



WELCOME REMARKS
OPENING SESSION OF INDONESIA – PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY
PARTNERSHIP ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND MARITIME
SUSTAINABILITY

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Excellency Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Representatives of the
Republic of Indonesia,
Honourable Member of Parliaments,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*Assalamualaikum Warrahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,
May Peace be upon you*

A very good morning to you and welcome to Indonesia – Pacific Parliamentary Partnership. I would like to congratulate you all for joining this important event which aim to strengthen parliamentary cooperation between Indonesia and the Pacific. Your attendance will provide a valuable contribution to the effort of promoting growth and sustainability.

This meeting is organized by the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation, a permanent structure in the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia. This is a committee mandated to exercise parliamentary diplomacy.

We are delighted to note significant interests from our Pacific partners, reflected by numbers of countries present today in this meeting. Fourteen countries has sent their delegation and majority of these countries are led by speakers of their respective parliaments. It signifies how we perceived each other as important and equal partners.

Excellencies and Parliamentarians,

Since the objective of this meeting is to promote better linkage, therefore we must embrace topics that are of our common concerns. After careful considerations, the

committee under my leadership has decided on three topics under the umbrella of primary theme; Human Development and Maritime Sustainability.

The first session will be discussing about building partnership. We will invite you to further discuss our role as parliament to enhance sustainability, economic, trade and investment cooperation as well as social-cultural relations, including human development and people-to-people contact. We expect engagement from the participants to share common challenges and potentials.

The second topic is about implementing blue economy with high consideration to sustainable management of marine resources. We are encouraged to discuss the elaborative issues presented by speakers including means and ways to promote engagement of parliament in blue economy.

The last session will explore on human capital development as a new driving force for economic growth. As representative of the people, parliament has key role in shaping policies and regulatory frameworks that promotes sustainability for all. Participants are encouraged to discuss on how to formulate policies and bridge aspiration for the purposes of human capital development needs.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I expect that through this meeting you can engage into the most pressing issues confronting Indonesia and Pacific. You can share national best practices and lesson learned so that we can devise national policies that best fit for the purpose of growth and prosperity.

I believe that no development is possible without peace and stability. I would like to conclude by reiterating our commitment to contribute to maintaining regional peace and stability. This is the shared vision that we must continue to uphold, while respecting each other's sovereignty.

I thank you.