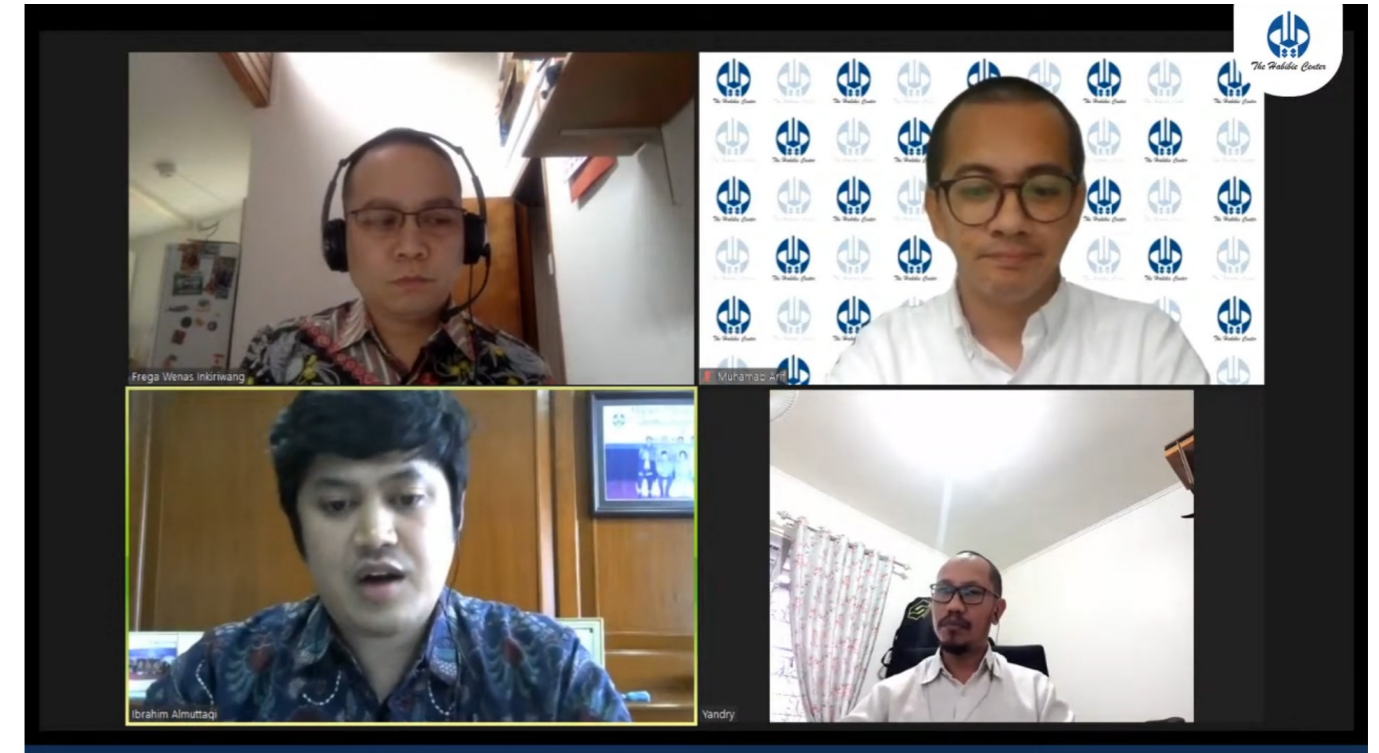
On 22 April, The Habibie Center held a webinar series on “Protecting Fundamental Human Rights in ASEAN amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic”. It has been more than a month since the World Health Organisation (WHO) upgraded the status of the COVID-19 outbreak from an epidemic to a pandemic on 11 March. Many governments haven't taken extreme measures in containing local transmission, including by applying lockdown orders.

However, some countries are not well-prepared for these lockdowns: people fall victim to financial and psychological distress that governments are not yet able to tackle simultaneously, while it is the government's responsibility to protect the right to social protection covering situations beyond one's control, including in pandemics. These are only part of all the concerns of human rights in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some Southeast Asian countries'



responses to the COVID-19 pandemic are exemplary, but others do not look very promising. Meanwhile, ASEAN held a Special ASEAN Summit on COVID-19 on 14 April 2020. And also discussed what are the existing public policies to protect people's human rights in extraordinary situations such as pandemics, are the prevention and mitigation measures taken by Southeast Asian countries and ASEAN as a community amidst the COVID-19 pandemic adequate and respective of fundamental human rights and what are the possible opportunities and challenges in overcoming said issues, for this webinar

we invited 2 speakers, Yuyun Wahyuningrum (Representative of Indonesia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) and Rachel Arinii Judhistari (East Asia and ASEAN Manager for the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) and moderated by A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center).



