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# Editor's Note

Loyal readers of Diplomacy Tabloid, this edition presents the achievements of Indonesian diplomacy, especially in the era of President Jokowi and Foreign Minister Retno.

In the field of international diplomacy, Indonesia achieved several important accomplishments particularly in creating world peace, providing protection to Indonesian citizens, upholding the sovereignty of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia and Indonesian leadership at regional and global levels.

As a manifestation of a free and active foreign policy, the Indonesian government is actively taking leadership roles at the regional and global levels. In this regard, Indonesia has enhanced the South-South and Triangular cooperation as part of its effort for international cooperation and for an impartial, equitable, and mutually beneficial world challenge.

There are three articles that deal with it and they are included in the Main Focus section. And as a complement, seven articles on the features of Indonesian diplomacy are presented in the Focus section.

Furthermore, various steps and breakthroughs of Indonesian diplomacy conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are provided in some articles in the Highlights section. In this edition, our focus is on Indonesia's bid to a non-permanent membership in the UN Security Council. Next, the launching of a Diaspora Card based on the determination of giving attention and support to Indonesians abroad; Negotiating global compact issues on migration and refugees to strengthen the protection of Indonesian migrant workers, as well as Indonesia's contribution in temporarily taking refugees and asylum seekers from abroad; Indonesian exports to Argentina; as well as non-traditional market targets and Indonesian tourism.

As we usually do, we also put forward various other interesting topics included in the Lens section, among them the Indonesian coffee bean products in Brazil and the UN's appreciation of Indonesia in the protection of the rights of migrant workers.

These are the topics presented in this edition. As a great country, Indonesian diplomacy does not only pursue its own national interest because Indonesia is also worthy and very significant in contributing to the world.

Enjoy reading and may it be of use.  
Greetings Diplomacy.

# Reader's Letter

Proud with the Actions of the President and the Foreign Minister

Indonesia's proposal that Myanmar immediately restores stability in security and stopping violence against the Rohingya people in Rakhine State has started to be carried out by the government of the 'Golden Land'.

Indonesia's efforts in solving the humanitarian crisis as embodied in the 4 + 1 Formula also received praise from several countries.

Myanmar's leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, in a 30-minute televised speech yesterday said that her government renewed its stance on Rohingya refugees by verifying the status of 410,000 Rakhine people who fled to Bangladesh and elsewhere.

Suu Kyi also criticized human rights abuses and insisted that everyone responsible for the offenses would face legal proceedings. In her first speech on the chaos in Rakhine, Suu Kyi admitted that she feels the suffering of the people who were trapped in the war zone.

Meanwhile, the US, Australia, and Sweden praised Indonesia's diplomatic move that channeled humanitarian aid to residents in Rakhine.

This was stated by Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi in a Foreign Ministry release received in Jakarta yesterday.

"Indonesia is not staying silent in seeing the situation in Rakhine. The Swedish Foreign Minister, Australian Foreign Minister, and the US Ambassador to the UN specifically praised RI's hard work in finding a solution to the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine," Retno said.

Retno explained that the 4 + 1 Formula is a solution in resolving the Rakhine conflict. The 4 + 1 Formula includes restoring security, non-violent restraint, protection for the whole population regardless of religion, and access to humanitarian assistance.

International legal expert Hikmahanto Juwana claimed to be proud of the world's appreciation of Indonesia.

Hikmahanto also regretted the tacit voices of some parties in the country who criticize Indonesia's diplomacy measure. In fact, the move aims to alleviate the suffering of our brothers in Rakhine and tries to end the conflict between Myanmar's military and citizens in Rakhine.

Earlier, Gerindra Party Chairman Prabowo Subianto assessed that the Indonesian humanitarian aid for Rohingya citizens was only to boost President Joko Widodo's image.

It seems that President Jokowi is not affected by voices from within the country that criticize his move. The President continues to make various efforts to assist the sufferings of the Rakhine people.

President Jokowi on Wednesday released 34 tons of humanitarian aid for Rohingyas on the Myanmar-Bangladesh border from the Halim Perdanakusuma Base Ops in East Jakarta.

As citizens, we are proud of the President's policy in assisting in the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine and the swift diplomatic action of the Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs in Myanmar.

Hopefully, our diplomacy continues to move forward to help solve the problems in the ASEAN region and in other regions.

Bintang Putra Nugroho, Universitas Uhamka, Jakarta.

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### Indonesia's Diplomatic Measures in Dealing with the Rakhine Crisis



# RI's Minister of Foreign Affairs: Creating an Ecosystem of Global Peace is not a Fantasy

Indonesia's contribution in creating a peaceful ecosystem, stability, and prosperity in the region is the foundation of Indonesia's efforts to promote the creation of the same ecosystem at the global level. This was stated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, Retno LP Marsudi, in front of 150 attendees that filled the room in the Asia Society in New York, USA on September 25, 2017.

In her keynote speech, Foreign Minister Retno stressed that the creation of a global peace ecosystem is not a delusion. When ASEAN was formed half a century ago, no one thought that ASEAN would remain standing today. But in fact, ASEAN is now an anchor of stability and an engine of regional economic growth.

"ASEAN is a tangible example of how a region full of conflicts between neighboring countries, which are economically weak, is capable of transforming into one of the global forces," said Foreign Minister Retno.

Foreign Minister Retno further explained three recipes of ASEAN's success. First, through the ASEAN Way, there has been a growing culture of dialogue, consensus, inclusiveness, and peaceful settlement on the basis of respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Second, the ability to develop institutions and



principles, such as a Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality (ZOPFAN), Treaty of Amity and Cooperation, ASEAN Charter until the establishment of an ASEAN Community, grew from the culture of dialogue. Finally, the ASEAN provides a platform for its partner countries, including the great powers of the world, to meet regularly.

"The success of ASEAN in the field of politics is the cornerstone of the success of economic development, which led to the creation of the ecosystem of welfare in the region," Foreign Minister Retno added.

Nevertheless, ASEAN still faces three major challenges, namely on how to overcome the geo-political rivalries of big countries, transnational crime including terrorism, and maintaining the integrity and centrality of ASEAN.

In a question-and-answer session hosted by Ambassador

Daniel Russel (former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs), Foreign Minister Retno received questions about ASEAN's efforts to address terrorism and humanitarian issues at Rakhine State.

In a clear-cut manner, Foreign Minister Retno affirmed that ASEAN has strengthened its cooperation efforts in handling terrorism, particularly in relation to the regionalization of terrorist groups such as in Marawi, Philippines, through sub-regional cooperation such as trilateral. Together with neighboring countries, Indonesia continues to strengthen border controls in order to prevent the crossing of terrorists.

Furthermore, Foreign Minister Retno also explained the marathon diplomacy efforts for humanity conducted in Myanmar and Bangladesh. It

has been explained that efforts are being made to ensure that humanitarian aid can run smoothly. Foreign Minister Retno also conveyed efforts in approaching religious leaders and the community to help in dealing with the community.

In concluding her remarks, Foreign Minister Retno reiterated that "Peace is not obtained suddenly, but must be fought together." Foreign Minister Retno said that in order to realize an ecosystem of global peace, Indonesia is ready to strengthen cooperation with all partners, including the United States.

The Asia Society invited Foreign Minister Retno to lecture on the ecosystem of peace and global stability. According to Tom Nagorski, Executive Vice President of Asia Society, Indonesia's contribution in creating peace deserves praise. In addition, Indonesia's initiative and care in handling various crises is also worthy of being an example for other countries.

