

**Pointers For The Opening Address**

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## POINTERS FOR THE OPENING ADDRESS AT THE AMIC

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1. Welcome to Indonesia - the largest archipelagic nation - a mega diversity country - a country rich in cultural heritage - a country that is going through an accelerated development.
2. We are living in a fast - changing world due to the incredible progress of technology. Communications technologies have been revolutionizing our living and working environment, have changed the way we work and the way we interact - communications have been instrumental in creating modern culture - the culture of modernity, culture of development, culture of globality etc.
3. We must underline the vital role of communications as an engine and prime mover of national development - communications particularly telekomuni-cations improve our productivity, efficiency and expand our cultural, and economic horizon.
4. Indonesia being a country of mega diversity has proven the vital role of tele-communications in uniting the hundreds of ethnic groups into one people, the thousands of islands into one nation, the variety of exotic culture into Indonesia Raya.
5. Indonesia is going through the 2<sup>nd</sup> 25 year Plan (PJP-II). We are implementing an accelerated telecoms development so that by the twin of this century we will reach world - class standard.
6. As we look forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, a well known writer John Naisbitt tells us of the incredible impacts of telecommunications/information technolo-gies on the socio - economic life of the peoples of the world. Indonesia is preparing herself to play a role in the modern 21<sup>st</sup> century world. We support the concept of GII, we are participating in the APII and we want to make sure that our networks will be an important building block of the GII.

7. As we move towards the GII realization, we are now working with Internet with its promises, benefits and potential negative impacts. Some of us are also concerned about the cultural impacts of global broadcasting.
8. I hope this conference will come up with answers to many questions on privacy, protection of intellectual property right, cultural pollution, the aspects of technology, capital and HRD.
9. Have a very successful and enjoyable conference.

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