## Talking ASEAN on “Regional Defence Cooperation amidst COVID-19: Challenges and Opportunities”

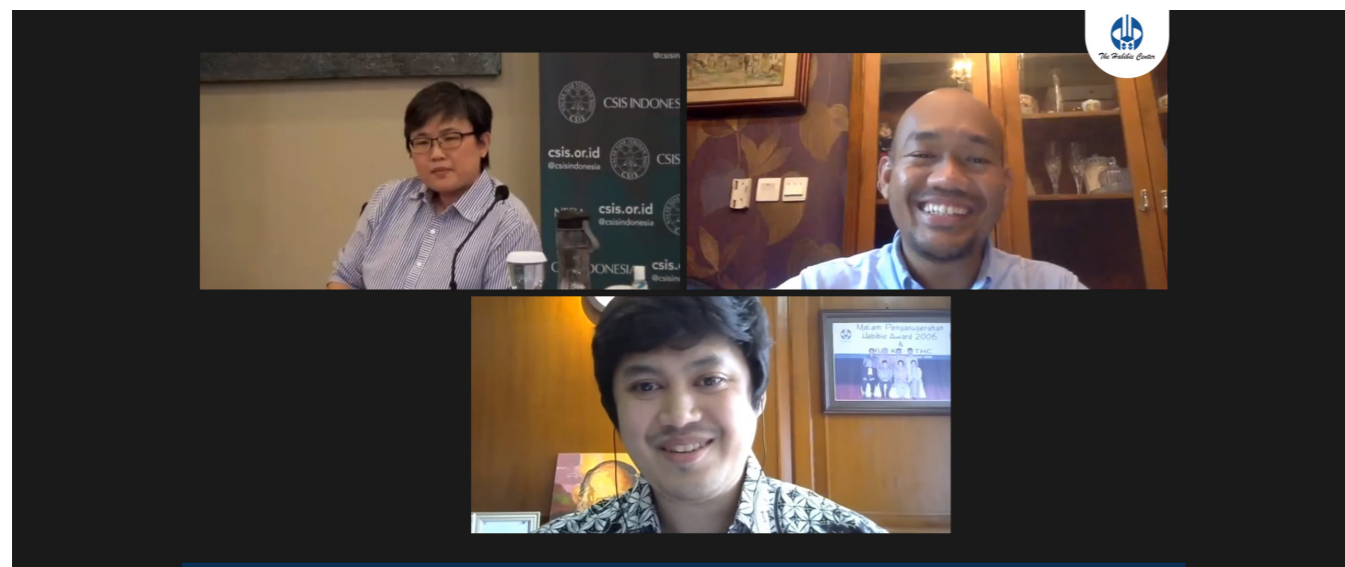
17 June 2020

On 17 June The Habibie Center held its Talking Asean on “Regional Defence Cooperation amidst COVID-19: Challenges and Opportunities”, and discussed how defence establishments across the region have been forced to adapt to the challenges posed by the current COVID-19 pandemic crisis, yet attempts for the region-wide military cooperation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have produced mixed results. Notwithstanding ASEAN's early responses through the ASEAN Center for Military Medicine (ACMM) and ASEAN defence ministers' joint statement, there has not been much of practical cooperation to follow. Meanwhile, the dire impact of COVID-19 has also forced governments around the world to defer or cancel their scheduled joint military exercises. As a platform for confidence building measures, such cancellation and postponement might affect regional security negatively and also how has COVID-19 impacted defence cooperation agenda in the region, What roles do the militaries in the region play in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic? What would be the role of defence cooperation in increasing regional resilience to future health crisis and lastly how should ASEAN's response to the COVID-19 pandemic be assessed in the context of comprehensive security approach, the speakers are: Dr. phil. Yandry Kurniawan (Lecturer, Department of International Relations, Universitas Indonesia/Senior Researcher, Abdurrahman Wahid Center for Peace and Humanity, Universitas Indonesia), Frega Wenas Inkiriwang (Lecturer, Indonesian Defence University/PhD Candidate, London School of Economics and Political Science) and Muhamad Arif (Researcher, The Habibie Center) and moderated by A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center).