Asia Society is a leading non-profit organization that has a mission to develop mutual understanding and partnership among communities, leaders, and institutions. The foundation was founded in 1956 by John D. Rockefeller III, one of the leading figures from the United States. []



# In Dealing with the Rakhine Crisis, RI's Minister of Foreign Affairs Proposes a 4 + 1 Formula

THE INCREASING ROLE OF INDONESIA, BOTH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL, CAN BE SEEN FROM THE INDONESIAN HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT DISCUSSION ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL'S THIRD CYCLE WHERE 103 COUNTRIES EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT TO INDONESIA'S HAM. FURTHERMORE, THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PAPUA ISSUE WERE HANDED DOWN FROM THE SECOND CYCLE OF THE UPR AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 AND 2013 UPR REPORTING.

On September 4, 2017, Foreign Minister Retno met with State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Foreign Minister Retno said that the meeting was a mandate from the Indonesian people who were very concerned with the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine State and for Indonesia to help the people of Rakhine State.

In addition, Foreign Minister Retno also brought an international voice wishing that the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine State can be resolved soon.

During the meeting, Foreign Minister Retno submitted Indonesia's 4 + 1 Formula proposal, which was the four major elements that must be done immediately so that the humanitarian and security crises in Rakhine State will not get worse, plus an element of the immediate implementation of the Advisory Commission Report's recommendation for Rakhine State led by Kofi Annan.

The four main elements proposed by Indonesia were: (i) restoring stability and security; (ii) maximum restraint and non-violence; (iii) protection to all persons in Rakhine State, regardless of race and religion; and (iv) the importance of immediate access for humanitarian assistance.

An important achievement of Indonesia's humanitarian diplomacy mission resulting from this meeting was the conclusion of the involvement



of Indonesia and ASEAN in the delivery of humanitarian aid in Rakhine State. The aid delivery mechanism was led by the Government of Myanmar but by involving the ICRC and several countries, including Indonesia and ASEAN.

In this case, Indonesia emphasized that aid should reach all those people in need, without exception, regardless of religion and ethnicity.

As for the implementation of the Advisory Panel Report's recommendations for Rakhine State, the Government of Myanmar established the Implementation Committee and the Advisory Board to oversee the implementation of the recommendations.

In the meeting, Foreign Minister Retno also conveyed the concern and commitment of Indonesia's Humanitarian NGO to Myanmar included in AKIM. Foreign Minister Retno hoped that the Government of Myanmar can continue to grant access to AKIM as it has been together with the Government of Indonesia in implementing several assistance programs.

In addition to meeting with the State Counselor, Foreign Minister Retno also held meetings with three Ministers, namely the Minister of the Presidential office, the National Security Advisor and the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs to discuss the technical issues of humanitarian aid

mechanisms implemented by the Government of Myanmar.

Foreign Minister Retno stated that there were at least two things that had been achieved from the meeting. First, to convey the great concern of the Indonesian people on the humanitarian situation in Rakhine State and the commitment of the authorities in Myanmar to immediately overcome the humanitarian crisis. In addition, Indonesia has also gained access to Myanmar Government's humanitarian aid delivery mechanisms and the involvement of the ICRC. []

## Meeting Myanmar's Armed Forces Commander

# RI's Minister of Foreign Affairs: Myanmar's Security Authorities Need to Immediately Halt All Forms of Violence

IN A MEETING WITH MYANMAR'S ARMED FORCES COMMANDER, SENIOR GENERAL U MIN AUNG HLAING (4/9), FOREIGN MINISTER RETNO CONVEYED THAT THE DE-ESCALATION OF THE SITUATION IN RAKHINE STATE SHOULD BE THE MAIN PRIORITY OF MYANMAR'S SECURITY AUTHORITIES.



Foreign Minister Retno stressed that Indonesia and the world are very concerned about the development of the situation in Rakhine State. Violence has caused a humanitarian crisis that has many victims killed, wounded, and rendered homeless. Therefore, Foreign Minister Retno asserted that the security authorities of Myanmar need to immediately stop all forms of violence in Rakhine State and provide protection to all people including its Muslim community.

Foreign Minister Retno hopes that Myanmar's security authorities can immediately restore security and stability in Rakhine State. It is necessary that humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation and inclusive development processes that have been underway can be resumed, including what Indonesia is currently doing, such as the construction of the Indonesian Hospital in Myauk U in Rakhine State.

Similarly, the assistance programs in the areas of health, education, economics and

capacity building including those undertaken by AKIM (the Indonesian Humanitarian Alliance for Myanmar), where Indonesian NGOs have long worked with Myanmar's Government and NGOs in channeling humanitarian assistance, medium and long-term development assistances.

Foreign Minister Retno also stressed that the humanitarian relief access to overcome the current humanitarian crisis can be opened soon, especially for Indonesian NGOs who intend to help. This humanitarian aid

is expected to reach everyone in need, without exception. Areas where the population is in urgent need of food and medicine aid should be prioritized, Foreign Minister Retno said.

Furthermore, Foreign Minister Retno conveyed the importance of the recommendation of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State led by Kofi Annan. Indonesia welcomes the results of the report and expects that a follow-up report recommendation can be made immediately.

Foreign Minister Retno also hoped that Myanmar's relationship with Bangladesh could be maintained. The success of border management with regard to human factors will be accomplished if there is a good relationship between the authorities of both countries. []

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# Responding to the Rakhine Crisis through a Humanitarian Approach



Krisis yang terjadi di Rakhine State, Myanmar, telah menarik perhatian masyarakat Indonesia yang selanjutnya membentuk 'Aliansi Kemanusiaan Indonesia untuk Myanmar' (AKIM).

Aliansi ini kemudian membuat program *Humanitarian Assistance for Sustainable Community* (HASCO) untuk Myanmar yang bertujuan membantu masyarakat Myanmar, khususnya di Rakhine State.

Program ini diluncurkan oleh Menteri Luar Negeri RI, Retno LP Marsudi, di Gedung Pancasila Kementerian Luar Negeri RI, Jakarta pada tanggal 31 Agustus 2017. Berbagai program bantuan yang diberikan dalam bingkai HASCO ini diantaranya berupa peningkatan kapasitas, pengiriman tenaga ahli, *livelihood*, dan pemulihan.

Program bantuan tersebut nilainya sekitar USD 2 juta, dimana dana tersebut didapat dari donasi masyarakat Indonesia yang telah terkumpul melalui 11 lembaga anggota AKIM.

Tujuan utama program HASCO adalah terpenuhinya kebutuhan dasar bagi masyarakat di Rakhine State, yaitu kesehatan, pendidikan, ekonomi, dan juga

kebutuhan-kebutuhan lainnya.

Dalam sambutannya, Menlu Retno menyampaikan bahwa program HASCO menunjukkan adanya sinergi yang baik antara Pemerintah dan organisasi sosial kemasyarakatan dalam menjalankan komitmen untuk mendukung negara-negara sahabat yang membutuhkan bantuan.

Menlu Retno juga mengapresiasi komitmen Mer-C, PMI, Walubi, dan PKPU untuk berkontribusi pada pembangunan rumah sakit / *health center* di Rakhine State untuk membantu proses rekonsiliasi dan pemulihan di daerah tersebut.

Bantuan ke Rakhine State ini merupakan model bantuan internasional yang partisipatif dan inklusif. Hal ini sejalan dengan rekomendasi yang dikeluarkan oleh *Advisory Commission on Rakhine State* yang dipimpin oleh Kofi Annan.

