

**REMARKS BY H.E. MR. JAKOB TOBING
AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AT THE DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION
OF THE 62nd ANNIVERSARY
OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AND INDONESIA CULTURAL NIGHT
“JEWEL OF ARCHIPELAGO:
JOURNEY THROUGH THE BEAUTY OF INDONESIA”**

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Energy of the Republic of Korea**

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Honorable Chairman of Korea International Trade Association

**Dr. Ramdan Panigoro, Director of International Cooperation of Padjadjaran
University**

Excellencies,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to begin by extending a warm welcome to you all to this wonderful night where we celebrate the 62nd Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia. At this day, 62 years ago, we proclaimed the establishment of an independent state along with its full rights of self determination. Ever since, we have strived to put all our efforts and resources to develop the economy and to bring the prosperity for the people and committed to continue these efforts towards its ultimate goal.

On the occasion of the 62nd anniversary of our Independence Day, I would also like to extend my warmest congratulations to the Government and People of the Republic of Korea who celebrated the same anniversary--two days earlier.

Indonesia and Korea share more than just the month and year of their independence day. Both Indonesia and Korea have a common commitment to continually enhance their bilateral relations. Such commitment is shown not only by the governments of both countries at the various levels but also by the private sectors. To name a few, presidents of both countries have signed the *Joint Declaration of Strategic Partnership* last December, which encompassing cooperation in field of political and security; economic, trade and investment; science and technology; and socio-cultural. H.E. Kim Young-ju, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Energy of Korea has led the visit of more than 100 Korean businessmen for the *First Joint Task Force Meeting on Economic Cooperation* last May. And most recently, the state visit of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono last month which again has reiterated the commitment of both countries to implement the Joint Declaration through various projects of cooperation and investment. And it also important to note the last week's visit of investment representatives from 33 provinces of Indonesia.

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me now, on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Indonesia, express our sincere gratitude to the Korean Government and people for their relentless support to the economic development of Indonesia.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to join me in this august celebration by enjoying some of Indonesia cultural beauty through traditional music, dancing and singing performances as well as Indonesian cuisine which illustrate the cultural diversity of the enchanted Indonesian archipelago.

My gratitude to Padjadjaran University, La Horas and the cooks who make this presentation happens. My appreciation of course also goes to the sponsors: Garuda Indonesia, MedcoEnergi, Saman Corporation, STX Corporation, Shinchang Construction, KEB, KHNP, Korindo and Daewoo International.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let me conclude my remark by proposing a toast for the continuity of cordial relations and the prosperity of the two countries. Please, raise your glasses, W I H A Y O O !!

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