

Foreword



‘Project 2045: The Path to Peaceful and Prosperous Indonesia in 2045’ is a blueprint for the cooperation between Japan and Indonesia on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their bilateral diplomatic relationship. The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has implemented this project and set up the Executive Committee co-chaired by H.E. Muhammad Lutfi, the former ambassador of Indonesia to Japan, and Prof Takashi Shiraishi, chancellor of the Prefectural University of Kumamoto and a leading expert on Asian and Indonesian affairs, and is composed of experts in political science, economics, and other disciplines.

ERIA celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2018. Over the last 10 years, ERIA, as an organisation to support the ASEAN Summit and East Asia Summit process, has delivered many studies and policy recommendations to promote economic integration, the narrowing of development gaps, and sustainable development. ERIA’s activities have been regularly mentioned in the summit and ministerial documents of ASEAN and East Asia.

It is our honour to have been requested to conduct Project 2045, the joint project of two of East Asia’s important countries that share a common future and are both maritime democracies. The study lists 10 common ‘Challenges’ that need to be addressed jointly by the two countries, with due consideration of new technologies, energy and food security, shifting political and economic landscapes, and environmental and socio-cultural values. The study points out the complementarity of the two countries and the importance of their cooperation to fully realise their growth potential. The study also indicates the need for them to play a central role to contribute to the peace, prosperity, and economic integration of the region.

Last but not least, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Government of Japan, especially to Ambassador Masafumi Ishii and the staff of the Japanese Embassy in Indonesia, for giving us a chance to contribute to the future of Indonesia and Japan and providing continuous support and guidance for the success of the project.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H. Nishimura'.

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