Selain itu, Menlu Retno juga menegaskan komitmen Indonesia untuk mendukung upaya Myanmar dalam mewujudkan reformasi, rekonsiliasi, dan pembangunan inklusif di Myanmar. Indonesia juga senantiasa mendorong Myanmar untuk memperkuat proses

demokrasi di negara tersebut.

Menyikapi kejadian di Rakhine State, Indonesia terus melakukan kerja sama intensif dengan Pemerintah Myanmar. Hal ini dilakukan untuk menjaga stabilitas keamanan dan mendorong semua pihak untuk menghentikan aksi kekerasan, utamanya di Rakhine State.

"Indonesia sangat prihatin terhadap situasi keamanan dan menyesalkan jatuhnya korban jiwa di Rakhine State," ujar Menlu Retno.

Sikap Indonesia tersebut mengundang apresiasi dari Kofi Annan dan berbagai pihak. Kofi Annan mendukung pemerintah Indonesia yang sangat aktif dalam melakukan *constructive engagement* untuk membantu pemerintah Myanmar dalam menangani situasi di Rakhine State.

Sejauh ini, Indonesia telah memberikan bantuan berupa pembangunan empat buah sekolah senilai USD 1 juta untuk komunitas Muslim dan Buddha di Rakhine State yang diresmikan pada tahun 2014; pembangunan dua buah sekolah di Sittwe, Rakhine State yang diresmikan pada Januari 2017; serta 10 kontainer makanan dan pakaian yang diluncurkan oleh Presiden RI pada Desember 2016. []

Early this week, the Indonesian Embassy in Yangon and the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) visited Sittwe in Rakhine State, Myanmar. During the visit, the Indonesian Embassy and the BNPB facilitated the training of the installation of refugee camp tents and monitored the distribution of Indonesian humanitarian aid to the community in Rakhine State.

Humanitarian aid from Indonesia has arrived at the warehousing facility of the Sittwe Local Government in Rakhine State and was distributed directly to the refugees by Myanmar's Minister for Social Welfare, Emergency and Resettlement Assistance, Dr. Win Myat Aye, and Chief Minister of Rakhine State, U Nyi Pu, on September 26, 2017.

The Indonesian Embassy in Yangon has also channeled Indonesia's humanitarian aid symbolically to the head of the Muslim community of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Thet Kel Pyin and dialogued with Muslim groups there. A similar meeting was also held at a Muslim settlement in Aung Mingalar village.

From the dialogue and interaction that was carried out, the Muslim community in both locations highly appreciates the help and attention that Indonesia has given to the community in Rakhine State.

U Shwe La, leader of the Muslim community in the village of Aung Mingalar, admitted following the news about the visit of Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi to Nay Pyi Taw earlier this month. He hopes that the Indonesian government can continue to support and take concrete steps for Rakhine State's peace process. U Shwe La is ready to work with the Government of Myanmar to prevent a sustained conflict.

Meanwhile, the Muslim

# Distribution of Humanitarian Aid in Rakhine Continues

community in Sittwe's IDP is currently facing obstacles due to the relief of food and medicines previously received regularly from UN and other international agencies. In addition, they also hope that the Government of Myanmar can immediately move them to a fixed location.

In addition to delivering aid to refugees and in Muslim communities, the Indonesian Embassy and BNPB also

conducted training on the installation of refugee tents, platoon tents, and portable water tanks at refugee camps at Dinyawady Stadium in Sittwe involving Sittwe's firefighting personnel.

The Dinyawady Stadium is used to house 210 heads of family of 600 refugees from Maungtaw and Buthidaung. The trainees are expected to assist in the installation of tents at IDPs in Maungtaw and Buthidaung.

To date, 20 refugee tents, 20 platoon tents and 30 portable water tanks have been delivered to Maungtaw and Buthidaung. []

## Indonesia's Diplomatic Measures in Dealing with the Rakhine Crisis

At a Working lunch on the situation in Rakhine State hosted by British Foreign Minister Boris Johnson on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA on September 18, 2017, Foreign Minister Retno stressed that as a friendly and neighboring country, Indonesia certainly cannot stay silent in seeing the situation that has happened in Rakhine State, Myanmar.

On that occasion, Foreign Minister Retno explained the marathon diplomatic measures undertaken by Indonesia to Bangladesh and Myanmar. In addition to meeting with the stakeholders in both countries, Foreign Minister

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Retno also submitted a 4 + 1 formula that could be an answer to the situation that occurred in Rakhine State.

Indonesia's initiative and measure gained high appreciation from the countries present at the meeting. Australia's Foreign Minister, Swedish Foreign Minister, and US Ambassador to the United Nations specifically praised Indonesia's measure and Foreign Minister Retno's hard work in helping find a solution

in Rakhine State.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Foreign Ministers and Ambassadors from countries such as Bangladesh, Myanmar, Australia, Sweden, Turkey, Russia, China, Canada, USA and Malaysia.

On the latest developments in Rakhine State, it was expressed that the Government of Myanmar has formed a Task Force to channel humanitarian aid to Rakhine State. The task force involved the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross) and several other countries including ASEAN. []



# Hospital Assistance, Evidence that Indonesia Cares for Myanmar's Humanitarian Crisis

IN A VISIT TO NAYPYIDAW IN MYANMAR ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2017, ASIDE FROM MEETING WITH THE STATE COUNSELLOR AND A NUMBER OF MINISTERS, FOREIGN MINISTER RETNO ALSO DISCUSSED THE PROGRESS OF INDONESIA'S HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS LOCATED IN MYAUK U IN RAKHINE STATE.

The first phase of construction of the Indonesian Hospital, which covers the construction of fences and land degradation so it will not be vulnerable to flooding, has been completed. Currently, the construction of the Indonesian Hospital has entered phase II which is the construction of doctors and nurses quarters.

The construction of

Phase II is planned to be completed in two months, and then will be followed by the construction of phase III which is the construction of the main building of the hospital. This Indonesian Hospital Building occupies a land of about 8,000 m2 with a building area of approximately more than 1,000

m2.

The construction of this hospital is fully undertaken by Myanmar contractors and workers composed of Rakhine and Muslims. This renewal process through economic activity is expected to assist in the reconciliation of inter-communal tensions in Rakhine

State.

The construction of the Indonesian Hospital is highly expected by the people in the Rakhine region. With the completion of the construction of this hospital, it is expected that the health service for all people in Rakhine State will be done better. []



# Appreciation for Indonesia's Assistance

Myanmar's Director General of Relief and Restability Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, DG U Ko Ko Naing who is representing the Government of Myanmar, expressed appreciation for the assistance of Indonesia and appreciated the good relations that have been maintained by both countries for a long time, either bilaterally or as member countries of ASEAN.

The Government of Myanmar has expressed its commitment to distribute aid from Indonesia to refugees in Rakhine State without ethnic or religious discrimination.

Given the location of refugees, which is scattered and quite far, the Government of Myanmar cooperates with international humanitarian organizations for its distribution, which is the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) of Myanmar.

RI's Ambassador, Dr. Ito Sumardi, representing the Government of Indonesia on 21 September 2017, has delivered humanitarian aid to refugees in Rakhine State to the Government of Myanmar represented by DG U Ko Ko Naing. The handover was witnessed by representatives from the BNPB, the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Indonesian Embassy in Yangon, Myanmar's Foreign Ministry officials, Myanmar's media, and home media.

The Indonesian humanitarian aid was sent by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to Sittwe, Rakhine State on the same day. The humanitarian assistance from the Government of Indonesia to the Government of Myanmar was the first phase of assistance,



which amounted to ± 20 tons. The aid was transported by using two Hercules C-130 (A1319 and A1326) TNI AU aircrafts from Han Nadiem Airport in Banda Aceh. The aircraft brought aid consisting of Shelter Tents, Portable Water Tanks, ready to eat food, special food for pregnant women and toddlers, medicines, and sarongs.

