

## Press Release



### **GOI and ERIA Together with Harvard Conduct Symposium to Move ASEAN Community Forward into 2015 and Beyond**

**October 27, 2011** – The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and Harvard University will be organizing a Symposium entitled “*Moving ASEAN Community Forward into 2015 and Beyond*” on 31<sup>st</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 at the Le Meridien Hotel in Jakarta.

The symposium will be led by Mr. M. Hatta Rajasa, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs (TBC); Mr. Gita Wirjawan, Trade Minister of Republic of Indonesia (TBC); Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General of ASEAN; Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA; Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Director General for ASEAN Cooperation Indonesia – Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Jon D. Mills, Manager of Harvard University ASIA Center, and a distinguished group of speakers, panelists, and moderators consisting of several top government officials and academics from Indonesia and abroad. They will address a number of issues pertaining to the economic, political security, and socio-cultural pillars of the ASEAN Community, including, amongst others, ensuring equitable, stable and robustly growing ASEAN; plugging ASEAN into the innovation and green world economy; engendering food and energy security; strengthening regional cooperation in disaster management; raising ASEAN’s voice in world affairs; and strengthening ASEAN’s regional integration process. Around 200 from the government, diplomatic sector, academia, and the business sector in Indonesia and the rest of ASEAN, East Asia and the world are expected to participate in the symposium.

The symposium is expected to provide policy recommendations towards the timely establishment of the ASEAN Community, development of ASEAN into a thriving, competitive, resilient, equitable and harmonious regional community, and deeper ASEAN engagement and role in the global community of nations.

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