

**INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS  
AT THE 70<sup>TH</sup> INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION  
TASHKENT, 19 AUGUST 2015**

- Your Excellency Mrs. Saidova Galina Karimovna, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Your Excellencies, the Ambassadors, the Heads of International Agencies and Organizations,
- Distinguished Guests;
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

**Assalamualaikum Wr. Wb.  
Good Evening**

It is my distinct pleasure to extend my profound appreciation and gratitude to all of you, for your presence at this evening reception on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the independence day of the Republic of Indonesia which fall on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Every year on this date, all Indonesian people celebrates this historical moment. Our independence is the result of long struggle and sacrifice of our founding fathers.

Although now they have gone, the spirit of our forefathers remains alive in the hearts of the Indonesian nation forever. Their service and their sacrifice never faded, but even more illuminating the life of our nation.

**Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:**

The world is still facing many challenges and uncertainty, which have become more and more complex, where efforts to attain peace has increasingly been met with political and economic conditions which has left much to be done.

Indonesia has not been immune to the complexities and the challenges of the past and current global situation.

Indonesia under President Joko Widodo, who took office in October 2014, put infrastructure development and maritime issues as top of priority list. These priorities are intended to raise the economic growth up to 7% as part of the economic deliverable target set by the government.

However the key ingredient for economic growth to flourish is the presence of peace and security. Hence, in order to provide an enabling environment for peace to occur, there is no other option for Indonesia but to continue to play an active role in the promotion of peace in the region. Indonesia will continue to believe in power of diplomacy as part of its efforts to maintain peace and security in the region and the world.

This year Indonesia hosted the Commemorative Summit of 60th anniversary of the Asia-Africa Conference. This commemoration summit issued three documents, one of them was Declaration on Palestine. In line with this Declaration, Indonesia remains steadfast in its wavering support for an independence of Palestine within the concept of a two-state solution.

**Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies Gentlemen:**

The year 2015 marks the 23rd Anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of Uzbekistan. The relations between the two countries are solid and getting stronger and stronger. In this year several Indonesian delegations visited Uzbekistan namely: the visit by the Vice Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representative, Chairman of Indonesian Constitutional Court, Chairman of the Regional Representative Council, as well as delegation from the Ministry of Trade and other. On the other hand delegation from Uzbekistan Constitutional Court and National Security Service visited Indonesia this month. Friendship between Indonesia and Uzbekistan has been nurtured to great extend.

However, there is a need to transform the excellent relations and friendship into economic cooperation in order to give dividend to the welfare of the people of both countries. The Government of the Republic Indonesia is committed to promoting the development of economic cooperation with Uzbekistan.

I would like to express my readiness to work closely with stakeholders in Uzbekistan to boost further the cooperation and increase people-to-people contact between the two countries.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt felicitations and best wishes to the Government and People of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the auspicious occasion of the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

May I invite you all to raise the glasses for the betterment of Indonesia-Uzbekistan relations and for the prosperity and happiness of all mankind around the world.

Thank you.

Tashkent, 19 August 2015