## Jakarta Forum on ASEAN-China Relations: Exploring ASEAN-China Partnership on Blue Economy

16 July 2020

The FGD featured several experts from various institutions, such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, an academic from the Korean Language and Cultural Study Program, University of Indonesia, as well as a representative from Indonesia-Korea Culture & Study.



## Talking ASEAN on “Analysing ASEAN’s Centrality and Its Commitment to Regional Peace and Stability”

11 November 2020

On Wednesday, 11 November 2020, The Habibie Center held its Talking ASEAN Webinar entitled “Analysing ASEAN’s Centrality and Its Commitment to Regional Peace and Stability”. The objectives of this webinar were to: (a) analyse the current position of ASEAN as an institution as well of its member states in responding to the U.S and China rivalry; and (b) discuss the role of ASEAN centrality for the institution in adhering to its commitment in maintaining regional peace and security. This particular Talking ASEAN featured H.E. Amb. Sidharto Reza Suryodipuro (Director-General of ASEAN Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia), Moch. Faisal Karim, S.Sos., M.A., Ph.D. (Assistant Professor in Department of International Relations, Bina Nusantara University) and Lina Alexandra (Senior Researcher at the Department of Politics and International Relations Centre of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)) as speakers, and A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) as moderator.



## Foreign Policy Coffee Talks on “ASEAN Amidst Rising Trade Protectionism”

18 November 2020

On Friday, 18 November 2020, The Habibie Center held The Foreign Policy Coffee Talks discussion on “Reimagining the Post-COVID ASEAN Economy”. Mr. Rashesh Shrestha (Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)) and Mr. Bhima Yudhistira Adhinegara (Associate, Institute for Development of Economics and Finance (INDEF)) served as resources person. This discussion aimed to examine the challenges to the Southeast Asian economy as it nears a year of the COVID-19 pandemic, explore the potential impacts of the current global political scene to Southeast Asian economy, discuss the possibilities of a post-COVID economy in Southeast Asia and what important role ASEAN has to take on; and analyse opportunities in policy-making moving forward.



## Talking ASEAN Webinar on “Post-COVID ASEAN: Shifting Political-Security Paradigms?”

24 November 2020

On Tuesday, 24 November 2020, The Habibie Center held Talking ASEAN Webinar “Post-COVID ASEAN: Shifting Political-Security Paradigms?”. The Talking ASEAN featured Aristyo Rizka Darmawan S.H., LL.M. (Lecturer at International Law Department and Researcher at Center for Sustainable Ocean Policy, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia), Shofwan Al Banna Choiruzzad, Ph.D. (Lecturer at International Relations Department and Executive Secretary at ASEAN Study Center, University of Indonesia) and Mira Permatasari, M.Si.(Han) (Director of The Yudhoyono Institute) as resource persons, and A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head of ASEAN Studies Program, The Habibie Center) as moderator. This Talking ASEAN aimed to (1) analyse how the concept of security, both in terms of national and international, has changed during this pandemic, (2) explore how COVID-19 has affected the political and security discourse across the globe, especially for major powers, and (3) discuss how ASEAN should respond to such shifts in paradigms and what kind of cooperation mechanisms will be built by ASEAN countries in the post-COVID world.



## “Foreign Policy Coffee Talks on “RCEP in 2021: Challenges for ASEAN and Brunei Chairmanship”

16 December 2020

On Wednesday, 16 December 2020, The Habibie Center held The Foreign Policy Coffee Talks discussion on “RCEP in 2021: Challenges for ASEAN and Brunei Chairmanship”. Dr. Jayant Menon (Visiting Senior Fellow, Regional Economic Studies Programme, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute) and Dr. Ir. Donna Gultom, M.Sc. (Senior Fellow, Center for Indonesian Policy Studies) served as resources person. This discussion aimed to examine the benefits and challenges of RCEP to the post-COVID ASEAN economy as well as to explore the potential impacts of Brunei’s ASEAN chairmanship to the implementation of RCEP in 2021.



