



**ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

**Closing Remarks of AIPA President  
at the AIPA Executive Committee Meeting  
July 9, 2012, Yogyakarta, Indonesia**

**Your Excellency, Heads of Delegates and Delegates of AIPA;  
Honorable Chair of the Inter-parliamentary Cooperation Committee and  
Honorable Members of the Indonesian House of Representatives  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

*Assalamu'alaikum. Wr. Wb.*

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the delegates for the cooperation and mutual understanding among us during the deliberation and discussion today. Having the Executive Committee Meeting before the General Assembly gives us the opportunity to discuss the Assembly Agenda in a more thorough manner.

This way not only we have more opportunity to go into a more in-depth discussion but it also gives us chance to adjust to the recent development.

Having agreed upon the Agenda of the General Assembly, including the items that will be discussed with Observer Parliaments will lend us better focus to achieve the objectives of the General Assembly.

As I mentioned in the Opening Ceremony, AIPA needs to gain more in-depth understanding on the relevant strategic issues in order to contribute more effectively and work in a more result-oriented way. We need to use the consultation meeting between ASEAN and AIPA during ASEAN Summit to establish constructive and meaningful dialogues on strategic issues that will accelerate ASEAN integration.

I truly believe that Parliamentarians contribute significantly to the unity and success of our ASEAN since we play critical roles in building a people centered ASEAN. It is because of this very reason, therefore we need to ensure that our vision and perception of AIPA and ASEAN are in harmony and complementary.

Once again, my humble appreciation to all the Heads and Members of Delegates for your good cooperation. I hope that all of our hard works will promote the establishment of ASEAN Community in 2015 since AIPA will be an important pillar to our ASEAN Community.

I would also like to thank everyone who have taken parts in the preparation and organization of this Meeting, my parliamentary colleagues, AIPA Secretariat and the Staff of the Indonesian House of Representatives.

Now, with saying “*Alhamdulillahirabbilalamin*” I declare this Executive Committee Meeting closed. We will meet again at the 33rd AIPA General Assembly in September 2012 in Lombok, Indonesia. Tomorrow we will start another important meeting, that is the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of AIFOCOM.

Thank you.

Wassalamu’alaikum. Wr. Wb.