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ASIA AFRICA PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE TO
COMMEMORATE THE 60TH ASIAN AFRICAN
CONFERENCE

REPORT BY
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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

***In the Name of Allah, the Most Benevolent, the
Most Merciful.***

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته و بعد،

***His Excellency Mr. Joko Widodo, President of the
Republic of Indonesia,***
***His Excellency Mr. Setya Novanto, Speaker of the
House of Representatives of Indonesia,***
***His Excellency Prof. Dr. Susilo Bambang
Yudhoyono, the immediate former President of the
Republic of Indonesia, Chair of Global Green Growth
Institute,***



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***Excellencies Speakers of the Parliaments of Asian-
African Nations,
Distinguished Delegates,
Distinguished Guests of Honor,
Ladies and Gentlemen***

Good Morning and Welcome to the Parliamentary Building of the Republic of Indonesia.

It is a privileged for me, as the Chair of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation entrusted to perform parliamentary diplomacy, to host you in this historical and monumental building. It is also an honour for me to welcome Speakers, Deputy Speakers and delegates from 33 Asian – African countries. The Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation has the initiative to hold this Conference as implementation of its duty to strengthen and develop the role of the House of Representatives in multi-track diplomacy, as mandated in the national laws.



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Today, as we are commemorating the 60 years after the 1955 Asian-African Conference and a decade after the NAASP was launched, The House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia has taken the initiative to revitalize the historical significance of the Bandung Spirit. Through this Conference, we expect to provide a forum for Asian and African Parliamentarians to produce and sustain perspectives and solutions to address the Asian and African present and future challenges; to consolidate and strengthen parliamentary roles in forging South-South cooperation within the context of NAASP; and to deliver parliamentary perspectives in our continents on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and its inter-governmental negotiation.

Building a continent wide cooperation is challenging. To overcome this challenge, greater contributions from us as Representatives of our People are required. Hence, through this



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Conference, we expect to strengthen the bridge between Asia and Africa.

We hope that through our shared deliberations on important agenda such as Peace and Prosperity, the Way forward in Asia-African Cooperation and the Recognition of the State of Palestine, Parliamentarians from both continents could engage in dialogue and integrate their views in advancing South-South Cooperation within the context of NAASP.

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Prior to this Conference, the Indonesian House of Representatives has held some preparatory events to ensure our conference is a great success. An Afternoon Tea with Ambassadors from Asian-African countries and a media briefing have been held to disseminate information on this event.



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On that note, I would like to end my speech by extending my highest appreciation to the current President of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Joko Widodo and the immediate former President of the Republic of Indonesia, Prof. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono for making time to be here with us.

I would also like to extend my warm welcome to the Speakers, Vice Speakers and all delegates from Asian and African Countries. Your presence has renewed our cooperation and reinvigorated the spirit of solidarity amongst Asian and African nations.

Thank You