



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**ADDRESS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF
INDONESIA AT THE JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF
INDONESIA AND THE REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF
INDONESIA**

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Assalamualaikum arrahmatullahi wabarakatuh

May peace be upon us all

Om swastiastu

Namo buddhaya

Greetings of Virtue

Thank you Speaker of the People's Consultative Assembly of the Republic of Indonesia, for reminding us all about the important existence and vital roles the state institutions play . As we are all aware, after the amendment of the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia, the country has seen some changes to its administration system, position, and authorities of the state institutions.

Therefore, it is crucial to maintain collaboration among state institutions, as there are some authorities that can be implemented either independently or collaboratively. The current state institutions have reflected the balance of power.

Now I would like to deliver the Address of the Speaker of the House of Representatives at this Joint Session between the House of the Representatives of

the Republic of Indonesia (DPR RI) and the Regional Representatives Council of the Republic of Indonesia (DPD RI).

- **Your Excellency**, President of the Republic of Indonesia, *Bapak* Joko Widodo,
- **Your Excellency**, Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia, *Bapak* KH. Ma'ruf Amin,
- **Your Excellency**, the Fifth President of the Republic of Indonesia, *Ibu* Megawati Soekarnoputri
- **our Excellency**, the Sixth President of the Republic of Indonesia, *Bapak* Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono
- **Your Excellency**, the Sixth Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia, *Bapak* Try Sutrisno
- **Your Excellency**, the Ninth Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia, *Bapak* Hamzah Haz
- **Your Excellency**, the Tenth and Twelfth Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia, *Bapak* Muhammad Jusuf Kalla
- **Your Excellency**, the Eleventh Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia, *Bapak* Boediono

- **Excellencies** Speaker and Vice Speakers of the People’s Consultative Assembly of the Republic of Indonesia
- **Excellencies** Vice Speakers of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia,
- **Excellencies** Speaker and Vice Speakers of the Regional Representatives Council of the Republic of Indonesia,
- **Honorable** Members of the House of Representatives,
- **Honorable** Members of the Regional Representatives Council of the Republic of Indonesia,
- **Honorable** Heads and Deputy Heads of State Institutions,
- **Honorable** Ministers of the Indonesia Onward Cabinet
- **Excellencies** Ambassadors of friendly countries and Heads of International Agencies and Organizations,
- **Distinguished** Chairpersons of political parties, and

- **Distinguished** guests, ladies and gentlemen attending in-person or virtually,
- Fellow Countrymen,

By saying *bismilahirrohmanirrohim*, allow me to call the Joint Session of the DPR RI and DPD RI to order, and that this session is open to public.

GAVEL POUNDED ONCE

Praise be to Allah *Subhanahu Wata'ala*, the One and Only God, for bestowing His grace, blessing and wise guidance upon us, allowing us to gather here today to attend the Joint Session of the DPR RI and DPD RI, as one of our constitutional duties.

Because of the current Covid-19 pandemic, this year's Joint Session is slightly different from those of the previous years. The People's Consultative Assembly's (MPR) Annual Session and Joint Session of the DPR and the DPD are also carried out

in one series of events.

*Excellencies President and Vice President,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Fellow countrymen*

Today, we are combating the COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected many aspects of the life of the people and the state administration. **The pandemic has posed severe threats to people's safety, state and household economy, and people's welfare.**

As of 13 August 2020, Indonesia has reported 132,816 COVID-19 cases in 34 provinces and 480 regencies/cities with 87,558 recoveries and 5,968 deaths.

In the national economic sector, sources of national growth economic have shrunk. In the second quarter of the year, the economic growth slowed up to minus 5.32% (year on year). All sectors and people's businesses have been severely affected,

causing a decrease in income level, rise in the unemployment rate, increased poverty, and extensive decline in people welfare level.

It is vital to have a state presence to deal with this unprecedented non-natural disaster to save people's life from threats of health, economic, and welfare crises by taking extraordinary measures through a series of policies and programs to contain the COVID-19 and its impacts, to increase healthcare capabilities, expand social protection, roll out large-scale social restrictions, and accelerate economic recovery.

Based on Law No 2 of 2020, on State Finance and Financial System Stability to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic and/or to face the threats endangering national economy and/or financial system stability, **The government has position of authority** to implement the fiscal policy, state financial policy, and financial system stability

policy, to tackle the COVID-19 Pandemic and its impacts.