The humanitarian assistance from Indonesia was the first aid received by the Government of Myanmar through the G to G mechanism in accordance with the policies pursued by the Government of Myanmar in the distribution of humanitarian aid to the community in Rakhine State.

As the representative of

the Government of Indonesia, Ambassador Ito hoped that the humanitarian aid could be handed over to the refugees in the Rakhine State. Ambassador Ito also expects the Government of Myanmar to open access for foreign volunteers who wanted to help the refugees in Rakhine State.

"This humanitarian aid from Indonesia is for the Emergency Relief phase. Indonesia will also provide assistance for the rehabilitation phase for the construction of damaged infrastructure," he said.

The handover of aid has proceeded smoothly on the basis of a full cooperation support from the Government of Myanmar and the Government of Indonesia.

The Government of Myanmar highly appreciates the process of channeling the assistance provided by Indonesia that adapts to procedures established by the Government of Myanmar.

Following the handover of the first phase of aid, Ambassador Ito together with two staffers from the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) then moved to Rakhine State on September 26, 2017 to monitor the handover of aid. (Source: Indonesian Embassy in Yangon). []



# Humanitarian Aid Flows into Rakhine



## BANTUAN KEMANUSIAAN INDONESIA UNTUK ROHINGYA

Selain menampung pengungsi, Indonesia juga telah membangun sekolah dan menyalurkan bantuan langsung untuk Rohingya di Rakhine State:

### 29 DESEMBER 2016



#### 10 kontainer bantuan

Makanan, mie instan, tepung gandum, makanan balita, dan sarung

### JANUARI DAN FEBRUARI 2017



#### 10 kontainer bantuan

Makanan dan obat-obatan

### OKTOBER 2017



#### Rumah Sakit Indonesia - Myanmar

- Membangun Rumah Sakit Myanmar di Myauk U, Rakhine State Saat ini masuk ke tahap II (pembangunan ruang dokter dan perawat).
- Segera menyiapkan bantuan kemanusiaan untuk pengungsi Rohingya di Bangladesh (dalam bentuk makanan dan obat-obatan)

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The entire Indonesian humanitarian aid weighing 74 tons arrived at Chittagong Airport in Bangladesh on September 18, 2017. All the aid was brought in gradually by a C-130 aircraft belonging to

the Air Force in eight sorties. The aid was then sent to the Government's warehouse in the District Administration at Cox's Bazar and then distributed to the evacuation site.

The humanitarian aid consisted of rice (30 tons),

blankets (14,000), sarong (17,400) ready to eat food (2,490 packages), electric generators (10 sets), large tents (20 units), flexible water tanks (10 units) family kit (850 packages), clothing (900 packets), sugar (1 ton), cooking oil (325 boxes),

and biscuits (2,000 boxes).

Today (18/9), aid in the form of rice and cooked rice has been distributed to 120,000 refugees in a number of refugee camps. Its main distribution is in the temporary camps of Kutupalong 1, Kutupalong 2, and Balukhali.

Also today, the Indonesian Humanitarian Alliance volunteer for Myanmar (AKIM) has arrived in Dhaka, Bangladesh to start providing and distributing aid to refugees from Rakhine State.

"Indonesian humanitarian aid has been received by the Government of Bangladesh and will soon be distributed to Rakhine State refugees located around Cox's Bazar," said Indonesian Ambassador to Bangladesh Rina Soemarno.

Ambassador Rina Soemarno, as the representative of the Government of Indonesia, has handed over Indonesian assistance to Chittagong District Administration Chief, Zillur Rahman Chowdhury, on September 14, 2017 at Chittagong Airport.

In the previous shipment on September 16, 2017, a total of 54 tons of humanitarian aid from Indonesia had arrived in Chittagong in six shippings by a C-130 aircraft from the Indonesian Air Force.

Indonesian aid already in the warehouse of Cox's Bazar was then distributed to 12 post / distribution points in refugee areas by the District Administration of Cox's Bazar on September 18, 2017, in cooperation with international agencies such as the UNHCR and IOM.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Government has not been able to grant permission to the Indonesian delegate to visit refugee camps or to Cox's Bazar city for security reasons. []

# Indonesia Actively Encourages UN to Carry Out Post Conflict Peace Building in Developing Countries



Foreign Minister Retno began her series of activities at the 72nd UN General Assembly on September 18, 2017 by attending a Ministerial Meeting on Peace building at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia in New York, USA.

The meeting was an initiative of Indonesia and Norway. Both countries are the focal points for funding issues under the UN Peace-Building Commission, which has been very active in supporting post-conflict development in developing countries.

The greatest challenge in supporting development in post-conflict countries is ensuring rapid and adequate funding. Creative and innovative global cooperation to increase funding is very necessary, "Foreign Minister Retno said in her opening remarks.

Foreign Minister Retno underscored

efforts to support development in post-conflict countries. Furthermore, Foreign Minister Retno accentuated that all parties must contribute to ensure adequate funding. Developed countries must fulfill their commitments. All parties should also be able to attract the private sector to aid funding and development in post-conflict countries.

"Indonesia is always ready to provide assistance through the South-South and Triangular Cooperation (KSST), especially for top-quality programs that have been successful in supporting development in post-conflict countries," explained Foreign Minister Retno.

At a meeting with the theme "The Role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation to Increase Capacity in Supporting Post-Peace Development" and attended by member countries of the UN Peace Commission, representatives

of the UN Secretary-General and post-conflict countries, Indonesia has provided an innovative funding source sample in aid to post-conflict countries.

The meeting also identified the needs of post-conflict countries as well as the aids that donor countries are ready to provide.

During 2016, Indonesia has provided capacity building assistance to more than 40 people from a number of countries.

Meanwhile, within the Triangular cooperation framework, Indonesia has implemented capacity building programs to more than 30 countries since 2011.

It does not stop there. By 2018, Indonesia has planned a number of aid programs to more than 20 countries and strengthened partnerships with Africa through the Indonesia-Africa Forum in April 2018. []



# RI's Foreign Minister: The G-77 Has Played an Important Role in Global Development



**"THE STRONG SOLIDARITY AMONG MEMBERS HAS HELPED THE G-77 COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY," SAID RI FOREIGN MINISTER RETNO L.P. MARSUDI AT THE 41ST MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA (G-77), WHICH WAS HELD IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 ON THE SIDELINES OF THE 72ND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

**F**oreign Minister Retno said that since its establishment, the G-77 has played an important role in global development. The G-77 is actively involved in the

formulation and adoption of key resolutions and decisions on development issues at the UN.

In a meeting entitled "Financing for Development and the Role of G-77 in Promoting the Implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda", Foreign Minister Retno stated that development challenges are increasingly diverse and complex.

"There is no one-size fits-all solution because every country has natural resources, people and institutional capacities, and different levels of development," she said.

In addressing developmental challenges,

Foreign Minister Retno stressed six key priorities for the G-77 in the future. First, the G-77 must remain a strong bargaining coalition to achieve the mutual interests of developing countries on a range of issues. In this case, group unity and relevance are very important.

Second, the G-77 should be at the forefront to encourage the implementation of Sustainable Development and Climate Change commitments.

Third, the G-77 should strengthen the process of following-up Financing for Development through international cooperation.

Fourth, the G-77 should be the spearhead of the implementation of the New

Urban Agenda (New Urban Agenda).