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## ACTIVE (Adolescent Confident in Thinking, Valued in life and Empowered)

21 January 2020

ChildFund International in Indonesia created an ACTIVE (Adolescent Confident in Thinking, Valued in life and Empowered) program or Adolescent who are Confident, Valuable, and Powerful in Life. As its name implies, this program aims to facilitate adolescents to gain access and practice to financial literacy, social and life skills education.

The Habibie Center was invited to be involved in this ACTIVE program. Precisely in the series of Training of Trainers Positive Parenting Program "ACTIVE 4 Future Program Model" which was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2020 at Hotel Amaris Codefin, Kemang. This training was aimed at child assistants from ChildFund's partners who come from several provinces in Indonesia.

The Habibie Center team, represented by Imron Rasyid (Head of the Development and Peace Department) and Vidya Hutagalung (Researcher at the Department of Development and Peace) gave a session on Prevention of Violent Extremism for Families and Child Caregivers. The Habibie Center and ChildFund recognize the importance of the role of families and children's caregivers in the middle of intolerance and the threat of terrorism growth in today's society.

At the session, the training participants were given material on the introduction of violent extremism and invited to discuss the differences between fanaticism, intolerance and radicalism. Furthermore, through group discussions, participants were also invited to discuss the common radicalism process. The session was closed with a discussion on how to build a mechanism to prevent violent extremism in the family.



## Regional Conference on Peaceful Coexistence 2020: The ASEAN Ways in Promoting Unity, Peace & Harmony

11-12 February 2020

On Tuesday and Wednesday 11-12 February 2020, The Habibie Center in collaboration with Institut Darul Ehsan, University of Selangor and The Sasakawa Peace Foundation held the seminar on "Regional Conference on Peaceful Coexistence 2020: The ASEAN Ways in Promoting Unity, Peace, and Harmony" at the Grand Bluewave Hotel, Shah Alam, Malaysia.

The seminar was attended by 300 people from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Singapore, and the Philippines.



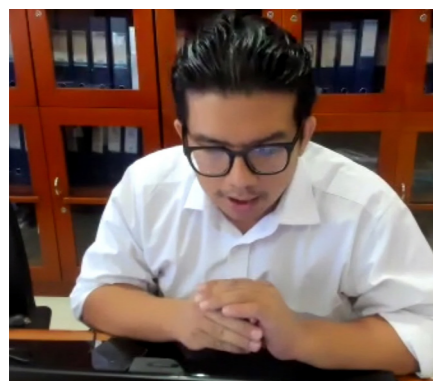
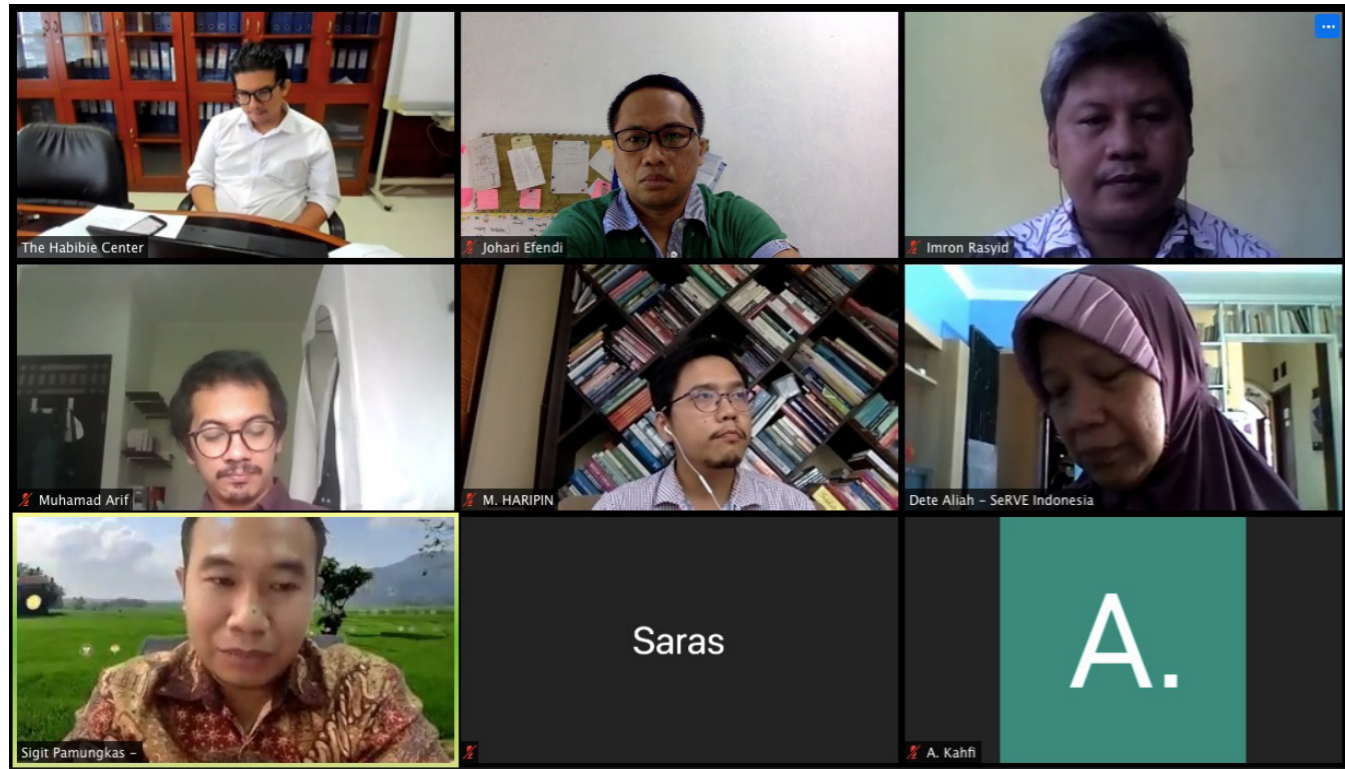
The objectives of this event were to to promote and develop the ASEAN ways of Peaceful Coexistence in order to maintain peace, brotherhood and harmony of the region, to re-acknowledge the existence of diversity and re-discover the local wisdom and good practices for peaceful coexistence in the region, and to identify the obstacles and problems of peaceful coexistence and to explore the options for the solutions and look for the way of future collaboration to overcome the problems between ASEAN countries.

