

MESSAGE

From the Chairperson of the Committee for Inter Parliamentary
Cooperation



Dear fellow parliamentarians,

Greetings!

It is an honour for us to host the
Indonesia – Pacific Parliamentary
Partnership on Human
Development and Maritime
Sustainability.

The Partnership was initiated with the vision to intensify dialogue between the parliaments of the Pacific countries with the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia to address human capital development as a new driving force for economic growth in Indonesia – Pacific partnership and to maintain our commitment toward global agenda 2030.

The theme of the Partnership is in line with the global commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), our common agenda, by 2030. Human development and maritime sustainability is also a consequential theme for discussion around the current issues confronting Indonesia and the Pacific. With the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia is also hosting the 2nd World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development in September this year, this Partnership will serve as an initial discussion on topics close to SDGs. The World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development is the first ever parliamentary forum on SDGs on a global scale.

We will explore the potential of blue economy to boost economic growth and maintain prosperity in our region. Our extensive coastline and vast ocean

has been endowed with wide array of marine resources. However, it also brings the challenge on developing the capacity of our people to sustain the current growth amidst the changes in weather pattern and probability of ocean resources depletion. We owe the responsibility to sustainably managing our resources while tackling the climate issue not only to our constituent but to global community through our commitment to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and coordinate ambitious efforts under the Paris Agreement, in particular within the framework of World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development.

The discourse on natural resources is inseparable with human resources. As the sustainable management of natural resources allows for expansion of economic activity, through capacity building and partnership, it creates employment opportunity and requires capable human resources. Investing in the development of Indonesia – Pacific human capital endowment is the key to sustain growth and leverage on the potential of our people for global development. It is, therefore, important to raise awareness and performance of parliamentarians to address the issues for the sake of people's prosperity in the region.

We look forward to welcoming you in Jakarta and working on this new initiative that is expected to be a building block of future intensive cooperation between our parliaments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nurhayati Ali Assegaf', with a large, stylized initial 'N'.

Dr. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf

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