



ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

**Remarks of Governor of Yogyakarta
at the Opening Ceremony of the AIPA Executive Committee
and AIPA Fact-finding Committee to Combat the Drug Menace
July 9, 2012, Yogyakarta, Indonesia**

Assalamu'alaikum Wr. Wb.
Greetings for all,

**Your Excellency, President of AIPA, Dr. Marzuki Alie,
Your Excellency, Secretary General of AIPA, Mr. Antonio V. Cuenco,
Honorable Heads of Delegation and Members of AIPA Delegation,**

Praises to God the Almighty, as the host, I would like to welcome all the AIPA Members from the ten countries as the Participants of the Executive Committee Meeting ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and the 9th Meeting of AIPA Fact Finding Committee to Combat the Drugs Menace.

Drugs, narcotics, psychotropics, and other addictive substances are harmful substances since they can alter the way of thinking, feeling and the human will.

The current facts show that everyday there are new drugs cases. When we arrest one, thousand others emerge. By common sense if the motivation is only for profit, the big time dealers will be bankrupt since everyday there is arrest against drugs dealers.

We may suspect that the distribution and trafficking of drugs have other motivations, there are subversive motives behind it. The ultimate goal is to destroy a nation through impoverishment which will end in a new type of colonialism.

With disrupted network model of organized crime, the eradication efforts are just like cutting the tip of an iceberg, which means the users and dealers who are arrested are just small parts of the entirety of the cases.

The prevalence of drugs increase year by year as if can not be stopped. This can be seen from the data from The National Narcotics Board that show increasing trend in the last five years.

Distinguished Delegates,

It is an extraordinary honor that Yogyakarta has been chosen as the venue for this Assembly. This honor is even more meaningful as the participants will visit Ghrasia Hospital

where the patients receive curative, repressive, rehabilitative and preventive therapies in order to prevent them from relapsing.

Humans are like a fragile and easily cracked clay vessel. Fallen and cracked, that is what the patients at Grahsia Hospital are experiencing now. It is easier to make a new clay vessel rather than re-shape the vessel that has fallen into pieces.

One of the efforts to piece together the broken pieces is *Therapeutic Communication*(TC) session in each pavilion. Sharing experiences in TC is very healthy, mentally and emotionally for the patients.

The TC method has been more successful than others, as TC sees drug users as experiencing a disturbance holistically, rather than just a physical one. It is also a spiritual, intellectual, emotional and behavioural one. This has to be handled during rehabilitation and also requires a great deal of time and intensive care.

In general, this condition cannot be removed in its entirety during rehabilitation, and has to be continued into after-care, even further, into long term recovery.

Distinguished Guests,

With that sort of illustration, the Government of DIY Province hopes that the related drug eradication AIFOCOM Action Plan in ASEAN could be sustainably implemented.

Finally, may God the Most Gracious show us with His grace and blessings, so that this meeting goes smoothly and give benefits to ASEAN countries.

Thank you.

Wassalamu 'alaikum Wr. Wb.

Yogyakarta, 9 July 2012

GOVERNOR OF YOGYAKARTA SPECIAL REGION,

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