The safety of the people has been the top priority in the implementation of the state administration. It is becoming increasingly vital as we are facing the Covid-19 Pandemic now. On the one hand, the Government's efforts and policies to save people's lives should receive strong supports from all parties. But on the other hand, the Government is coping with huge demands from the people to act in a swift, quick, and integrated way **when implementing several programs to protect and help the people, and restore the social and economic life of the Indonesian people.**

New normal, habit, and behavior to adapt to COVID-19 and national economic recovery become the hope for all Indonesians. The Government needs to implement effective measures through policy, cross-sector collaboration, fiscal and monetary

instruments, and consolidate all potentials and available resources to restore Indonesia's social and economic life.

We should express our appreciation to Central Government, Regional Government, Doctors, Health Workers, Covid-19 Task Force, Indonesian Military (TNI), National Police (Polri), State-Owned Enterprises (BUMN), Private Enterprises, Volunteers and all **of the nation's elements** for their collaboration in the effort of tackling the COVID-19 pandemic. We have survived the COVID-19 pandemic thanks to the spirit of mutual cooperation (*gotong royong*).

*Excellencies President and Vice President,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Fellow countrymen,*

In the next three days, on 17 August 2020, the Republic of Indonesia will commemorate its 75th Independence Day. The commemoration is held to, aside from honoring our heroes who sacrificed their lives so that we finally gained freedom and escaped colonialism, also become an opportunity to reflect **Indonesia's long journey, which was full of dialectics in presenting dynamics, and adding colors to our beloved countries' struggle that led to the civilization of the Indonesian people and nation today.**

Indonesia's Proclamator, *Bung Karno*, right after giving the proclamation text speech on 17 August 1945, said, **"We now have gained independence. No bonds are tying our homeland any more. From now, we build our own Country! An Independent Country, the Republic of Indonesia, is eternally independent. God willing, God bless our independence!"**

Independent Indonesia is the self-determination of the people and nation by their own hands to build the Republic of Indonesia, which is independent, united, just, and prosperous.

It took a long way for Indonesia to gain the power to decide the fate of its people and nation. In the course of its 75 years of independence, Indonesia has seen numerous advancements in the state administration, democratic systems, government systems, development patterns, government administration, and relations among state institutions.

Developing Indonesia carries a wide range of meanings, i.e., build many aspects of the life of the nation and the people to accomplish goals and ideals of the independence as enshrined in the preamble of the 1945 Constitution.

The development goals that the Indonesian Government is pursuing, was clearly written in the fourth paragraph of the 1945 Constitution's

Preamble, which says: “to protect the whole people of Indonesia and the entire homeland of Indonesia, and to advance general prosperity, to develop the nation's intellectual life, and to contribute to the implementation of a world order based on freedom, lasting peace, and social justice.”

To achieve those state goals, Indonesia needs to implement the Politics of Development to manage, organize, and control the people and nation sources, aimed at building national strengths. The aim of the development politics is the core of any development. **Development without a clear political aim is like a ship without a compass.** Development without clear development politics platform leadership is like **a ship without a captain that will be destroyed after hitting a rock or being drowned in a storm.**

“Advanced Indonesia”, the theme of the 75th Commemoration of Indonesia’s Independence Day,

has been our determination to lead the National Development Politics to achieve an Advanced Indonesia in all aspects.

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed challenges to Indonesia's achievement in many areas these days. We may witness some shortcomings that need to be fixed and improved to achieve Advanced Indonesia:

- We still need to improve equal distribution of health services to all Indonesians in all regions;
- We still need to strengthen a more integrated and coordinated disaster management system;
- We still need to improve social security and social protection systems;
- We still need to strengthen regulations to prevent economic crisis;
- We also need regulations to harmonize fiscal policy authority and monetary policy authority to overcome the economic crisis.

Today, we now live in a technologically advanced era that is highly dynamic and open from the perspective of social, cultural, economic, and political aspects, and in a fierce global competition. As a nation and as a state, we are demanded to always have the capacity and strengths in political, economic, social, and cultural sectors to determine people and nation's fate through our own sovereignty.

