

Foreword



‘Project 2045: The Path to Peaceful and Prosperous Indonesia in 2045’ is an excellent example of a research project that looks at long-term development prospects in a structured way and with a true partnership spirit between Indonesia, Japan, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Over a period of one year, experts from Indonesia and Japan have analysed the development path of their respective countries and have identified options that can contribute to further building a peaceful and prosperous Indonesia.

The high-level seminar organised in Jakarta on 8 and 9 December 2018 presents those key findings and offers an opportunity for in-depth discussions on the development experiences of Japan and Indonesia looking towards the future.

I strongly believe that the research conducted and the outcome of those discussions will be of value to policymakers and all relevant stakeholders in Indonesia, and to their partners in Japan. They will also be of great interest to a broader group of actors in the development community, including UNDP, as we are working on those very same issues to support human development in Indonesia.

I would like to congratulate the governments and the people of Indonesia and Japan on the 60th anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relations. I wish to express my gratitude to the Government of Japan, to H.E. Mr. Masafumi Ishii, Ambassador of Japan to Indonesia, and to the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia for the support that they provided to UNDP. I also wish to most sincerely thank the President of ERIA, Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, and all his colleagues in Jakarta for the excellent cooperation that they have extended to UNDP throughout the implementation of the project. Lastly, I thank Executive Committee co-chairs Muhammad Lutfi, former Indonesian ambassador to Japan, and Takashi Shiraishi, chancellor of the Prefectural University of Kumamoto, Japan, as well as all the experts for their very substantive contributions to the project.

It has been a great honour for UNDP to be part of Project 2045.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Bahuet'. The signature is stylized and written over a faint, light-colored background.

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