

**OPENING ADDRESS OF
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT BOARD OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AT THE SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS SUMMIT OF ASEAN MEMBER STATES
BALI, NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim,

His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Indonesia;

His Excellencies, the Heads of State Institutions of the Republic of Indonesia;

Honorable Heads of Supreme Audit Institutions of ASEAN Member States;

His Excellencies, the Head of Supreme Audit Institution of Pakistan, Chairman ASOSAI;

His Excellencies, the Ambassadors and Committee of the Permanent Representatives of ASEAN Member States;

His Excellencies, the Vice Chairman and the Board Members of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia;

His Excellencies, the Ministers of the Second United Indonesia Cabinet;

Respected Governor and the Head of the House of Representative of the Bali Province, as well as local government officials;

Distinguished delegates and respected guests,

Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Good morning, may peace be upon us,

Om Swastiastu.

Let us thank God the Almighty for giving us the opportunity to gather here today in the Supreme Audit institutions Summit of ASEAN Members States in the Bali International Convention Center.

This meeting is a historical moment because it is the first meeting that has ever been held among the heads of Supreme Audit Institutions in ASEAN, which particularly addresses the establishment of the organization of supreme audit institutions of ASEAN member states or the ASEAN Supreme Audit Institutions (ASEANSAI).

It is indeed an honor for the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia to host this historical moment, the Supreme Audit Institutions Summit of ASEAN Member States.

This Summit has a strategic role, as it is not only beneficial for the capacity development of SAIs of ASEAN member states but it is also expected to provide positive and constructive contributions in achieving the ASEAN community in 2015.

His Excellency, Mr. President and respected delegates,

On behalf of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, I would like to convey my greeting and deepest gratitude to His Excellencies, **the President of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr. H. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono**, the heads of state institutions of Indonesia, the heads of supreme audit institutions of ASEAN member states, the ambassadors and committee of permanent representatives of the ASEAN Member States, the ministers, the officials of the central and local governments, the delegates of the supreme audit institutions of ASEAN member states, and other guests who have attended this meeting.

I would also like to express my highest appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and all supreme audit institutions of ASEAN member states, the

Secretariat General of ASEAN, and all related parties who have supported the accomplishment of this monumental event.

It is important to specifically mention in this forum that this meeting has undergone a speedy process in its preparation, which was nine months since the idea was first mentioned.

His Excellency Mr. President and respected delegates

The idea of setting up an organization of supreme audit institutions of ASEAN member states came up during several meeting of some heads of SAIs of ASEAN member states.

The idea was then followed up by concrete steps, such as dialogues with the SAIs of ASEAN member states to obtain supports and commitments on the establishment of ASEANSAI. After that, a technical meeting was carried out in July 2011 and also a senior officials' meeting in October 2011 in Jakarta, hosted by the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia. These meetings were to discuss and finalize the ASEANSAI Agreement which will be signed and officiated in the opening of the Supreme Audit Institutions Summit of ASEAN Member States.

His Excellency Mr. President and respected delegates,

As a part of the country's governance, the supreme audit institution has a role to audit the management and accountability of public funds. The supreme audit institution also has the responsibility and roles to promote good governance and provide assurance that the

funds are used for the maximum benefit of the people. Considering that responsibility, the supreme audit institutions must enhance their capacity together in performing their role in accordance with its mandate through ASEANSAI.

His Excellency, Mr. President and respected delegates

In this valuable occasion, allow me to represent the heads of supreme audit institutions of ASEAN member states to convey the background and the objectives of the establishment of ASEANSAI.

An organization of supreme audit institutions has been established at the international level as well as the Asian level. At the international level, the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institution (INTOSAI) was established in 1953 in Havana, Cuba which currently consist of 189 member SAIs and is chaired by the Office of the Auditor General of South Africa. At the Asian level, the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institution (ASOSAI) was established in 1979 in New Delhi, India by 11 member SAIs. Now, ASOSAI has 45 member SAIs and is chaired by the Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan.

In other regions, similar organizations have also been formed, such as in Europe, there is the EUROSAI, in Africa there is the AFROSAI and among arabic countries there is the ARABOSAI. In general, these organizations were established to improve the capacity of supreme audit institutions.

In order to increase the capacity of SAIs of ASEAN member states as well as positively and constructively contribute to the ASEAN Community in the future, in ASEAN the ASEANSAI is established and it will be made official during this Summit.

His Excellency, Mr. President and respected delegates

The effort to set up the ASEANSAI could not be realized without the support and commitment from all the SAIs of ASEAN member states who are present here in this SAIs Summit. They are:

1. Jabatan Audit Brunei Darussalam,
2. National Audit Authority of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
3. The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia,
4. State Audit Office of Lao People's Democratic Republic,
5. Jabatan Audit Negara Malaysia,
6. The Office of the Auditor General of the Union, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar,
7. Commission on Audit of the Republic of the Philippines,
8. Auditor General Office of Singapore,
9. Office of the Auditor General of Thailand, and
10. State Audit Office of the Socialist of Vietnam.

The establishment of ASEANSAI was based on the similarity in culture, needs, and challenges in the field of public sector audit; as well as putting forward the values of togetherness, mutual respect and solidarity.

His Excellency, Mr. President and respected delegates,

The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, as the host of this meeting, would like to reiterate our thanks and convey our tremendous appreciation to all the heads of supreme audit institutions of ASEAN member states for their full support and commitments in realizing the establishment of ASEANSAI.

In this occasion, on behalf of the SAIs of ASEAN member states, I would like to express my gratitude to the President of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr. H. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the heads of Governments of ASEAN member states, and the Secretary General of ASEAN, who have given their support and assistance to realize the establishment of ASEANSAI.

I would also like to thank to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of State Secretariat of the Republic of Indonesia as well as other parties who have assisted in making this important and historical event a success, and apologize for any inconveniences during this event.

His Excellency, Mr. President and respected delegates,

In closing, I would like to solicit the President of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr. H. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to provide a speech and formally open this Supreme Audit Institutions Summit of ASEAN Member States.

Thank you

Wasalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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Bali, 16 November 2011

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