



BANDUNG SPIRIT

**RETHINKING
EMERGING FORCES:
60 Years after
the Bandung Conference**

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To The President of the Republic of Indonesia
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Dear His Excellency,

On behalf of an international academic community united by the Bandung Spirit, we have the honour to inform you that we have successfully organised an international and multidisciplinary conference in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the 1955 Bandung Asian-African Conference. Our conference took place in Jakarta-Bandung-Jakarta on October 27-31, 2015. The participants came from twenty-six countries representing the Global South and progressive elements of the Global North. Eighty-three of them played a leading role as speakers and chairs of the conference. All these were possible thanks to the willingness of participants to come to Indonesia by their own means, to the hospitality of the hosting institutions (LIPI, ANRI, Universitas Padjadjaran, Museum Konperensi Asia-Africa and Universitas Trisakti) and to the support of the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Under the general theme of "*BUILDING SOVEREIGNTY, PREVENTING HEGEMONY: Challenges for Emerging Forces in the Globalised World*", we worked in plenary sessions and seven commissions based on academic disciplines: HISTORY, GENDER, CULTURE, ECOLOGY, ECONOMY, POLITICS, SPIRITUALITY & RELIGION. At the end we worked together to formulate a declaration.

Based on our capacity as scholars, our declaration was intended to be an articulation of the NAASP in academic field. We wish to draw the attention of the governments of the Global South (Africa, Asia and Latin America) to the importance of the role of the academic community in the NAASP for two main reasons: 1) human resources, sciences and technology are the driving forces of the world towards peace, justice and prosperity, and 2) academic community is the key actor in the development of human resources, sciences and technology.

Our declaration embodies our common intention for ourselves as scholars but also our recommendation for the governments of the countries of the Global South. It is in this respect that we submit our declaration to you. We have a very high esteem of you as a bearer of the Bandung Spirit today and we hope that it would be possible for you to be a key ally of our initiative and to transmit our declaration to your fellow heads of state and of government of African, Asian and Latin American countries and other relevant institutions.

We thank you very much for your attention and we wish you all the best for your duty as the head of state of Indonesia and a leader of the "emerging forces".

Sincerely yours,

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