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Brief Welcoming Remarks

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BRIEF WELCOMING REMARKS
AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "CONSULTATION ON
THE PRESS SYSTEMS IN ASEAN COUNTRIES"
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Your Excellency the Minister of Information Mr. Harmoko,
Your Excellencies, the Asean ambassadors to Indonesia;
the Secretary General of AMIC, Distinguished guests, Ladies
and Gentlemen :

Allow me to make some brief welcoming remarks by first
of all thanking His Excellency the Minister of Information Mr.
Harmoko for his support and blessing for the Directorate General
for Press and Graphics of the Department of Information to work
together as co-host with AMIC, the Asian Mass Communication
Research and Information Centre, in sponsoring this conference.

This conference, which is called the "Consultation on
the Press Systems in ASEAN Countries", is primarily and foremost
the initiative of AMIC, the Asian Mass Communication Research and
Information Centre, a private media research organization based
in Singapore, headed by Mr. Vijay Menon, its Secretary General.

(May I ask Mr. Vijay Menon to rise, please).

As co-host in Jakarta, it is only appropriate, if I express
my deepest appreciation and warm welcome to all of you present here
this morning. As head of the Indonesian delegation, I will be
presenting a paper on the Indonesian National Press System later
on during our discussion today.

I do

I do wish to give a special warm welcome to my colleagues the Director Generals for Press of their representatives from each of the other five ASEAN countries, namely from Brunei, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore.

And to the other members of the various ASEAN delegations, which represent the press and the academic society, I equally would like to warmly welcome all of you to Jakarta.

I also wish to warmly welcome my friends from the press society, namely chief editors and journalists representing all of the major publications in the country that have come not only from Jakarta, but from various cities outside Jakarta, such as Bandung, Yogyakarta, Semarang, Surabaya, Ujungpandang, Medan, Padang, Palembang, Denpasar, Banjarmasin and other cities.

Equally, I also wish to welcome warmly all of the experts in the field of journalism and mass communication from the academic society representing the major universities that have schools of journalism or mass communication, such as from the Universities of : Indonesia in Jakarta, Gajah Mada in Yogyakarta, Pajajaran in Bandung, Hasanuddin in Ujungpandang, North Sumatera in Medan, and other universities and colleges.

My warm welcome also goes to my colleagues, government officials representing the various agencies who have so kindly accepted our invitation to attend this opening ceremony and to all of you distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Finally, I wish to especially thank His Excellency the Minister of Information, Mr. Harmoko for consenting to address this conference and to officially inaugurate this Consultation on the Press Systems of ASEAN Countries this morning.

And now

And now ladies and gentlemen, allow me to invite the Secretary General of the Asian Mass Communication Research and Information Centre, Mr. Vijay Menon who is the brain behind this important event to make his remarks at this occasion.

Mr. Vijay Menon, please.