

Indonesia Country Statement
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Enhancing Happiness and Sustainable Development through Partnerships
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*Co-Chairs,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

1. Allow me to convey our sincere gratitude to the Royal Government of Bhutan for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangement extended to the Indonesian delegation.
2. We are pleased to be part of this important meeting as one of Bhutan's partners in the development sector.
3. Indonesia commends Bhutan's achievement in completing its 11th Five Year Plan and welcomes Bhutan's development priorities under its 12th Five Year Plan. We seek to work with Bhutan to identify what we can contribute to assist Bhutan.
4. In this context, the Prime Minister of Bhutan, H.E. Dr. Lotay Tshering, presented a very clear articulation of the opportunities and challenges of Bhutan's development in the next five years. His views serve as a broad guideline for us in exploring where we can best add value in Bhutan's development needs.

Co-Chairs,

5. Indonesia's partnership with Bhutan in development goes back more than a decade, even before both countries established diplomatic relation in 2011.
6. In more than a decade, our technical cooperation has covered natural disaster management, vocational training for persons with disabilities, good governance, economic development, small and medium enterprises, air transportation, medicine, women empowerment, and media. Recently, we hosted a participant from Bhutan for the Indonesian Fellowship Training Program on Foam Tender Operation and Defensive Driving.

7. Under the broader context of South-South and Triangular Cooperation framework, Indonesia's programs are mainly focused on the three aspects, namely: development; economy; as well as good governance and peace building. In the Asia Pacific region, Indonesia's development and good governance programs are focused on specific topics that include agriculture, fisheries, tourism, infrastructure, women empowerment, disaster mitigation, as well as multimedia and journalism.

Co-Chairs,

8. The Government of Indonesia has provided scholarships for thousands of foreign students from friendly countries to study in Indonesia, including under the schemes of Darmasiswa Scholarship, Indonesian Arts and Culture Scholarship, and Developing Countries Partnership scholarship. In the past ten years, we provided 1,163 Developing Countries Partnership scholarships to students from 71 developing countries to obtain master degree in various fields.
9. Indonesia is pleased to share its experiences, best practices, and lessons learnt in the fields of tourism, hotel management, wood processing as well as art and crafts through vocational and practical trainings. Cooperation schemes could include trainings in Indonesia as well as train-the-trainers program in Indonesia or Bhutan.

Co-Chairs,
Excellencies,

10. Let me reiterate Indonesia's readiness to support Bhutan for its development needs, in line with its priorities. Indonesia would be ready to do so also through cooperative programs that would be distinctively tailored to meet Bhutan's specific requirements.
11. I hope that we can strengthen our partnership in support of our respective development needs and, above all, for Bhutan's further impressive progress and achievement in the next five years and beyond.

Thank you.