



**Embassy of India  
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**Press Release**

**Vice President of India meets Indonesian Leaders**

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Hamid Ansari, is on an official visit to Indonesia from 1-4 November, 2015 at the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Jusuf Kalla, Vice President of Indonesia. On 2nd November 2015, Hon'ble Vice President of India had a tete-a-tete with his counterpart H.E. Mr. Jusuf Kalla, Vice President of Indonesia which was followed by delegation level talks. He also called on His Excellency Mr. Joko Widodo, President of Indonesia. The meeting focused on cooperation in the maritime, education, and pharmaceutical sectors. He also met Ms. Megawati Sukarnoputri, former President of Indonesia and Chairman of PDI-P following talks with President of Indonesia. Both the leaders discussed functioning of democratic processes in India and Indonesia and use of Electronic Voting Machines in elections.

Addressing the media after delegation level talks, the Vice President of India said that India and Indonesia are committed to increase bilateral trade and mutual investments as well as expanding cooperation in defence and counter-terrorism through intensification of existing mechanism.

The Government of India and the Government of Indonesia signed MoU on Cooperation in New and Renewable energy and MOU on Cultural Exchange. The MOU on New and Renewable Energy is significant in view of the fact that India and Indonesia has committed to bring down the carbon emission levels by 35% and 29% respectively by 2030.

**Following is the text of Vice President's Statement:**

"I would like to thank H.E. Mr. Jusuf Kalla, Vice President of Indonesia, for this invitation to visit your beautiful country. My visit underlines the importance that India attaches to expanding and deepening its relations with Indonesia, which is a strategic partner. This meeting has afforded us an opportunity to reinvigorate our dialogue at a crucial juncture as both India and Indonesia are embarking upon a phase of rapid economic progress.

We have had an excellent exchange of views covering all aspects of our bilateral relations and discussion on global affairs of mutual interest. We have much in common- sharing cultural values, but also developmental objectives give our large youthful populations and their growing aspirations. We also share similar governance challenges and can benefit from sharing our experiences with each other.

We have discussed ways to diversify and increase our bilateral trade as well to encourage investments in each other's country through our private sectors. For this we will be working to provide a robust and contemporary legal framework.

We have also discussed possibilities of expanding our cooperation in defence and counter-terrorism through intensification of our existing mechanisms.

We share similar positions on several global and regional issues including climate change and maritime security and freedom of seas in the South China Seas. India and Indonesia today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in New and Renewable Energy Sector. This cooperation is important as both India and Indonesia have committed themselves to reduce carbon emissions by 35% and 29% respectively by 2030.

We celebrate our shared cultural links and today we signed a MoU for Cooperation in Cultural field. We also thank the Government of Indonesia for supporting us in organizing 'Sahabat India - The Festival of India in Indonesia' earlier this year.

Indonesia is the largest ASEAN member and India looks forward to its continued support as we move to increase our engagement with ASEAN member States as part of our Act East policy. We congratulate the Government of Indonesia for successfully organizing 60th Asian African Conference Commemoration in April 2015 and for assuming chairmanship of Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) last week.

We remain confident that under the leadership of President Joko Widodo and Vice President Jusuf Kalla, Indonesia will continue to make all-round progress and our bilateral relationship will be strengthened.

Thank You.”

Mr. M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India gave a public lecture in the reception jointly organized by the Embassy of India, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia. He spoke on “Indonesia and India: Companion Souls, Strategic Partners”. Vice Foreign Minister of Indonesia Mr. A M Fachir also addressed the gathering on the occasion and spoke about commonalities between India and Indonesia and the common challenges being faced by them.

India and Indonesia enjoy a long standing shared historical affinity and close cultural ties. Indonesia is an important partner of India among the ASEAN countries. Hon'ble Vice President's meetings with President and Vice President of Indonesia has resulted in strengthening of bilateral relations including commercial, investment, and strategic ties.

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