Fifth, the G-77 should encourage a revitalized global partnership to follow-up on the 2017 Ocean Conference's results and commitments.

Sixth, the G-77 should be an example of the implementation of the South-South Cooperation beginning with cooperation within the Group.

In particular, Foreign Minister Retno emphasized the readiness of Indonesia, as an archipelagic country, in assisting other developing countries, especially small island states.

"To realize the 2017 Ocean Conference's concrete follow-up, Indonesia is ready to assist developing countries through capacity building and knowledge sharing in handling marine plastic waste, combating IUU Fishing, and climate change mitigation," Foreign Minister Retno said.

In closing, Foreign Minister Retno conveyed Indonesia's commitment and readiness to engage constructively with the attainment of G-77 goals and in achieving the goals of sustainable development and global climate change.

At the end of the meeting, a Ministerial Declaration which contained a reaffirmation of the commitment of G-77 member countries in support of global development was adopted.

The G77 is an inter-governmental organization of developing countries in the United Nations that provides a means for developing countries to promote collective economic interests and increase their joint negotiating capacity on issues of international economics in negotiations at the United Nations. The G77 was founded in 1964 and the current number of members is 134 countries. []

The Director General for Multilateral Cooperation (DGCE), Febrian A. Ruddyard, on October 6, 2017 held a Briefing on Multilateral Diplomacy for foreign Ambassadors and Heads of International Organization in Jakarta at the Nusantara Room of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The activity aims to provide an update on the activities of the 72nd General Assembly of the United Nations (UN) in 2017 regarding Indonesia's position on various issues at the 72nd UN General Assembly, Indonesia's achievement at the international level, ratification and signing of the convention, the nomination of Indonesia as a non-permanent member

# Briefing on Multilateral Diplomacy

of the UN Security Council, Indonesia's participation in international activities from 2017-2018, and thematic issues which are of Indonesia's interest. In addition, the results of three bilateral meetings at the Vice Presidential level and 54 meetings at the Foreign Ministerial level were also presented. The briefing was attended by the Vice President, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture,

A number of topics discussed at the UN General Assembly were closely related to Indonesia's interests, such as peace and security, climate change, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, and UN reform. In addition, the conferment of a change agent award from the UN Women and (GPF) to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Retno L.P. Marsudi, which is an international recognition of breakthroughs, especially in advancing the 2030 Agenda

and sustainable development, and addressing global issues through humanitarian and peace diplomacy.

In the briefing, the Director General of KSM, accompanied by Echelon IIs and their deputies, again underlined the nomination of Indonesia as a Non-Permanent Member of the UN Security Council (DK) 2019-2020. "Indonesia continues to be committed in upholding the principles set forth in the UN Charter, and will serve as a bridge-builder among UN nations". "Through this nomination, Indonesia will be a true partner in the global and regional levels to create a peaceful and stable global environment, ensuring synergy between peace and development agenda, and fight against terrorism and violent extremism," continued Febrian A. Ruddyard.

The public is able to access information about Indonesia's candidacy in the UNSC 2019-2020 through the link [indonesia4unsc.kemlu.go.id](http://indonesia4unsc.kemlu.go.id).

The briefing, which was attended by 96 participants from 86 foreign Embassies and International Organizations, was well received and expects that similar activities could be undertaken periodically to improve networking and strengthen Indonesia's cooperation with partner countries. []



Caption: The Director General for Multilateral Cooperation, Febrian A. Ruddyard, held a Briefing on Multilateral Diplomacy for foreign Ambassadors and Heads of International Organizations in Jakarta at the Nusantara Room of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (6/10).



# RI - Italy Interfaith Dialogue

The values of Pancasila, which underlies the life of the nation and state in Indonesia, can be used as an example for the integration process in Italy. Therefore, the Italian Government has invited Indonesia to share its best practices through an Interfaith Dialogue entitled "Pluralism and Integration in Indonesian and Italian Societies: Perspective, Opportunities, Challenges" at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome on 11 October 2017.

Indonesia and Italy share a common understanding on the importance of promoting interfaith dialogue, particularly in the face of escalating intensity in terrorism, extremism and radicalism.

The Government of Indonesia is strongly committed to promoting interfaith dialogue by prioritizing socio-cultural approaches through empowering stakeholders, especially religious leaders, national figures, academics, and the youth.

This was stated by the Director General of Information and Public Diplomacy (IDP) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cecep Herawan, in a key note speech delivered at the beginning of the event.

Meanwhile, Professor Azyumardi Azra from UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta, who was asked to be one of the speakers from Indonesia, explained that the five principles of Pancasila emphasize the politics of recognition or the principle of acceptance on whoever becomes part of the nation.

This was recognized by the President of Comunita



Religiosa Islamica Italia (COREIS), Imam Yahya Pallavicini, who mentioned that the motto "Unity in Diversity" is also very relevant in the integration process of the Italian society. In addition, GOI policies that promote youth involvement can make the process more effective for the long-term.

The issue of integration is currently emerging in Italy. With the highest number of refugees and asylum seekers in the European Union, the Italian Government sees the importance of a socio-cultural assimilation process between migrants and local people.

"The success of community harmonization is strongly supported by the wisdom of adapting to local values. Wherever we live, we must observe the local custom. ", this

was stressed by the Director of Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies of Gajah Mada University, Dr. Siti Syamsiyatun, who was the second speaker of Indonesia.

Along with this, in a discussion session, Azyumardi Azra invited Muslims as part of the society to adapt to the values and rules of local laws.

In addition to the interfaith dialogue leaders, the panel of discussions was joined in by Alberto Quattrucci of the Italian Community of Sant'Egidio and Marta Matscher of the Italian Ministry of the Home Affairs Migrant and Asylum Seekers Division. The participants, consisting of 45 academics, ministry officials, and human rights activists and integration of Italian social and cultural affairs, enthusiastically inquired about

issues surrounding interfaith and cross-cultural interactions in Indonesia. Also present were the Indonesian Ambassador to Italy, Esti Andayani, and the Indonesian Ambassador to the Holy See of Vatican, Agus Sriyono.

Initiating the Interfaith Dialogue, Director General Cecep Herawan, accompanied by Ambassador Esti Andayani, also met with the Director General of Global Issues of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Massimo Gaiani. The two sides agreed to make the interfaith cooperation between Indonesia-Italy into a concrete activity, among others through the exchange of academics, youth and religious leaders of both countries in addition to the intensification of other global cooperation. (source: the Indonesian Embassy in Rome)

# Asia-Africa Conference (KAA) Museum Receives the “Exciting Museum” Award

The KAA Museum again received the ‘Exciting Museum’ award category at the 2017 Indonesia Museum Award on October 14, 2017 in the West Hall of Gedung Sate in Jalan Diponegoro No.22 Bandung. KAA Museum Head Meinarti Fauzie received the award presented by Netty Heryawan, wife of West Java Governor Ahmad Heryawan.

The KAA Museum received the award because the museum was considered successful in involving the community by conveying collection information to the public. The KAA Museum was also considered successful in synergizing its activities with the community.

Meanwhile, West Java Governor Ahmad Heryawan remarked in his brief speech that the museum functions as a source of past information that can be useful to prepare for a better future. On that occasion, the Governor considered the KAA Museum as creating an informative and exciting way for people studying history.

The KAA Museum passed an assessment done by the Roaming Community survey team that involved 54 volunteers. They participated in collecting an incognito data. The survey took some time.