## FGD on "Civic Space and Peace Building in ASEAN"

25 February 2020

On February 25, 2020 The Habibie Center in collaboration with The Sasakawa Peace Foundation held a FGD on "Civic Space and Peace Building in ASEAN". The Habibie Center made a study on Civic Space and Peace Building in ASEAN to see its trend. Taking the case of three countries, namely Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, this analysis also provides recommendations to address the challenges of providing space that can guarantee civic space in these countries. These three countries could be a good examples for other countries in ASEAN and can play a big role in safeguarding civic space while ensuring peace in the region.

The purpose of the FGD are to review the analysis results of the Habibie Center team on Civil Liberties and Peace Building in ASEAN; 2. Discuss the points written in the analysis; and to provide suggestions to the analysis. This event featured Nurcholis Hidayat (Lokataru), Mohammad Choirul Anam (Komnas HAM), Yuyun Wahyuningrum (ASEAN ICHR), Dr. Badrus Sholeh (UIN Jakarta), Ani Soetjipto (Department of International Relations, University of Indonesia), Feri Kusuma (KontraS), and Mujtaba Hamdi (Wahid Foundation).



### FGD I: COVID-19, Democracy and Violent Extremism

23 September 2020

On 23 September 2020 THC in collaboration with The Sasakawa Peace Foundation held a series of online Focus Group Discussions (FGD) on “COVID-19, Democracy and Violent Extremism”, in this first FGD three important things were examined, namely: 1.

