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## ‘India-Indonesia Strategic Partnership’

A delegation of scholars and experts comprising of Ambassador Shyam Saran, the former Special Envoy on Climate Change, former Ambassador to Indonesia and former Foreign Secretary; Ambassador Vinod Khanna, former Ambassador to Indonesia; Dr. C. Raja Mohan, Strategic Affairs Editor of the Indian Express; Prof. Mushirul Hassan, former Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University and Dr. Upendra Das of the Research & Information Systems Institute, visited Indonesia from May 2-4, 2010 to participate in a series of public diplomacy events in Bali and Jakarta.

A panel discussion was held in Bali at the Institute of Peace & Democracy at the Udayana University, Jimbaran Campus on the

theme “India-Indonesia Civilizational Connections : New Strategic Partnership”. On May 4, 2010, a panel discussion was held



**The Panel Discussion in progress at the Institute of Peace & Democracy in Bali**

on advancing the ‘India-ASEAN Partnership’ at the ASEAN Secretariat. On the same afternoon, Ambassador Vinod Khanna and Prof. Mushirul Hassan ad-

ressed mid-career diplomats at the Centre for Education & Training of KEMLU on the themes of Indian Foreign Policy and India-Indonesia relations and Islam in India, respectively.

On May 5, 2010, a Seminar was held on the theme “India-Indonesia Civilizational Connections & the New Strategic Partnership” at the Nusantara Hall in KEMLU. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Vijaya Latha Reddy, the Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and H.E. Mr. Hamzah Thayeb, the Director General for Asia Pacific and African Affairs. At the same event, Ambassador Biren Nanda handed over a gift of books to H.E. Mr. Hamzah Thayeb for the Ali Alatas Library.

## Indian Minister at ‘Infrastructure Asia’

The Minister for Road Transport & Highways of India, Mr. Kamal Nath visited Jakarta from April 14-15, 2010 to attend the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Public-Private Partnerships for Infrastructure Development 2010. The Conference was held in conjunction with the ‘Infrastructure Asia’ Exhibition

2010. Minister Kamal Nath gave a Keynote Address on “Building Unified & Sustainable Transport & Infrastructure : PPP as an Engine of Asia-Pacific Infrastructure Development”. In his address, the Minister gave an account of how India had progressed in implementing the PPP model in building infrastructure, including

roads, highways, ports, airports, etc. The PPP model was being implemented at the Federal and the State levels and the effort was now to socialize it to Municipalities and villages in India. Minister Kamal Nath called on the Minister of Trade and the Minister of Transport during his visit to Jakarta.



The audience at Taman Buah Mekarsari enjoying the JNICC program

*“It was agreed to expedite private sector engagement between the ASEAN and India including the ASEAN-India Trade Fair”*

Kathak performance at Taman Buah Mekarsari



## Indian Delegation at UNEP Forum

A delegation led by Mr. Vijai Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests participated in the 11th Session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environmental Forum which was held in Bali from February 24-26, 2010.

One of the Round Tables at the Forum was co-chaired by Mr. Vijay Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests of the Government of India and Mr. Jan Dusik, Minis-

ter from the Government of the Czech Republic. The Session discussed the need to develop capacity in developing countries and to involve all stakeholders including women in changing mindsets and behavior.

It also highlighted the need for UNEP to focus on technology transfer, funding support, awareness programs, support for policy-making at the regional level and synergizing activities along with other

international organizations. The Round Table discussions emphasized that there was no one-size-fit-all solution and there was a need to look at what could be done at the national level and what could be done by the international community.

During the meeting UNEP and India held a Press Conference which announced that India was joining the Billion Tree Campaign of UNEP by way of pledging to plant 2 million trees.

## 16th SEOM-India Consultations

The 16th SEOM-India Consultations between ASEAN Senior Economic Officials and the Indian delegation led by Mr. Rahul Khullar, Commerce Secretary in the Government of India were held in Bali from March 24-27, 2010. The meeting was chaired by Vietnam, the current ASEAN Chair. The Agenda of the meeting included ASEAN-India Free

Trade Area negotiations and private sector engagements between ASEAN and India. The meeting was informed that four ASEAN countries - Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore and Thailand had ratified the India-ASEAN FTA and the other parties would be doing so by June 2010. It was agreed to expedite negotiations on the FTA in services and invest-

ment. It was also agreed to expedite the private sector engagement between ASEAN and India, including the ASEAN-India Business Council meeting and the ASEAN-India Trade Fair which is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from January 8-10, 2011. India also proposes to organize an ASEAN-India Business Summit on the sidelines of the Trade Fair.

## Cooperation in Tsunami Early Warning

At a meeting held between the India and Indonesian delegations chaired by Dr. Shailesh Nayak, the Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences of the Government of India and Sri Woro B. Harijono, Director General of the Meteorological, Clima-

tological & Geophysical Agency of Indonesia on April 13, 2010 in Banda Aceh, it was agreed that the two sides will cooperate in Tsunami Early Warning, meteorological services including agro-meteorology, air quality monitoring, geophysics instrumentation and climatological and climate change re-

search.