The jury chaired by Prof. Ir. Wiendu Nuryanti, M. Arch., Ph.D (Deputy Minister of Cultural Education 2011-2014)



considered the KAA Museum as an ‘Exciting Museum’ because this museum was considered to fulfill the exciting aspect, from the right target service, the use of museum collections, functions as a learning house, broadness in service information, and completeness in facilities and infrastructure.

In addition to the ‘Exciting Museum’ category, there were a number of other categories that were also given. The Roaming

Community, through a series of discussions and hearings, agreed on September 27, 2017 to award the categories of the Smart Museum, the Beautiful Museum, the Friendly Museum, and the Unique Museum.

The 2017 Indonesia Museum Award, which was organized by the Roaming Community, is a prestigious award in the world of Indonesian Museum. As reported on the official page of the Roaming Community, this

community aims to foster a love of history, culture, language, community, technology and science, including events, figures, places and heritage.

Since 2012, Roaming Community has organized the Museum Awards five times. In 2017, the Museum Awards entered a new era and transformed into the Indonesia Museum Awards. (Source: Museum KAA) []



# Improving Diplomacy through Films



called Livi Zheng, to reporters at the Asia-Africa Conference Museum in Bandung in her presentation at the event in the middle of the week.

Livi explained the ins and outs of the world and industry of motion picture, such as foreign film festivals and so on to diplomats in a discussion titled "Film as a Diplomatic Asset".

In a briefing activity organized by the Foreign Ministry, Livi also played a number of video footages of her films such as "Brush with Danger", "Bali: Beats of Paradise" and his latest film "Insight", which will be shown in Indonesia.

"Today's event was attended by 110 diplomats who will be sent to various countries. They need to gain knowledge on economic diplomacy to smoothen their tasks in the representatives of the Republic of Indonesia. Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs invited practitioners including those from the film industry, in this case, the Foreign Ministry invited Livi Zheng as an icon of the Indonesian film industry," said the Secretary of the Directorate General of Information and Public Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Aziz Nurwahyudi, on the sidelines of the event.

"We presented Livi, an Indonesian diaspora director in the United States, who can inspire Indonesian diplomats with all her outstanding achievements," said Aziz.[]

IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, FILMS HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE CHANNELS THAT CAN SUPPORT CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY ACTIVITIES. THE RICHNESS OF CULTURE AS WELL AS CREATIVE ECONOMY CAN BE INTRODUCED INTERNATIONALLY THROUGH INDONESIAN FILMS.

Films are diplomacy assets because it can be a means to introduce Indonesia. They should be maximized to support diplomacy, said Aziz Nurwahyudi, Secretary of the Directorate General of Public Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This was conveyed by Aziz in Bandung, West Java on Thursday (14/9)

in a briefing of Indonesian diplomatic and consular officials who will be assigned abroad.

Diplomats are expected to help filmmakers promote their films abroad. Aziz said that all this time the Foreign Ministry has made films as a medium of diplomacy, but not all Embassies and Consulates can maximize it. They were reminded once again to be more active in introducing Indonesia through films, he said.

Films are not only related to cultural diplomacy but also serve as tourism promotion. According to Aziz, many foreign tourists are interested in visiting Indonesia after

watching films made by local talents.

In the briefing of Diplomats, Director Livi Zheng was also present. The Indonesian director, who managed to penetrate Hollywood, explained the complications of the world of cinema, especially international cinema to hundreds of Indonesian diplomats who will be assigned abroad.

"I really wanted to let the world know and that is why I always included Indonesian elements in each of my films, just like in my first film 'Brush with Danger' where I included dozens of Indonesian paintings and gamelan in the film's music," said Livi, familiarly

# The Indonesia Expo 2017 in Egypt Posted a Total Transaction of US 27 Million Dollars

In the framework of an integrated promotion of trade, tourism and investment (TTI), KBRI Cairo has organized the Indonesia Expo 2017 in Cairo and Alexandria on 21-27 September 2017. In this regard, the Directorate of Public Diplomacy provided support in promoting the economic potential of Indonesian products by sending Coffee Blanco to endorse the richness and diversity of Indonesian original coffee with premium quality. Coffee Blanco is a company that produces Robusta and Arabica coffee in the coffee plantations of Aceh Gayo. Coffee Blanco delegates consisted of 2 (two) persons, namely: Bimo Pramana (Owner / Director) and Aca Bagus Terratama (Barista).

The activities of Indonesia Expo 2017 were divided into two forms: first, the exhibition of Indonesia's primary products in the Mall of Arabia on 21-23 September 2017, and second, a business matching format at Hotel Semiramis Intercontinental, Cairo on September 24, 2017 and at Hotel Four Seasons, Alexandria, on September 26, 2017.

These activities have provided opportunities for Indonesian economic actors to play a role in Indonesia's economic diplomacy; encouraging market expansion of business entities in Indonesia through direct visits to potential markets; and improve the position of Indonesian products through the display of Indonesia's positively growing economic development.



During the Indonesia Expo 2017, Coffee Blanco received many information requests from Egyptian businessmen and communities. Coffee Blanco has a production capacity of 10 containers of coffee beans every month. From the initial agreement, the planned delivery of 1 container of Aceh Gayo coffee beans with a value of US 1 million dollars will be in the near future.

The Indonesia Expo 2017 posted a total transaction of US 27 million dollars obtained from a Palm Kernel Shell (palm oil charcoal shell) purchase contract worth US 20 million dollars from PT Megumi Shigen, Coffee Blanco products worth US 1 million dollars,

and 25 containers of fish canned tuna from PT Megumi Shigen worth US 1.68 million dollars. Other Indonesian companies participating in the Indonesia Expo were Pertamina Lubricant, PT. Eshan Agrorina Mulia (spices) AK Goldenesia (vegetable products), Saesha Global Trading (bamboo products), Citiexpress (travel agent), and Hanif Rattan (rattan products).

Aside from Indonesia, the Indonesia Expo 2017 was also attended by several Egyptian companies, namely: Ghataty-MM Group (tire product), Ashrafco (tire product), GT Radial Tires (tire product), and Indomie-Salim Wazaran Abou Alata (instant noodle product).

The Egyptian businessmen were also expected to participate in the Indonesia-Middle East Annual Gathering on Economy (IMAGE), which will be held in Bandung on 8-10 October 2017 and the 32nd Trade Expo Indonesia (TEI) in Tangerang on 11-15 October 2017.

Also participating in Indonesia Expo 2017 was the regional government of Karimun Regency, Riau, which successfully presented various arts and culture, together with the potential of TTI and the geographical advantage of Karimun Regency, which is bordered by Malaysia and Singapore.[]



# With a Theme Digital Diplomacy and Protection of Indonesian Citizens, Foreign Ministry Conducts a Public Lecture and Socialization in Yogyakarta and Semarang

Students in the city of Yogyakarta and Semarang were keen in taking part in the Public Lecture and Socialization activities held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 5-8 September 2017. Critical questions, views and suggestions emerged from the students as they responded to the materials presented by the speakers.

Activities in Yogyakarta were held in cooperation with the Office of Youth and Sports Education of the Special Region of Yogyakarta (Disdikpora DIY) and the Veteran Yogyakarta National Development University (UPN Veteran Yogyakarta). The event was attended by 200 students from various SMA / SMK and 200 students from various universities in Yogyakarta.

The socialization activity was held in Sasana Krida Building, Disdikpora DIY and was opened by the Head of the Department of Dikpora DIY, R. Kadarman Baskara Aji. While the Public Lecture was held at Seminar Room of Agus Salim Building, UPN "Veteran" Yogyakarta and opened by the Head of the Department of International Relations of UPN "Veteran" Yogyakarta, Muharjono, M.Si.

