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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**  
**At a Lunch with the Participants of International Youth Forum  
on Climate Change (IYFCC)**  
**Jakarta, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

*Assalamu'alaikum Warrahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,  
May peace be bestowed upon us all,*

*Honorable*

- *Head of World Assembly of Youth*
- *Head of Asian Youth Council*
- *Members of Indonesian National Youth Committee (KNPI),  
Council of Local Leaders of KNPI from all over Indonesia*
- *Participants of International Youth Forum on Climate  
Change (IYFCC)*

*Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is an honor for me to receive the visit of the participants of the **International Youth Forum on Climate Change (IYFCC)**, this afternoon. It is no exaggeration, if on this wonderful opportunity, I on behalf of the House leadership and all Members of the House of Representatives convey our **Warm Greetings**, with a hope that your presence will be beneficial for you all the participants and for us the Parliament of the Republic of Indonesia.

***Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,***

I warmly welcome the convening of "International Youth Forum on Climate Change" organized by the **World Assembly of Youth, Asian Youth Council, and the board of the Indonesian National Youth Committee (KNPI)**, to discuss efforts to build awareness of youth to become pioneers in overcoming climate change. It is very important to note to convey the follow up of this forum to the leadership of each participant's country, and it is very important for every country to be more aware and more focused in implementing policies to reduce carbon emissions and to stay alert towards the global climate change.

***Distinguished Participants of IYFCC  
Ladies and Gentlemen,***

The presence of all of you in the Parliament of the Republic of Indonesia is highly appreciated. The existence of this institution, together with other state institutions is a mandate of the 1945 Constitution and the state's structure of the Republic of Indonesia. The parliament of the Republic of Indonesia is a representation of the people, it has 560 Members of parliament resulted from the election in 2009.

It is for your understanding that legislation, oversight and budget functions are the main tasks of the Indonesian parliament. In the field of legislation and oversight, various problems of the nation are discussed, including issues of today's world concern in the context of climate change. This issue is often debated and addressed by the Government of and the Parliament of the Republic of Indonesia in various bilateral and

multilateral forums. As a part of the international community, Indonesia will continue to struggle to overcome the problem of global climate.

***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

Climate change is a change in **climate variables**, especially **temperature** and **rainfall** that occur gradually in the long term. The changes are mainly caused by human activities, particularly those related to fossil fuel use and transfer of land use. Human activity is an activity that has led to the increased concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, especially in the form of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and nitrousoksida (N<sub>2</sub>O). These gases then determine the resulting increase in air temperature of the Earth's atmosphere which is getting warmer at a rate equal to the change in greenhouse gas concentrations.

Over the years we have been continuously releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. This has led to **the increase of world's natural blanket**, leading to the rising temperatures of the world's climate, and climate change which is unpredictable.

The melting of polar ice caps, the rising of ocean temperatures, the prolonged drought, the spread of dangerous disease outbreaks, massive flooding, coral bleaching phenomenon, and huge storm waves, are parts of global warming. Coastal State, the island nation, and the less developed regions of the country, will be the hardest hit.

We believe that only with the systematic and radical steps to reduce the greenhouse gas emission, we can prevent the climate change which can cause further damage to the world ecosystem and the population living in it.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The climate change issue is of course a pivotal issue, bearing in mind that its impact is felt by many countries. The issues on adaptation, mitigation and its technology used, fund distribution to the developing countries, deforestation, and other similar issues, need to be discussed to find solution. In addition, studies and negotiations also need to be undertaken and held right away, taking into account that the **Kyoto Protocol** will expire in 2012.

The banning of fossil energy use indeed cannot necessarily be implemented. There are still some dilemmas because the fossil energy is still needed as electricity has not reached many areas and the fossil energy is still needed to foster economic activity in the developing countries. On the one hand, we want the economy to run and the poverty to be eliminated, and on the other hand, the fossil energy use is still the easiest alternative to realize those goals.

### **Ladies and gentlemen,**

Addressing the global climate change issue requires a political will from the World Leaders. It is essential because the climate change and global warming issues **will stay only as issues** without the strong political will from all of the World Leaders. Active participation from the developed countries is something awaited by the developing countries. The developing countries want the developed countries to take a real step to solve the problems.

Therefore, I do hope that the youths gathering in the **World Assembly of Youth, Asian Youth Council and Indonesian National Youth Committee (KNPI)** can take role in decision-making process in the creation of policies in your own countries, to have more

concern on the risk of disaster resulted from global climate change. Hopefully, this step can be followed by several other forums, so that our concern to this lovely earth can result a significant change to all of us.

This concludes my speech in this meeting; I hope this meeting will be beneficial for us. Thank you.

***Wallahul Muwaffiq Ila Aqwamith Thariq  
Wassalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahiwabarakatuh***

Jakarta, 28 February 2011

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