

VISION STATEMENT 2025

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India and Indonesia are two nations blessed with an epic legacy of cooperation, and bright prospects of a shared future.

Together, our two nations comprise (one fifth) of humanity, with a combined GDP of more than three Trillion dollars, and form two of Asia's largest nations and the world's fast growing emerging economies.

In the 20th century, India and Indonesia were among the first nations to declare independence after World War 2, initiated the Afro-Asian and Non-Aligned movements, and actively promoted multilateralism, decolonization, disarmament and North-South dialogue as well as South-South cooperation. In no small measure, these achievements helped shape the world order.

In the 21st century, as they anticipate an uncertain world filled with promise and peril, it is high time for India and Indonesia to elevate their relations to a New Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. This Partnership must be robust, forward-looking and multi-sectoral. The Partnership must also carry significant impact, both to their bilateral cooperation and the regional order, commensurate with the strategic weight of India and Indonesia.

The elevated Partnership must build upon the long history of diplomatic, political, economic, and socio-cultural relations that have been cultivated over decades and centuries, but, more importantly, it must also seize the boundless opportunities, live up to the enormous economic potential each has to offer, add value to their national development, and contribute to regional stability and world peace.

By 2025, this elevated Partnership shall evolve with significant breadth and depth, particularly in the five major areas of cooperation set forth in 2013: strategic engagement, defence and security cooperation, comprehensive economic partnership, cultural and people to people links, and cooperation in responding to common challenges.

By 2025, the Partnership shall contribute to a more durable Asian order, marked by peaceful relations among the major powers, win-win cooperation involving all the countries in the region, open regionalism, resolution and/or reduction of conflicts, and the prevalence of strategic trust.

The Partnership shall contribute to strategic stability in the Indian Ocean. India and Indonesia, as the largest Indian Ocean rim countries, will engage in closer consultation and work together to prevent potential conflict and rivalry while promoting peaceful cooperation in the Indian Ocean.

India and Indonesia shall have ever closer security and defense relations, marked by close military-to-military relations, counter-terrorism collaboration, naval cooperation including combined maritime patrols, regular exchanges and joint exercises, intelligence sharing, and joint production of defense equipment and systems.

By 2025, India - Indonesia bilateral economic cooperation shall blossom to reach a bilateral trade volume of \$ 50 billion and two-way investment of \$ 50 billion. The micro, small and medium enterprises must play a key part in this bilateral economic interaction. The cooperation must also contribute to enhancing their respective food and energy security. Their economic partnership shall contribute significantly to the national development of both sides, and will bring widespread benefits to the well-being of Indian and Indonesian citizens.

There shall be intensified exchange and interaction of students, lecturers, scientists, innovators, journalists, artists. More direct air links shall be established as part of efforts to significantly increase the volume of Indian and Indonesian tourists and business persons.

India and Indonesia shall develop convergent maritime interests, and will intensify their maritime linkages by developing the necessary infrastructure and connectivity. They will also enhance their respective maritime domain awareness to ensure maritime security and the protection of marine resources. They will work together to promote compliance with the International Law of the Sea, including freedom of navigation which is essential to the well-being of the world economy.

The elevated Partnership shall bring the two nations closer on regional and global issues. India and Indonesia shall synergize their efforts to promote climate and environmental security, democracy, human rights, multiculturalism, inclusiveness and religious freedom.

The Partnership shall thrive so long as it is based on solid government-to-government, people-to-people and business-to-business relations.

The Partnership shall endure and continue to grow towards 2025 and beyond because it is upheld by the two Governments, because it engages the business community and civil society, and because it lives in the hearts of our people.

The EPG Report contains a detailed Roadmap to secure the Vision spelt out in this Vision Statement. It represents our collective, considered view anchored in reality and ambition. Our two nations, driven by enlightened self interest will do well to adopt both the Vision and Roadmap together.

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