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The Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation (BKSAP), an organ of the Indonesian House of Representatives, plays a pivotal role as the forefront of parliamentary diplomacy. BKSAP has the functions to foster, develop and enhance relations and cooperation between the Indonesian House of Representatives and parliaments of other countries at bilateral and multilateral levels, including engagement with various international organizations that bring together parliaments and parliamentarians.

BKSAP also provides advice and recommendations to the House leadership regarding inter-parliamentary cooperation issues.

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The DPR and Pacific Parliamentary Partnership Agreed On Several Commitments and Perspectives

Jakarta, 27/7/2024 — The House of Representatives (DPR) concluded the 2nd Indonesia-Pacific Parliamentary Partnership (IPPP) on Thursday (25/7) at the Fairmont Hotel in Jakarta. Eleven Pacific countries participated in the meeting, which succeeded in the adoption of the Chair's Summary.

Fadli Zon, Chairperson of the DPR's Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Committee (BKSAP), was asked to convey this conclusion. "This IPPP aims to enhance the role of parliament in fostering partnerships and cooperation between Indonesia and Pacific Island countries based on a shared commitment to increasing regional connectivity and inclusive development to address diverse and unprecedented regional and global challenges," Fadli said when representing the Summary document.

Furthermore, the former Vice Speaker of the 2014-2019 DPR conveyed several strategic matters, which were summarized in the Chair's Summary as a comprehensive commitment to the DPR institution and the Pacific Island parliaments, reaffirming the same perspectives on the dynamics occurring in the Pacific.

The summary agreed upon by consensus, includes the following points: 1) Reaffirming the commitment to enhance economic, political, and social connectivity in the region. The vision is to make the Pacific an integrated and closely connected region, aiming to achieve collective prosperity; 2) Firm commitment to maintaining regional peace and security, building resilience, and creating prosperity for all through parliamentary diplomacy, based on the principles of mutual trust and respect for each country's sovereignty and territorial integrity; 3) Affirming the view of the oceans as a glue, not a divider, and the need to respect cultural diversity and increase diplomatic and political engagement as a unifying element in the framework of strengthening cooperation and more sustainable mutual understanding; 4) Emphasizing a collective attention to address issues of economic uncertainty, climate change impacts, marine degradation and natural disasters, and threats to food security and maritime security; 5) Urgent need for increased collaboration, partnership, and connectivity based on the principles of mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty to build a foundation for regional peace, security, and prosperity; 6) Urgent need for parliamentary diplomacy to create a more just, resilient, and prosperous future for all; 7) Concerns about the degradation of the marine environment, ocean, and marine biodiversity due to marine debris, water pollution, plastic, and unsustainable exploitation negatively impact human health, food security, economic progress, and inclusive development;

8) Urgency for closer interaction between Indonesia and Pacific countries, primarily through educational, social, and cultural exchanges, and inter-community relations; 9) Importance of South-South Cooperation as a platform for increasing regional connectivity; 10) Encouraging regional development to achieve inclusive SDGs through sustainable use of marine resources and the blue economy, such as in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, port connectivity, renewable energy, promoting sustainable food production and use, sustainable marine tourism, and women's empowerment and youth in the maritime industry; 11) Increased cooperation in reducing the impacts of climate change, pursuing climate adaptation actions, especially for coastal land rehabilitation, protecting marine ecosystems, and empowering communities in the Pacific; 12) Support for increasing economic growth through trade, investment, and business partnerships which is supported by the critical role of communication technology, digital infrastructure, and transportation networks; and 13) Commitment to utilizing the IPPP as an essential platform for regional engagement by developing the forum as a parliamentary assembly for Indonesia and the Pacific region.

Fadli also emphasized the DPR's commitment to strengthening cooperation with the parliaments of Pacific countries in capacity development, law drafting, technological innovation in parliament, information exchange, and media publications to optimize the parliamentary secretariat's role.

The 2nd IPPP is a continuation of the first IPPP, which was held in July 2018. Parliamentary delegations from the Pacific region, namely the Cook Islands, Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon, Tonga, and Tuvalu, attended this 2nd IPPP.

The Indonesian delegation was led by Puan Maharani, with members include Lodewijk Freidrich Paulus, Fadli Zon, Gilang Dhielafararez, Putu Supadma Rudana, Sukamta, Kris Dayanti, Irine Yusiana, Puteri Komarudin, Dyah Roro, Syahrul Aidi Maazat, Dewi Coryati, and Robert Joppy Kardinal.