



**Embassy of Indonesia  
Bratislava – Slovak Republic**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Indonesia Performs Amazingly at the Asian Weekend of Slovakia**

Indonesian performances received a big applause from Asian Weekend visitors on July 27-28 2018 on the main stage of the Bratislava city square, Slovakia. Indonesian booth also crowded with visitors for 2 (two) days of exhibition. At least 5,000 people visit Asian Weekend events every day as a series of Bratislava Cultural Summer Festival events held during the summer in various locations in Bratislava.

Lenggak-lenggok Lenggang Nyai, compactness of Badinding dance, rampak Rebana, jogging Lenger Pantura, Cendrawasih dance which is lively and angklung music games become an attraction for viewers to see performances on the main stage. Flash mob Poco-Poco is the ultimate event for Indonesian performances at the Asian Weekend which lasts until 10pm.

Indonesia also displayed a variety of ethnic clothing by showing a fashion show featuring batik, Padang and Bali embroidery which performed by Slovak models.

On the big screen on the main stage also aired promotions about Indonesian destinations given Slovak sub-titles.

Meanwhile, on the other stage and aired on the big screen of the main stage, demonstrated how to cook fried noodles and fried rice. The queue of visitors was seen at the Indonesian booth to be able to taste the food and offer Indonesian specialties such as jelly and mix fruits iced with milk “es teler”, iced coffee and iced sweet tea.

In addition, at the Indonesian booth, visitors can try gamelan instruments, angklung and bamboo flute prepared. Visitors enthusiastically tried various traditional musical instruments and asked about interesting destinations in Indonesia, as well as filling out questionnaires about Indonesia prepared by the Indonesian Embassy in Bratislava.

The Indonesian Ambassador to Slovakia in his remarks represented 5 (five) other ambassadors, namely China, India, Japan, Korea and Vietnam, saying that for the first time there were 6 (six) Asian ambassadors in Slovakia at one time participating in the Bratislava Cultural Summer Festival with the tagline “Asian Weekend”. The participation of six Asian countries presents 3.4 billion or 44 percent of the world's population. The Ambassador also thanked the Bratislava Cultural and Information Center for positively welcoming the initiative of this activity. It is hoped that through this activity will bring closer the relationship between Asia and Slovakia.

The Asian Weekend was opened with the beating of the Bali gong by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia, Lukas Parizek.

In his remarks, he expressed his appreciation for the initiative to hold the first Asian Weekend held in Slovakia by 6 (six) Asian countries and the Bratislava Cultural and Information Center. This activity coincided with the celebration of the founding of 25 years of Slovakia and 25 years of diplomatic relations between Slovakia and the 6 Asian countries. Also conveyed that the art

and culture displayed by the 6 countries in the heart of Europe, Slovakia. According to him, art is a mechanism in communication and a way to understand each other. The 6 Asian countries involved are countries with a large population and some of them are leading in the field of technology. For this reason, Slovakia should learn from this country and its culture.

The Asian Weekend was also used by the Indonesian Embassy in Bratislava to promote the Asian Games in Jakarta and Palembang, by placing Asian Games banners in front of the main stage and related information at the Indonesian booth.

Asian Weekend events received very high appreciation from government officials and diplomatic circles. This can be seen from the presence of 10 ambassadors from European countries and other diplomatic officials, the Director of Asia and Pacific of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia, the Director of the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Cultural Diplomacy, members of Parliament, deputy mayor of Bratislava, and former Slovak Foreign Minister.

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