The Secretary of the Directorate General of Information and Public Diplomacy, Azis Nurwahyudi,



presented Digital Diplomacy and asked the youth to use information technology positively. "In the face of this digital age, we must be smart in choosing and sorting information." Agus Heryana (Head of Sub Directorate of IAS, Directorate of Public Diplomacy) in his presentation emphasized the important role of non-government actors, including youth students, in conducting diplomacy. While Ludiro Honey SIP, MSi. (UPN Veteran lecturer) said that in the current digital era, the youth of the region as the next generation of the nation needs to increase competitiveness so that it can compete both at national and international levels.

The activities in Semarang were held in collaboration with Diponegoro University and the Central Java Provincial Education and Culture

Office (Disdikbud Jateng) on September 7-8, 2017. The theme of the event was the Role of Public Diplomacy and Efforts to Protect Indonesian Citizens Abroad, which was each attended by 200 students from various SMA / SMK and 200 students from Diponegoro University.

The Public Lecture held in the Theater Room of FISIP Undip and opened by Dr. Sunarto, Dean of FISIP Undip. Meanwhile, the socialization was held in Hall B of Disdikbud Jateng and opened by Gatot Bambang Hastowo, Head of Education and Culture of Central Java Province.

The event presented 3 speakers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, namely Agus Heryana, Head of Sub Directorate of IAS, Directorate of Public Diplomacy; Sapto Anggoro Broto, Sub Division Head IV, Directorate of PWNI

and BHI; and Hermawan Bagaskoro Abid, Functional Diplomat, Directorate of PWNI and BHI. In addition, Tri Cahyo Utomo, MA, lecturer of International Relations, FISIP Undip also appeared as a speaker in the Public Lecture.

Sapto Anggoro Broto and Hermawan Bagaskoro Abid explained the government's effort to improve public services, especially the protection of Indonesian citizens through the use of technology with the release of the application "Safe Travel". "Through this application, a WNI who wants to travel abroad can get information easily on the country of destination. In addition, there is complete information about the nearest Indonesian representative and the condition of the country, whether it is safe to visit or not". []

# Public lecture: Indonesian Diplomacy and National Interest in the Field of Economics and Environment

The Directorate General of Public Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, in cooperation with the Faculty of Forestry of Jambi University, held a public lecture at the Jambi University Rectorate Hall on October 20, 2017 with the theme “Public Diplomacy Concerning Indonesian Diplomacy and National Interest in the Economy and the Environment”.

The public lecture activity was opened by the Rector of Jambi University, Prof. Johni Najwan, A.H. M.H., Ph.D., and attended by 174 students and lecturers from various universities in the city of Jambi. The Rector of the University of Jambi expressed his appreciation to RI's Foreign Ministry in implementing the public lecture activity with a theme that is very relevant and strategic for the people in Jambi, especially associated with one of the main commodities produced by Jambi Province, which is palm oil.

The public lecture featured 3 (three) speakers, namely: Retno Kusniati, SH, MH, Vice Dean II Faculty of Law of Jambi University, Leonard Felix Hutabarat, Head of Center for Assessment and Development of European and American Area Policy (K2 P2K2 Amerop), and Agus Heryana, Head of Sub Directorate of Actual and Strategic Issues (Kasubdit IAS), Directorate of Public Diplomacy.

The Vice Dean II of the Faculty of Law of Jambi University in his presentation explained among others the

aspect of environmental law, Indonesia's interest in climate change negotiations, and barriers to Indonesian palm oil exports, especially to the European Union (EU).

The head of P2K2 Amerop explained among others Indonesia's diplomacy, which is oriented on the interests of the community, including the interests of the people in Jambi. With regard to Indonesian palm oil export constraints to the EU, Indonesia needs to show that allegations of deforestation, biodiversity degradation, and child labor are incorrect. This is important considering that the EU is the 2nd largest palm oil

market for Indonesia.

Head of Sub Directorate of IAS explained the various programs of RI's Foreign Ministry involving the community, especially students, as a non-state actor in diplomacy. The importance of knowledge and skill on diplomacy was emphasized considering that students will come into contact with

the international community whatever profession they have in the future.

The activity went smoothly and was greeted positively by the participants, as seen from the active participation of the participants in the question and answer session. Environmental issues gained special attention from the participants. []





# Asia Global Fellows Program (AGF) Appreciates Indonesia's Role on Global Issues

The Director General of Information and Public Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has received 16 participants of the 2017 Asia Global Fellows Program (AGFP) led by AGFP Director, Dr. Ir. Patrick Low on October 9, 2017.

The participants came from various countries: USA, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Indonesia, India, UK, Italy, Philippines, Mexico, Singapore and Spain.

On that occasion, Dr. Low expressed his appreciation for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' willingness to receive the 2017 AGFP participants.

It was explained that AGFP was joined in by mid-career professionals from various fields such as government, business, civil society, and so on. Through the AGFP, it is expected that participants will gain understanding on global issues, especially from an Asian perspective.

In this regard, participants are expected to be informed about Indonesia's role on global issues.

In response to this, the following are being submitted:

Appreciation to the Asia Global Institute for visiting RI's Foreign Ministry in the framework of study tour to Singapore, Indonesia, and China.

The foundation of the Republic of Indonesia's foreign policy and the principles of foreign policy are active.

Indonesia's profile as a country, which is democratic, diverse, with a majority Muslim population, and a middle power status, determines its foreign policy directions.



Indonesia's foreign policy priority is to maintain the sovereignty of NKRI, protect Indonesian citizens, economic diplomacy, and the role of Indonesia in regional and multilateral forums.

Questions raised include among others were issues related on the South China Sea, Indonesia-America bilateral relations during the

administration of President Trump, the role of Indonesia at the ASEAN Regional Forum, and the implementation of the Bali Democracy Forum X in Bali on 7 - 8 December 2017. The meeting went well and the participants of AGFP 2017 were very passionate and actively asked questions about Indonesia's foreign policy. []

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INDONESIA'S PROFILE AS A COUNTRY, WHICH IS DEMOCRATIC, DIVERSE, WITH A MAJORITY MUSLIM POPULATION, AND A MIDDLE POWER STATUS, DETERMINES ITS FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTIONS.

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# The Value of Transactions in the Trade Expo Indonesia (TEI) 2017 Reaches USD 223.23 Million

The largest international trade fair in Indonesia, the Trade Expo Indonesia (TEI) 2017, was officially opened by President Joko Widodo on 11 October 2017 at the Indonesia Convention Exhibition of Bumi Serpong Damai (ICE BSD), Tangerang, Banten with the theme "Global Partner for Sustainable Resources".

Indonesia is ready to become a partner of sustainable resource providers to global business actors wanting to further embed their credence in the global trading arena.

The main focus of the TEI 2017 is for an internationally long-term business-to-business transaction with the final goal of increasing Indonesian exports in the international trade arena.

This was revealed by the Minister of Trade, Enggartiasto Lukita, in his opening speech at the TEI 2017 in Nusantara Room of ICE BSD.

The TEI 2017 was held for five days from 11 to 15 October 2017 and has scheduled about 33 signings of trade buying mission contracts. The contracts included those from Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Egypt, Australia, Thailand, India, Brazil, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The estimated total value of the trade contracts achieved during the TEI 2017 was approximately USD 223.23 million. On the first day of the exhibition, the trade contract signing was valued at USD 16.07 million. On the second day, the trade contract recorded a transaction value of USD 154.82 million. Meanwhile, on the third day, a contract value of USD 47.25 million was going to be signed. While on the fourth day, the value of trading contracts that occurred was estimated at USD 5.10 million.