How the pandemic affects the performance and quality of democracy around the world and, on the other hand, how democracy works in response to the crisis; 2. How has the pandemic affected violent extremism groups and how did these groups respond to the pandemic; 3. How the government and security forces respond to violent extremism during pandemic, where most of the human resources are

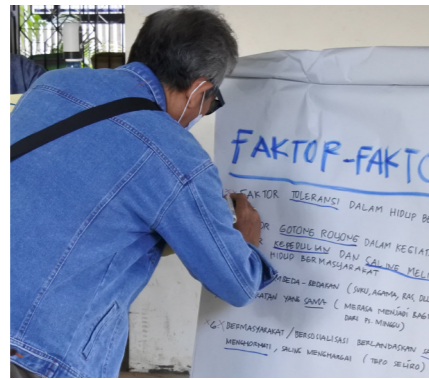
allocated to control the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. The speakers for this FGD were Sigit Pamungkas S.IP., MA (Main Expert of the Presidential Staff Office), Muhamad Haripin, S.Sos, M.Han, Ph.D (Political Researcher of The Indonesian Institute of Sciences), Haris Azhar (Executive Director of Lokataru), Siti Darojatul Aliah (Executive Director of SeRVE) and moderated by Sopar Peranto (The Habibie Center).



### FGD II: COVID-19, Democracy and Violent Extremism

8 October 2020

On October 8, 2020 The Habibie Centre in collaboration with The Sasakawa Peace Foundation held the 2nd online Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on “COVID-19, Democracy and Violent Extremism”. The second FGD still discussed three main points, namely: 1. How the pandemic affects the performance and quality of democracy around the world and, on the other hand, how democracy works in response to the crisis; 2. How has the pandemic affected violent extremism groups and how did these groups respond to the pandemic; 3. How the government and security forces respond to violent extremism during pandemic, where most of the human resources are allocated to control the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The speakers who attended this FGD were Inspector General of Police Martinus Hukom (Head of Densus 88 Polri), Danny Wulandari (Head of Government Institutions BNPT), Ali Asghar (National Security Studies Center (Puskamnas), Bhayangkara University Jakarta), Ali Wibisono, Ph.D (Department of International Relation of University of Indonesia), Badrus Soleh, Ph.D (Middle East and Global Peace Studies / Fisip UIN Jakarta), Chaula R. Anindya (Researcher, PhD Student, Ritsumeikan University), Siti Kholisoh (Senior Media Officer and Wahid Foundation Campaign) and Faisal Magrie (SFCG/USAID-Harmoni Program Manager).



## Piloting Peace Building in Lampung and South Jakarta Project

1-3 December 2020

On 1-3 December 2020, The Habibie Center Team, Child Fund Indonesia, and also Marga Sejahtera conducted an assessment of tolerance situations to develop peace through kelompok-kelompok Pengasuhan groups, Pendidikan Kecakapan Hidup dan Literasi Keuangan (PKHLK), dan Layanan Pendidikan Anak Usia Dini (PAUD) in South Jakarta. The results expected from this activity were an analysis of the situation of the tolerance values in the target area and recommendations for activities to encourage tolerance and develop peace.

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# VISITS AND COOPERATIONS

## Meeting with Dr. Ann Marie Murphy

29 January 2020

On Wednesday 29 January 2020, The Habibie Center hosted a visit by Dr. Ann Marie Murphy (Professor, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, United States). From The Habibie Center was Hadi Kuntjara Ph.D (Executive Director), Mohammad Hassan Ansori, Ph.D. (Director for Research and Programs), and A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head, ASEAN Studies Program). The meeting saw discussions on ASEAN and Indonesian foreign policy as well as the current situation in the United States.



## Visit from Vietnam News Agency

22 June 2020

On 22 June 2020, our Head of ASEAN Studies Program, A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi was interviewed by Vietnam News Agency. During the media interview, Ibrahim shared some of his views on the 36th ASEAN Summit that would be held virtually on Friday 26 June 2020.

## Meeting with Deputy Head of Mission of Denmark Embassy to Indonesia, Søren Bindsbøll

3 February 2020

On Monday 3 February 2020, The Habibie Center hosted a visit by the Deputy Head of Mission of Denmark Embassy to Indonesia, Mr. Søren Bindsbøll. The Habibie Center was led by Prof. Firmanzah (Chairman Institute for Democracy and Economics), Hadi Kuntjara Ph.D. (Executive Director), and A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi (Head, ASEAN Studies Program). The meeting saw discussions on important bilateral and national issues such as the draft Omnibus law in Indonesia, and areas in which Indonesia and Denmark could work more closely together on.



## Second visit from Vietnam News Agency

27 July 2020

On 27 July 2020, our Head of ASEAN Studies Program, A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi was interviewed by Vietnam News Agency. During the media interview, he shared some thoughts with Vietnam News Agency for its special piece to mark Vietnam's 25 years as a member of ASEAN.



