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"India Show" in Jakarta at Balai Kartini, 6-8 March 2012

An "India Show" will be held in Jakarta at Balai Kartini from 6 to 8 March 2012. The Show will be jointly organized by the Embassy of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry of India and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

The main features of the "India Show" are exhibition for three days, one to one meetings, sectoral seminars, business delegation, high level ministerial delegation, and food festival.

"India Show" is an initiative to promote "Brand India" and the Indian industry overseas, especially in developing and under developed countries with demand for Indian products and technologies.

About 75 Indian companies are expected to take part in the Show representing India's strength and capabilities in various sectors - automo-



tive, petroleum & natural gas & power, energy, engineering, science & technology, as well as services including financial services, information communication technology, hospitality and tourism. Made In India shows have

been organized since 1995 in various countries like Afghanistan, China, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nigeria, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, UK, etc. Made in India has now been re-branded as "India Show". The first "India Show" was organized in Johannesburg, South Africa from 30 August to 1 September 2010 at MTN Expo Centre.

The Show is open to public on 6 and 7 March (0900-1900 hrs) and 8 March (0900-1500 hrs). For further details, please visit the website www.theindiashow.in or contact Mr. Rakesh K Arora, First Secretary (Eco& Com); at Email: counsellor_enc@net-zap-com.

Celebration of the 63rd Republic Day of India

The 63rd Republic Day celebrations in Jakarta were marked by a Flag Hoisting ceremony at Embassy Residence at 0900 hrs followed by singing of National Anthem and reading out the President's Republic Day eve message by the Ambassador to a gathering of about 200 persons from the Indian community in Jakarta and its suburbs. Patriotic songs



Flag hoisting ceremony

were sung with fervor and enthusiasm by children from Gandhi Memorial School, DPS Texmaco and Indorama.

In the evening a Reception was held at Four Seasons Hotel which was attended by over 700 guests including prominent dignitaries from the Indonesian side, Diplomatic corps, media persons, academics, business community as well as members of Indian commu-

nity. Patriotic song sung by school students and classical dance duet in Bharat Natyam and Kathak style was performed by dance



Cutting-cake in the evening reception

teachers of JNICC Jakarta and ICC Bali and received with much appreciation by the audience.

Visit of Tourism Minister of India



Hon'ble Minister of Tourism speaking at the "Interaction with local tour operators" in Jakarta

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Union Minister of Tourism H. E. Mr. Subodh Kant Sahai led the Indian delegation, comprising Mr. Sanjay Kothari, Additional Secretary (Tourism) and Mr. Rajesh Talwar, Director – India Tourism Singapore Office to Manado and Jakarta on 11-14 January 2012. The Minister had a fruitful interaction with his counterparts from ASEAN countries at the 3rd ASEAN-India Tourism Ministers Meeting in Manado on 12 January 2012. An MOU on strengthening ASEAN-India Tourism Cooperation was signed at the conclusion of the meeting.

The MoU envisages cooperation among the National Tourism Organizations of ASEAN Member States and India in a number of areas such as development of joint tour packages, organizing exchange visits of students and instructors of leading Tourism and Hospitality Training Institutes aimed at

sharing of best practices, facilitating greater interaction among travel and tour operators, and joint promotion of tourism in inno-



The leaders in the signing of MoU on ASEAN-Indian tour-

vative ways such as hosting a joint ASEAN-India Tourism Web Portal, joint branding activities, exchange visits of travel writers etc. India has already put in place a Tourist Visa on Arrival (TVOA) scheme with Singapore, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Lao PDR and Myanmar.

This has resulted in a spike in two-way tourist flow between India and the ASEAN region. In the year 2010, 439,043 tourists from ASEAN countries, including 26,171 from Indonesia, visited India, which is an increase of more than 21% over the previous year. Conversely, 2.2 million Indians visited the countries in the ASEAN region in the year 2010, including nearly 160,000 to Indonesia, thus registering a growth of 4.1% from the previous year.

An interaction between the Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Sh. Subodh Kant Sahai and the Indonesian tour operators was held at Four Seasons Hotel on 13th January 2012. The event was attended by over 80 Indonesian tour operators and members of media as well.

Buyer-Seller Meet of Young Entrepreneur's School

A 60-member business delegation from Young Entrepreneur's School (YES), Tamil Nadu Chamber of Commerce & Industry, visited Indonesia on 23-25 January 2012. The aim of the visit was to establish contact with Indonesian companies and gain first hand insight into opportunities in Indonesia.

The delegation had a very extensive and useful Buyer-Seller Meet where business worth US\$1.5 mil-

lion was concluded. Prior to the BSM, the delegation



Buyer-Seller Meet

was addressed by H.E. Mr Biren Nanda, Ambassador of India to Indonesia, H.E

Mr. Suryo Bambang Sulisto, Chairman of KADIN, and Mr. Raja Sapta Oktohari, Chairman, Young Entrepreneurs Association of Indonesia, during which useful insight was provided about business opportunities in Indonesia and India-Indonesia bilateral relations.

The delegates aged between 25 and 40 were heads of business units in various sectors of SMEs.

“India Indonesia: A Pictorial Journey”

On the sidelines of the evening day Reception of the Republic Day, at Four Seasons Hotel, a photographic exhibition to commemorate the establishment of Six Decades of India-Indonesia Diplomatic Relations was held from Jan 26-Feb 2,

2012. The exhibition showcased some rare and old photographs from the journey of friendly ties between India and Indonesia, including the visit of President Soekarno to India in 1950 and 1958, visit of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in

1950 and recent visits by the leaders of the two countries.

