

Pointers Press Statement
President of the Republic of Indonesia
at
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Assalamu'alaikum warohmatullahi wabarokatuh

Peace be upon us.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- The Asian African Summit has been successfully convened on 22-23 April 2015.
- It was participated by 91 Asian and African countries, 15 observers, and 10 international organizations.
- 21 heads of state/government of Asian and African countries, including Indonesia, attended the Summit.

I am pleased to inform you that

- The Summit was preceded by a Senior Official Meeting on 19 April 2015,
- as well as a Ministerial Meeting on 20 April 2015.

The Asian African Summit has produced 3 important documents, namely:

1. Bandung Message 2015
2. Declaration on Reinvigorating the Asian African New Strategic Partnership; and
3. Declaration on Palestine

The Summit has sent out a message to the world that:

- There remains imbalances in the world today, far from fairness and far from peace.
- In this regard, the Bandung Spirit remains relevant in today's context.

The Summit has successfully

- Identified concrete steps to follow up our cooperation,
- As reflected in the Declaration on Reinvigorating the New Asian African Strategic Partnership.

The Summit has also successfully

- Established an Operational Framework for monitoring mechanism
- Instructed all Asian and African Foreign Ministers to meet regularly every two years at the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York

Other agreements

- The importance of **strengthening South-South cooperation** through technical cooperation and capacity building initiatives and programs
- As I mentioned earlier, **countries along the equator have central roles** in strengthening South-South cooperation

Needless to say, **the Palestine cause was given special attention**

- Aside from adopting the Declaration on Palestine,
- There was also strong support by the participants towards the independence of Palestine and their commitment to **support the capacity building of human resources and institution for Palestine.**

I am also pleased to observe that **the Summit has agreed to:**

- Declare **24 April as Asia Africa Day**
- Declare **Bandung as the Asian-African Solidarity Capital**
- Support the establishment of the Asian-African Centre.

Ladies and gentlemen,

There were also **several other important events** at the sidelines of the Asian African Summit 2015:

- With a view to bring closer the private sectors in the two regions, the **Asia Africa Business Summit** was convened. One of the decisions made during the Business Summit was **to establish the Asia-Africa Business Council based in Jakarta.** The Summit was attended by more than 600 participants.
- At the same time, Indonesia also **hosted the World Economic Forum on East Asia.** The Forum was attended by more than 200 participants.
- There was also **the Asian African Parliamentarians meeting**, which was conducted for the first time. The meeting was attended by 200 participants from 31 countries.
- During the Summit, there was also **an exhibition showcasing Indonesia's experience in developing human resources capacity.** I shall inform you that so far Indonesia has provided training opportunities for thousands of participants and 99 countries.

At the sidelines of the Summit, I have had **15 bilateral meetings** (Palestine, Cambodia, China, Japan, Thailand, Iran, Swaziland, Bangladesh, Madagascar, Egypt, Vietnam, Nepal, Zimbabwe, DPR Korea, and Timor Leste).

In general, we discussed ways and means for concrete cooperation at the bilateral meetings:

- With **China**, for example, we have agreed on **a bilateral trade target of USD 150 billion**, and signed **the agreement between Indonesia's State-Owned Enterprises with the National Development and Reform Commission** of the People's Republic of China on establishing Jakarta Bandung High Speed Rail.

- With **Japan**, we have agreed to **establish a *Maritime Forum*** to follow up our cooperation in the maritime sector as well as export-oriented investment cooperation.

Bapak Jusuf Kalla and I have also **held an informal meeting with member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC)**. During the meeting, Indonesia **conveyed the message of friendship and peace**.

The meeting has agreed to:

- Firstly, address **the three main challenges** faced by Moslems today, namely **the Palestine cause, terrorism, as well as internal and external conflicts**.
- Secondly, **establish a Task Force/Contact Group** to develop the framework for communication and problem solving.

The member countries of the OIC have also expressed their **high expectation for Indonesia** to play an important role in addressing the problems faced by the Islamic world.

Tomorrow morning, the delegates will continue the program in Bandung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Asian African Conference. The occasion will demonstrate the relations among peoples and private sectors, as well as cultural cooperation.

In closing, I would like to **emphasize** that:

- We all take part in **maintaining world peace**.
- **We need to ensure cease fire** among parties in conflict.

This message complements all the agreements made during the Summit.

I would also like to convey my **sincerest appreciation to all Asian and African countries** that have participated in the event, **and to all Indonesian citizens**, particularly the residents of Jakarta and Bandung whose supports have been influential in the successful covering of the Asian African Summit.

Thank you.

Jakarta, 23 April 2015

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