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## **Kafe Cerita ASEAN: Promoting Inclusivity and Building Trust among ASEAN Citizens (PREVENT)**

21-22 January 2020

The Habibie Center proudly hosted regional workshop of Kafe Cerita ASEAN: Promoting Inclusivity and Building Trust among ASEAN Citizens.

The two-day workshop was supported by USAID and the US State Department. Twenty participants from all ASEAN member states came together to explore the diversity and build understanding by sharing their stories with each other. Held in Jakarta on 21-22 January 2020, the workshop aimed to promote a more inclusive ASEAN.



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## Public Speaking Training Program

4-5 February 2020

Since 2019, The Habibie Center runs a new program in the field of human resource development, which is public speaking course. By following this course, the participants are expected to be able to speak in public with an influential manner effectively, because everyone needs public speaking skill no matter what their professions are. The Habibie Center planned to open the course periodically once every three months. This was the second batch of public speaking course held by The Habibie Center.

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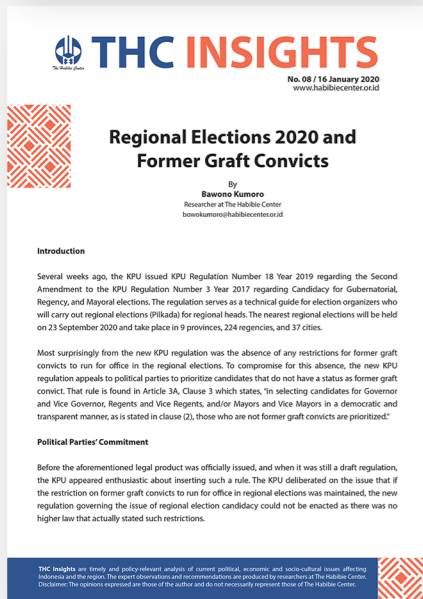
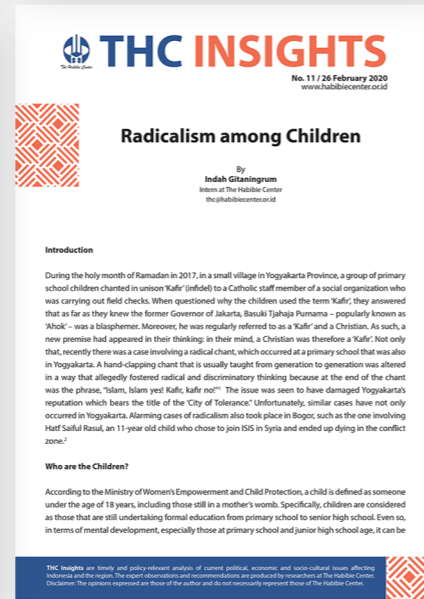
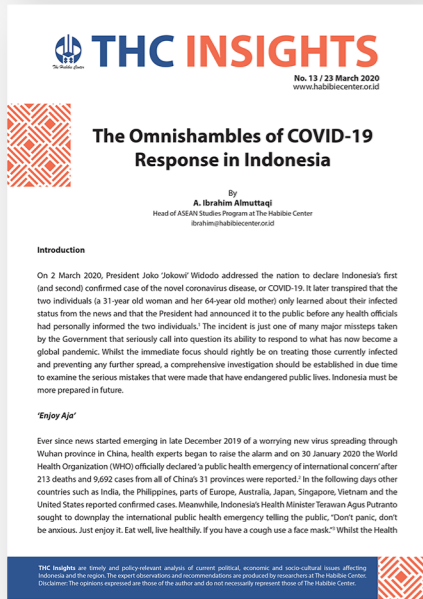
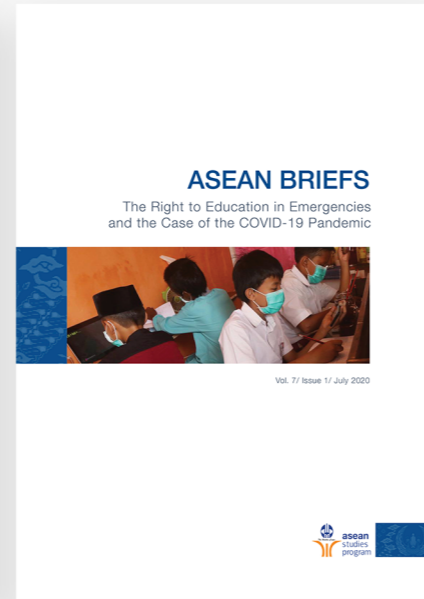
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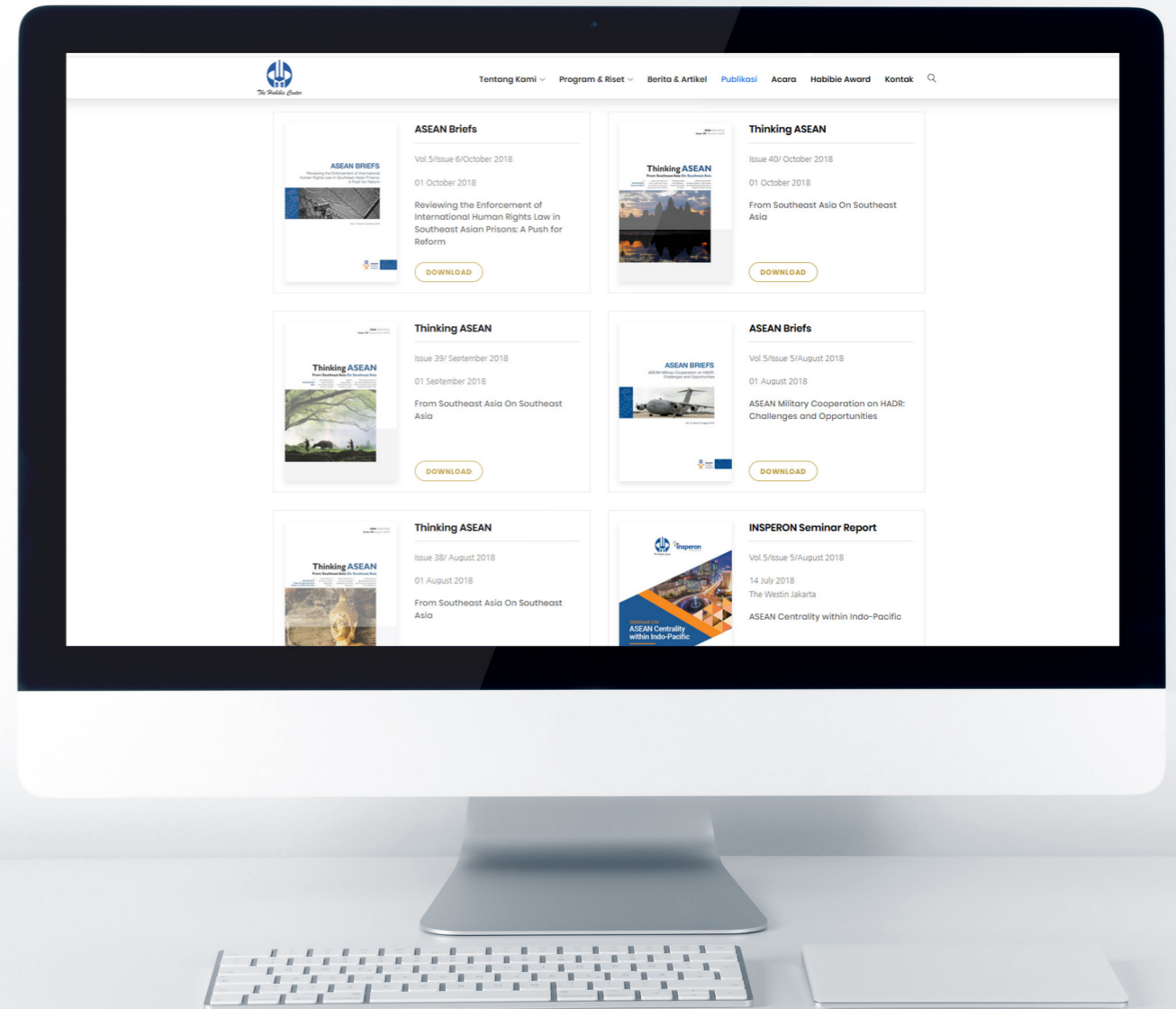
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