EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
PARIS

TERMS OF REFERENCE
INFORMAL DISCUSSION
"LESEHAN DEMOKRASI"
PARIS, 4 APRIL 2015

I. Background

This year, Asian and African countries will commemorate 60 years of the Asian-African Conference and 10 years of the New Asian-African Strategic Partnership. The 1955 Bandung Conference with Ten Principles of Bandung brought unprecedented changes on relations between countries around the world at that time. The real Bandung Conference’s results can be acknowledged by independence movement of Asian and African countries, the embodiment of solidarity Asian and African countries as well as real cooperation between countries in the southern part of the world since 1955 until today.

After 60 years, world order and interaction between countries has dramatically changed. Practically there is no colonization and imperialism anymore in the world which previously believed as raison d’être of Bandung Conference. However, many Asian and African countries face various contemporary problems such as terrorism, infectious diseases, poverty, corruption, racial conflict, territorial occupation, separatism, and other problems which also perceived as potential threats to the global peace. The question that would be discussed are whether the Bandung Spirit can meet the challenges and barriers faced by Asian and African countries today? Are Bandung Spirit is still relevant to the development of globalization today.

In order to exchange knowledge related with the value of Bandung Spirit to the current world order and to give understanding of such important event to the people of Indonesia who live in France, the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia would host an informal discussion titled “Lesehan Demokrasi.”

II. Theme

60th anniversary of Bandung Conference: The relevance of Bandung Conference spirit in the current international situation.

III. Objectives

1. To contribute thoughtful ideas on celebrating 60 years of Asian African Conference.
2. To give understanding on the importance of Bandung Spirit for the younger generation of Indonesian people who live in France.

IV. Type of Activities

1. Informal interactive discussion in English and Bahasa Indonesia
2. Film Presentation in title of ‘Soekarno’ directed by Indonesian young director, Hanung Bramantyo

V. Speakers
1. Prof. Dr. Samir Amin, Founder and President of World Forum for Alternatives: "Bandung Conference in Global History."
2. Dr. Darwis Khudori, Associate Professor University of Le Havre: "Bandung Spirit in the Current International Challenges."

VI. Participants
Around 50 Indonesian people

VII. Place
Balai Budaya Room, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, 47-49 rue Cortambert, 75116 Paris

VIII. Programs
18.00 – 18.10 Opening remarks by Dr. Hotmangaradja Pandjaitan, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia
18.10 – 18.30 Prof Samir Amin: Bandung Conference in Global History
18.30 – 18.50 Dr. Darwis Khudori: Bandung Spirit in the Current International Challenges
18.50 – 19.10 Biondi Sanda Sima: The Challenges in Implementing New Asian African Strategic Partnership
19.10 – 20.00 Discussion
20.00 – 21.00 Dinner
20.00 – 22.00 Film presentation "Soekarno"