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PRESS RELEASE

Former Korean Ambassador to Papua New Guinea Join
Presidential Friends of Indonesia Program on August 14-20, 2008

In commemoration of the 63rd anniversary of Indonesia's Independence Day, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia organizes a special program entitled *Presidential Friends of Indonesia*, designed for all Indonesianist/Indonesia lovers from various discipline such as academicians, politicians, business and media people, NGO's as well as prominent figures from 33 countries all over the world, including the Republic of Korea.

The program which will be held from August 14 to August 20, 2008 will, among others, actively involve all participants in the *Presidential Friends of Indonesia Conference* and make visits to Jakarta, the capital city of Indonesia, Bali and Aceh. The participants are also scheduled to pay *courtesy calls* to President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and high ranking officials from the Special Territory of Jakarta, Aceh and the provincial government of Bali.

Beside visiting places of interest in those three areas, participants will also spend 2 days in the province of Aceh and visit the disaster-stricken areas devastated by the 2004 tsunami to see the final stages of reconstruction and rehabilitation process there.

In this year program, South Korea will be represented by the former Korean Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, Ambassador (Ret) Yo Hanjohng. Being a successful career diplomat, Ambassador Yo Hanjohng, prior being appointed Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, have served his country from the diplomatic rank of Third Secretary until the rank of Minister at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Jakarta. He even married to an Indonesian woman whom he gave a Korean name, Pyeong Hwa, which means *peace*.

Beside being a graduate of the University of Indonesia, Ambassador Yo was also a lecturer for many years at the National University in Jakarta and is a keen writer on several books about Indonesian culture and tourism.

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