With a view to progressing bilateral cooperation in these areas, a Joint Workshop will be conducted in India at the Indian Meteorological Department, the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Systems and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology.

# Indian Chemicals Exhibition



The Embassy of India, in collaboration with the Chemicals Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL), organized an Indian Chemicals Exhibition focusing on dyes, agro-chemicals, speciality chemicals and cosmetics from

## Group photograph at the venue of the Indian Chemicals Exhibition

March 25-26, 2010 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Jakarta.

A total of 67 Indian companies participated in the Exhibition. The Exhibition was visited by representatives of 250 Indonesian companies. Buyers from other Indonesian cities including Surabaya and Semarang also participated in the event.

The Federation of Indonesian Chemical Industry (FIKI) comprising

of chambers of various sectors in the chemical industry fully supported and participated in the event. A presentation was made by Mr. Anand Ladsariya, Chairman, CHEMEXCIL and Dr. K.M. Shah, President, Indian Speciality Chemicals Marketing Association who spoke on the global scenario of speciality chemicals and the situation of the industry in India and Indonesia. The gathering was also addressed by Mr. Hidayat Nyakman, Chairman of the Federation of Indonesian Chemicals Industry.

**“The Buyer-Seller Meet was a follow up to the successful exhibition organized by EEPC in December 2009”**

## Engineering Products Buyer-Seller Meet

The Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) of India organized a Buyer-Seller Meet on March 24, 2010 at the JW Marriott Hotel. The Council delegation comprised of representatives of 11 Indian companies representing the following product lines: road construction machinery, mechanical seals and spares, auto components, precision machining components, fabrication

components for the auto industry and railways, sheet metal components for the auto industry, pumps and electrical motors, electrical and agricultural equipment, medical and laboratory instruments, steel tubes and pipes and milling and grinding machinery.

The Buyer-Seller Meet was a follow up to a successful exhibition organized by the EEPC in Decem-

ber 2009 when 135 SMEs from India exhibited engineering products as part of India's participation in 'Manufacturing Indonesia' as a Partner Country.

Indian engineering products constituted 29% of India's exports to Indonesia in 2008 and are one of the most dynamic product categories in the trade between the two countries.

## ‘India-Indonesia Trade & Investment Cooperation’

The Embassy of India in Jakarta organized a Seminar on 'India-Indonesia Trade & Investment Cooperation' on March 29, 2010 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Jakarta. The Seminar was aimed at showcasing the strong Indian presence in the economic sector in Indonesia and highlighting the opportunities that exist for strengthening trade and investment relations between

the two countries. The Seminar was divided into two sessions with 5 speakers in each session. The speakers included the Ambassador of India, Mr. Biren Nanda, Chairman of the Economic Association of India and Indonesia, Mr. Marzuki Usman, Mr. Amol Titus, CEO of IndonesiaWise, Mr. Minesh Dave, Chief Representative of Tata Power Ltd., Mr. Praga Wagle, President

Director of PT. TCS Indonesia, Mr. K.B. Trivedi, President Director of Essar Indonesia, Mr. Rajiv Saran, President Director of State Bank of India Indonesia and Mr. C.N. Nath, Chief Representative of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited.



**Mr. Minesh Dave, Chief Representative Tata Power making a presentation at the Seminar**



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# Inauguration of New Premises of JNICC

The new premises of the Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural Centre were inaugurated in Jakarta on March 2, 2010. The Centre is located at No. 44, Jalan Pandeglang, Menteng. Guests from the diplomatic, Government, cultural and literary circles were invited to the present on the occasion.

Students of the Tara Salvia Elementary School in Bintaro, Ciputat, Tangerang came to visit the Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural Centre as part of their Social Studies project. The students were introduced to Yoga, music and dance by the teachers of the JNICC.

On March 10, 2010, students of the Kupu-Kupu Elementary School visited JNICC, Jakarta to learn about Yoga, music and dance at the JNICC.

From March 13-16, 2010, the

teachers and students of the JNICC participated in the Harvest Festival organized at the Mekarsari Amazing Tourism Park.

The Indian Cultural Centre in Bali organized Yoga Workshops at Ashram Gandhipuri, Klungkung and the Dwijendra Foundation. Dance Workshops were held at Sekola Menengah



**Inauguration of the new premises of the Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural Centre in Jakarta**

Kejuruan, SMKI, Yogyakarta; Rotary Club, Ubud; Cipta Dharma School, Denpasar and Institute Hindu Dharma Negeri.

On May 15, 2010, the JNICC, Jakarta organized a program in collaboration with Mrs. Shakuntala Devi, the renowned Mathematics prodigy. Mrs. Shakuntala Devi demonstrated her amazing calculation skills before a wonder struck audience at the Centre. Mrs. Shakuntala Devi has given such demonstrations in India and in a number of foreign countries and has published many books on Mathematics and how to introduce Mathematics to children. In her work she has sought to remove the fear of Math from young minds. She is also in the process of getting her books published in Bahasa for the benefit of the Indonesian audience.