Throughout the 75 years of independence, Indonesia has made lots of progress in a movement of civilization that is constantly evolving and presenting new challenges. Therefore, to realize the vision of Advanced Indonesia, **we need to move more swiftly to keep up with the world's civilization that is rapidly expanding in all aspects.**

To accelerate the realization of Advanced Indonesia vision which has political, social, cultural, and

economical power, our **Development Politics should be navigated in such a way to speed up the Human Development, strengthen national food industry, firmly manage national industry, ensure equitable infrastructure development, and optimize bureaucratic reform.**

Indonesia is a state based on law. Hence, the spirit of Advanced Indonesia should become the common goal in the Law Development to fulfill national legal needs. Product of law/legal policy must sustain the state goal and realize the vision of Advanced Indonesia. Legal needs will always adjust to the current development and the produced law needs to be based on the Pancasila as the philosophical foundation, the 1945 Constitution as the juridical basis, the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia and Bhineka Tunggal Ika as the common consensus, and the sense of social justice as a sociological basis. **Today, it is the right time to replace the colonial-era law with the Independent Indonesian one,**

which is undoubtedly considering and adopting the Indonesian people's cultural, social, and sociological values.

The Advanced Indonesia is the ideal that the regional development advancement should pursue. To continue the regional development advancement, we will hold regional general elections to elect regional heads and their deputies simultaneously in a number of regions next December. The regional elections are part of an ongoing political process in Indonesia towards a more democratic, transparent, accountable, and responsible political life.

We hope all Indonesians who will participate in the simultaneous regional elections play an active role in electing the most qualified regional leaders who can help their regions move forward towards progress and success. It is also our hope that political parties, the vital democratic pillars in the

political and democratic system in our country, also **play their roles to provide people with good examples on how to implement politics democratically based on the State Ideology Pancasila.**

To realize the vision of Advanced Indonesia, **Development Politics is also supposed to open rooms and access for all Indonesians to participate in.** Every citizen shares common responsibilities to contribute to the national interests.

Bung Karno once said, *“My struggle is a lot easier because we just have to expel the invaders. While your struggle will be much harder because you have to fight against your fellow people”*. That implies **the desperate need of national unity in developing countries.** It requires a sense of togetherness of all people to build our country. **We need the spirit of *gotong royong* from all the citizens. A sense of togetherness stems from a love for the homeland**

and love for the nation, which embrace Pancasila and the concept of Unity in Diversity (Bhineka Tunggal Ika).

By working together and displaying the spirit of *gotong royong*, the MPR RI, DPR RI, DPD RI, and the Government all dedicate their efforts, undertakings, and duties to one single goal :Indonesia; **All for Indonesia—Indonesia for All.**

By keeping up the spirit of the Proclamation of Independence of 17 August 1945, let **us unite to build up the strength of the nation and state** so that we can determine our own fate with our own hands: **“We are strong because we unite – We unite because we are strong.”**

This is our shared spirits, Unite for Indonesia.

*Excellencies President and Vice President,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

Fellow countrymen,

It is time for us to invite Mr. President to deliver the State Address on the 75th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia before the Joint Session of the DPR RI and DPD RI today. Mr. President, please take the floor.

STATE ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

Thank you Mr. President for the State Address on the 75th Anniversary of Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia. We will now invite Prof. Dr. Nasaruddin Umar, the Grand Imam of Istiqlal Mosque, to lead the prayer.

**PRAYER LED BY THE GRAND IMAM
OF ISTIQLAL MOSQUE**

Thank you Prof. Dr. Nasaruddin Umar, the Grand Imam of Istiqlal Mosque, for the prayer. May Allah SWT, the one and only God, answer our prayers. Amin.

*Excellencies President and Vice President,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Fellow countrymen,*

Now we are coming to our final agenda of the Joint Session of the DPR RI and DPD RI. I would like to thank you for your time and effort in making this session a success. Allow me to say *Alhamdulillahilahirobil'amin* to conclude this Session.

**HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
IN SPIRIT;
IN BODY;
LET THEM ALL ARISE**

FOR INDEPENDENT INDONESIA!

Thank You

*Wassalamu'alaikum warohmatullahi
wabarokatuh.*

Om shanti shanti shanti om

Namo buddhaya

Jakarta, 14 August 2020

SPEAKER

**THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

Signed.

DR. (HC) PUAN MAHARANI