One of the photos in the exhibition



Visit of Indian Coast Guard Ship ‘Samar’



into ‘Strategic Partnership.’ The two militaries have been cooperating on strategic issues marked by coordinated patrolling and joint exercises. Visit by the Indian Coast Guard Ship ICGS ‘Samar’ to Tanjung Priok, Jakarta reflects on the growing ties between the two countries.

patrols, maritime law enforcement, search & rescue (including by helicopter), marine pollution control etc. ICGS Samar’s visit to Jakarta coincided with India’s 63rd Republic Day, which falls on January 26.

Bilateral relations between Indonesia and India have historically remained friendly and strong owing to cultural linkages, trade relations and shared security interests. These were further strengthened during President Susilo Bambang Yudhono’s historic visit to India in 2005 when Indonesia and India entered

ICGS Samar built by Goa Shipyards, India is a 100 meters long Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel fully equipped to perform the versatile roles of the Indian Coast Guards such as EEZ (Economic Exclusive Zone) surveillance, border protection, securing vital installations at sea, anti-smuggling, anti-piracy, high speed interception, fisheries

The crew of ICGS Samar have been interacting with their counterparts from the Indonesian Navy and the Bakorkamla, sharing their experiences and learning from the Indonesian Navy and the Bakorkamla the expertise in maintaining constant vigil and peace at sea / territorial waters. ICGS Samar also held a joint exercise with Indonesian Navy’s ship on January 29, 2012, while returning to Port Blair, India.

“Visit by the Indian Coast Guard Ship ICGS ‘Samar’ to Tanjung Priok, Jakarta reflects on the growing ties between the two countries.”

India Innovates: The ChotuKool

A series on Indian innovations transforming India

After serving Godrej & Boyce Ltd for 25 years, Sundararaman wanted to do something that would allow him to put his knowledge to use in one place. So he decided to develop low-cost refrigerators for the poorest household in rural India.

The ‘ChotuKool’ (Little Refrigerator) weighs only 7.8 kg and consumes half the power consumed by conventional fridges. The number of parts in the refrigerator has been reduced to a tenth of those in conventional refrigerator. The average electricity bill for running the refrigerator is about US \$ 1 per month The Chotukool runs on a cooling chip and fan similar to

those used to cool computers. It also uses high end insulation to stay cool for hours without power. It uses a technique known as thermoelectric cooling which enables cooling in an easy and economical way.

This unique refrigerator has found applications in the hospitality sector such as hotels, restaurants, flower shops, food stall in rural locations. Godrej plans to achieve sales of about one million units of the Chotu Kool in the next three or four years. The business model for



The ChotuKool

this product involves partnering with NGO’s to create community entrepreneurs.

Also, several developing nations which are pursuing energy efficiency improvement initiatives can benefit from this product. Therefore, in addition to delivering value to people in India, the products has a lot of potential in geographies which have concerns similar to India’s.

Opening of Consulate General in Bali

During the State Visit of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia to India during January 2011, the Prime Minister of India and the President of Indonesia agreed to establish the Consulate General of India in the Province of Bali to reinforce the strong cultural links between Indonesia and India.

In pursuance of the agreement, India has now opened the new Consulate in Bali since 18 January 2012. Shri A.S. Takhi, who was formerly with the Embassy of India in Jakarta, has assumed charge as the Consul General.

The consular district of the Consulate General of India in Bali comprises Bali, Lombok, Sulawesi, Nusa Tenggara, Maluku, Irian Jaya

(West Papua), East Kalimantan and South Kalimantan.

On the occasion of the 63rd Republic Day of India, a Flag Hoisting



Consulate General of India in Bali

Ceremony was held at the Consulate premises on 26 January 2012. The Indian community members and the PIOs, who attended the event, greatly appreciated Government of

India's decision to operationalize the new Consulate in Bali.

The Consulate is located at Jalan Raya Puputan No. 10 (new no. 163A), Renon, Denpasar. Its working hours are from 09:00 AM to 19:30 PM from Monday to Friday. The Consulate can be reached at Telefax: (0361) 222 253; Tel: (0361) 259 501, 259 502 & 259 504; E-mail: c.g.bali@mea.gov.in & hoc.bali@mea.gov.in.

The consular services may commence from early-March 2012. All Indian passport holders and PIO & OCI card holders residing in above provinces are requested to register themselves with CGI, Bali.

Cultural Programme: "A Slice of India"



Indian dances performing at the event

JNICC presented a series of programmes titled 'A Slice of India' to showcase various aspects of Indian traditions in Paramadina University campus on 31st Jan 2012. Ambassador of India, Shri Biren Nanda inaugurated the function. The programme was conducted in Bahasa Indonesia to ensure a deeper

and more profound understanding among the students. It commenced with screening of a short film to introduce India over a period of time stressing on her unity in diversity.

Indian Dances were introduced through demos by the teachers followed by three performances. This included a joint performance by the two dancers performing on the same music typifying our vast diversity which is strongly united.

An introduction to Yoga along with demos was followed by music – vocal and instrumental. Sitar recital was rendered by a volunteer of Indian origin.

This was followed by discussions on "Instruments of Cultural Diplomacy - India and Indonesia Relationship."

Twelve students volunteered to wear outfits (both male and female) from 6 regions of India. A display of sari - worn in different styles all over India stressing on India's unity in diversity was a big hit drawing huge applause from the 244 students who were present during the show.

Demos on Indian Cooking was also organised. Indian snacks were distributed among the audience. They also experienced the application of Henna which was done by a university student of Indian origin.

Pandavas - an animated Indian film, was screened in a hall adjacent to the venue of the function.

The programme also saw presentation of musical instruments – Tabla and Harmonium to the University by the Ambassador.



Monthly quiz:

What does the colours of the Indian national flag symbolize?

Please email your answers, alongwith your name, city and telephone number to infowing_eoi@net-zap.com. One correct answer, to be chosen by draw of lots, will win a gift hamper.

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