According to Minister of Trade Enggartiasto, the value of the trade contract will certainly continue to grow during the implementation, and even after the implementation of the TEI 2017. Furthermore, Minister Enggartiasto said that most of the buyers who have registered to visit the TEI included those from Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Netherlands, Malaysia, Afghanistan and Australia.

One day before the TEI 2017 was held, there were 7,084 requests for Indonesian products. The largest demand was for food and beverage products; manufacturing products and services; as well as furniture, furnishings, and garden furnitures.



The TEI 2017 is very focused on bringing in buyers from abroad. Therefore, the Ministry of Trade cooperated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia through 132 RI Representative Offices, 23 Trade Attaches, 19 Indonesian Trade Promotion Center (IPP) offices, 1 Indonesian Trade and Economic Office, and 1 Trade Consul, and the KADIN of countries in disseminating information about the implementation of the TEI in foreign countries.

In order to accommodate 1,089 national company exhibitors, the TEI 2017 was held at the Indonesia Convention Exhibition of Bumi Serpong Damai (ICE BSD), Tangerang, with an exhibition area of 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

The participants of the exhibition were producers, exporters and suppliers of the best products and services from Indonesia, ranging from manufacturing products, mining, strategic industries, to handicrafts.

To make it easier for buyers to find products of interest, the TEI 2017 area was divided into seven zones: the Nusa Foodstuff at Hall 1; Furniture and Furnishing at Hall 2 and 3; Premium Products, Ministries, and Institutions at Hall 3A; Strategic Industries, BUMN Goes Export in Hall 5; Manufacturing Products and Services at Hall 6 and 7; Foods and Beverages Products in Hall 8 and 9; and Province Premium Products in Hall 10. There was also a special zone, the zone for the Indonesia Design Development Center (IDDC) and the German Import Promotion Desk (IPD).

The TEI 2017 has also prepared various

activities outside the exhibition activities, namely business matching and Trade, Tourism and Investment Forum (TTI Forum). The business matching was held during the TEI 2017. The TTI Forum was held on 11-14 October 2017. The TTI Forum had several activities such as the TTI Seminar, regional discussion, business counseling, export startup competition, and talk show.

At the opening of the TEI 2017, the Government gave appreciation to top exporters conferring the Primaniyarta Award to 22 companies that were actively exporting. Meanwhile, the Government will also award the Primaduta to 33 foreign buyers who are loyal in buying Indonesian products, as well as an inspiring buyer category from Australia.

The Primaniyarta award recipients were divided into 4 categories, namely: 1) Exporter Performers; 2) Exporters of Global Brand Builders; 3) Exporters of New Market Pioneers; and 4) Leading Potential Exporters.

Meanwhile, the Primaduta award was given to 33 buyers which were divided based on export destination country markets, namely: Main Export Market and Non-Traditional Export Market.

The TEI is an annual international promotional event featuring export-oriented Indonesian products and services. This year's holding of the TEI was the 32nd time. And unlike the holding of TEI in previous years, this year's TEI financing came entirely from the private sector, namely through public private partnership with PT Debindomulti Adhiswasti. []



# UN Permanent Representative Rafael Ramirez Denies the Pro-independence Propaganda of Benny Wenda



UN Permanent Representative Rafael Ramirez Denies

The Permanent Representative / Ambassador of Venezuela to the UN, Rafael Ramirez, on September 28, 2017 at 9:46 local time, has clarified to the media about the Guardian newspaper's report "Banned West Papua independence petition handed to UN" at the UN headquarters in New York, United States of America.

"As Chairman of the UN Decolonization Special Committee (C-24), the Committee Secretariat and I have never received, formally or informally, a petition or anyone regarding Papua as reported in the Guardian newspaper," said Venezuela's Ambassador to the UN Rafael Ramírez, Chairman of the UN Decolonization Committee at the UN

headquarters in New York.

Answering the question of reporters on whether Ambassador Ramírez had communicated with Benny Wenda, it was underscored that as Chairman of the Decolonization Committee, he cannot communicate with parties outside the C24 agenda. Ambassador Rafael Ramírez expressed his indignation with individuals and parties who manipulated his name for propaganda.

The statement was made after the Guardian newspaper in its article mentioned that Benny Wenda had submitted a petition calling for a referendum for Papua to the UN Decolonization Committee on September 27, 2017.

Furthermore, Ambassador

Ramírez asserted that he greatly respects the integrity and sovereignty of all members.

As explained by the Chairman of the Decolonization Committee, the mandate of the Decolonization Committee is limited to 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories. It further stressed the fact that Papua is not included in the 17 territories.

"As fellow members of the Non-Aligned Movement, we always uphold the NAM's principal principles that respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the member states". Ambassador Ramírez insisted that Venezuela would never do anything against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Indonesia.

The statement from

the Chairman of the Decolonization Committee again shows that the separatist group and Benny Wenda continue to spread their hoaxes and lies to the public. This kind of lying is often done especially when there is a large meeting and there are high officials from the United Nations who are present.

"Last year, Benny Wenda mentioned that he has submitted documents about Papua to the UN Secretary-General, but was eventually a lie after it was confirmed in the secretary general's office," said Ambassador to the United Nations, Triandis Djani. (source: PTRI New York) []

# BDF's Tunisia Chapter Promotes Democracy in North Africa and the Middle East



Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno LP Marsudi opens the Bali Democracy Forum's (BDF) Tunisia Chapter, which had the theme "Home-Grown Democracy: The North Africa Experience", in Tunis (2/10/17).

Working with the Tunisian Government, the organization of the BDF- Tunisia Chapter is an effort by Indonesia to provide a platform for countries in the Central and Middle Eastern regions to exchange experiences in terms of democratic processes.

This activity addresses the development of home-grown democracy in each country, and sees challenges to the development of democracy in the region and seeks solutions to these challenges.

"There is no single formula that all countries can use in

applying democracy, so forums such as the Bali Democracy Forum are very useful for brainstorming and sharing experiences related to the promotion of democracy," said Foreign Minister Retno LP Marsudi at the opening of the Bali Democracy Forum (BDF) Tunisia Chapter, which took the theme "Home-Grown Democracy: The North Africa Experience" in Tunis (2/10/17).

In line with the theme of BDF- Tunisia Chapter, RI's Minister of Foreign Affairs conveyed Indonesia's experience in the process of

democratic transformation in her speech.

The RI Foreign Minister stated that democracy is a long and continuous process. Based on the experience of Indonesia and many other countries, the democratic process is not smooth.

"Democracy is a sustainable process and not a goal, because our goal is to achieve prosperity and decent living for all our people," she said.

The Foreign Minister further emphasized that although the value of democracy is universal, there is no one-

size-fit-all approach to democracy. Therefore, in the implementation, we must pay attention to the interests and desires of our people, not outside interests.

Foreign Minister Retno also stressed that Indonesia is an example of a country where democracy and Islam can run side by side.

In addition to various democratic values that are in line with Islam, this is also due to the long history of pluralism so that ordinary Indonesians are used to differences and the existence of the Pancasila ideology.

"If you want to see Islam, democracy, modernity and women's rights go side by side, come to Indonesia," she said.

The BDF- Tunisia Chapter was attended by participants from Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia. The speakers from Indonesia were Prof. Dr. Azyumardi Azra (State Islamic University of Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta) and Rahimah Abdulrahim (Executive Director of Habibie Center).

Tunisia will report the results of the BDF- Tunisia Chapter meeting at the Bali Democracy Forum (BDF) X on 7 - 8 December 2017 in Bali, Indonesia. (EP)