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Jakarta Framework on “Moving ASEAN Community Forward into 2015 and Beyond” Presented to the President of Republic of Indonesia

Bali, November 16, 2011 – H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General of ASEAN, and Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) presented the *Jakarta Framework on Moving the ASEAN Community Forward into 2015 and Beyond* to H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, today on the sidelines of the 19th ASEAN Summit and the 6th East Asia Summit in Bali, Indonesia.



The *Jakarta Framework* consists of key strategies to transform the ASEAN region into an equitable and upper middle income, developed region with greater voice and influence in global affairs. The Framework was developed by ERIA with inputs from the two-day symposium organized by the Government of Indonesia, ERIA and Harvard University on the theme “*Moving ASEAN Community Forward into 2015 and Beyond*” held on October 31 and November 1, 2011 in Jakarta.

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The *Jakarta Framework* highlights four key pathways. They are the following:

1. *Competitive and dynamic pathway:* To move up to an upper middle income and developed economy, ASEAN needs to push the production frontiers in the region forward by deepening industrial agglomerations within each ASEAN country and strengthen production networks between ASEAN countries. Industrial agglomerations are expanded by relying increasingly on innovation, creativity, and human capital development. Moreover, ASEAN needs to enhance connectivity within the region through free flows of goods, services, people and capital as well as further enhancement of physical infrastructure in the region.
2. *Inclusive pathway:* ASEAN has to create an inclusive and equitable society by developing poor and peripheral regions (geographical inclusiveness), small and medium enterprises (industrial inclusiveness) and raise the incomes of the poor (societal inclusiveness).
3. *Sustainable pathway:* The *Jakarta Framework* emphasizes the importance of a more resilient ASEAN through initiatives to enhance the region's food and energy security. The Framework also brings out that the pursuit of green development in the region could enhance the region's competitiveness and growth in addition to sustainable development.
4. *Dynamic equilibrium with ASEAN centrality viz ASEAN partners:* ASEAN has to maintain a dynamic equilibrium through equal relations with external partners. ASEAN must act as a central building block for other wider cooperation schemes. Internationally, ASEAN can raise its voice and influence in international forums through greater cohesiveness among ASEAN Member States and by strengthening community building in the region.

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The other dignitaries during the presentation included H.E. Mr. Marty Natalegawa, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Sudi Silalahi, the Minister of State Secretariat of the Republic of Indonesia; H.E. I. Gede Ngurah Swajaya, Indonesian Permanent Representative to ASEAN, H.E. Mr. Sundram Pushpanathan, Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community, Prof. Fukunari Kimura, ERIA Chief Economist, Dr. Dionisius Narjoko, ERIA Researcher, and Mr. Daiki Kasugahara, ERIA General Manager.

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