



**DINNER REMARKS**  
**PARLIAMENTARY EVENT ON INTERFAITH DIALOG**

**Theme :**  
**The Parliamentary Role in Promoting**  
**Interfaith and Intercultural Cooperation**

**by :**  
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***Assalamu'alaikum warohmatullahi wabarokaatuh.***  
*Peace be upon all of you and may Allah bestow His Mercy*  
*and Blessings.*

***Honorable***

- Members of Parliamentary Delegations,

- Secretary to the Provincial Government of Bali, or the representative from the Provincial Government of Bali
- Keynote Speakers and Speakers,
- Guests from international organizations, and distinguished ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to say welcome to all of you at the dinner tonight that we hold in conjunction with Parliamentary Event on Interfaith Dialogue. This activity will be held for two days, and has officially been opened this morning.

As I see, we have a very busy agenda ahead of us. Through four plenary meetings, discussions will be held to discuss a number of sub-themes that will be delivered by experts, among others from Indonesia, Prof. Dr. Azyumardi Azra and Prof. Dr. Frans Magnis Suseno.

Delegates will also receive the opportunity to learn from other parliamentary delegations' presentation that will elaborate practical policies in their respective countries, in building trust and cooperation from various beliefs and religions.

Therefore, in this opportunity, I would like to express my gratitude for the participation from the keynote speakers, presenters, and parliament members as well as all other participants in this very important forum.

***Distinguished guests,***

We consider organizing this event as very important because all of us will discuss and seek for the best solution to deal with various problems raised by the diversity of religions, beliefs and cultures in our respective countries. National policies that fail to support diversity, pluralism and tolerance among beliefs, religions and cultures shall lead to an authoritarian

government, and that is something that is surely not to be desired.

***Distinguished guests,***

Later, in the fourth plenary session, we would like to invite all delegates and guests to visit Puja Mandala, a complex of worship for five religions in a single location, that is for Islam, Catholic, Christianity, Buddhism, and Hinduism. Certainly, there are places of worship for those religions in that complex.

I hope through this site visit, delegate members will be able to see that harmony among religious followers is always to be developed for the purpose of mutual understanding among followers of different religions.

Before closing this speech, let me invite you all ***to raise your glass for a toast*** for the success of this forum and for the increased cooperation among parliaments.

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*Thank you.*

***Wassalamu'alaikum warohmatullahi wabarokaatuh.***

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