

**Speech By Chairman
Opening Ceremony of
Senior Officials Meeting of the
Establishment of ASEANSAI
Jakarta, October 13, 2011**

His Excellency, Vice Chairman and Board Members of BPK RI;

His Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, Dr. Marty Natalegawa,

Distinguished delegates of Supreme Audit Institutions of ASEAN Member States,

Colleagues from the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum Wr. Wb,
Good morning.

Before I start, I would like to introduce the Vice Chairman and Members of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia and the officials of the Audit Board. The Audit Board has 9 members, comprising of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman who are also Board Members, and 7 other Board Members. The Board Members who are present here this morning are myself, **Hadi Poernomo** as **Chairman** of the Audit Board, and the **Vice Chairman** of the Audit Board, **Mr. Hasan Bisri**. Please stand up. The Board Members, **Mr. Moermahadi Soerja Djanegara**, and **Mr. Taufiequrahman Ruki**. Please stand up. Besides the Board Members, I would like to introduce the Secretary General of the Audit Board, **Mr. Hendar Ristriawan**. Please stand. And, the senior officials of the Audit Board of the Republic, please stand up.

First of all, allow me to express our gratitude to God, Allah SWT, who has given a pleasure and opportunity to us to gather here in this precious moment.

It is indeed a great pleasure for me as the Chairman of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, to welcome you all to the occasion of the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in this metropolitan city of Jakarta on the establishment of ASEAN SAI, which will be declared in mid of November 2011.

On behalf of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, please allow me to express my deepest gratitude to the 23 delegates from Supreme Audit Institutions of ten ASEAN

member states who attend and participate in this meeting. Your presence proves your strong commitments and supports in the establishment of ASEAN SAI.

In addition, I also would like to convey our appreciation to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia to who for his sharing of knowledge, support as well as valuable inputs on the initiative of establishing ASEAN SAI which has been delivered in previous speech.

Ladies and gentlemen

This meeting is very important and historical milestone towards the establishment of ASEAN SAI. Your participation and contribution in this meeting will be an historical moment for the development of state finance audit in general and the establishment of ASEAN SAI especially.

I am very pleased that the process of the establishment of ASEAN SAI is progressing very smoothly and it is happening within less than one year. Your strong support and contribution has made it possible. Your willingness to travel all the way to Indonesia demonstrates your spirit to finalize the result that has been achieved in the previous meeting.

Ladies and gentlemen

As a part of ASEAN community, we have similar culture, needs and challenges. Furthermore, we live in one community, thus we depend on each other. We are an interdependent society.

As a part of ASEAN community, focusing on the audit of state finance, we need a closer cooperation through the exchange of knowledge and experience. I believe this can be achieved through the establishment of ASEANSAI. I do hope that ASEAN SAI will play important roles in enhancing our capacity as audit institutions in ASEAN.

Ladies and gentlemen,

In this occasion, I would like to inform you that I am very pleased to see the result of the Technical Meeting that was held from 25 – 26 July 2011 and other inputs which have been done through email and telephone to revise that result. Referring to the result of technical meeting and all the inputs afterwards, I do hope that we can finalize the agreement in this meeting, so that in the meeting of all Heads of SAIs of ASEAN Member States in Bali in November 2011, there will be none crucial matters to be raised.

The meeting of the Heads of SAIs in Bali on November 16 and 17, 2011 will be a historical momentum especially for us as SAI community in ASEAN. With the support of all Heads of SAIs in ASEAN Member States, and also from the government of the Republic of Indonesia as the current Chairman of ASEAN, the declaration and ASEAN SAI Agreement signing will be done in front of the Heads of States or Governments of ASEAN Member States at the ASEAN Summit. I do hope that all Heads of SAIs can attend the Declaration and signing

moment and I also hope that after the signing of the Agreement, the organization of ASEANSI will be effective in terms of management, committees and it can perform some activities as expected.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I notice that there are some issues which could not be settled at the Technical Meeting. I believe that those issues will be successfully solved at this meeting, including the internal process in each country in accordance with laws and regulations, so that ASEANSI Agreement can directly enter into force after the signing of the Agreement in this November in Bali. If it is allowed for me, representing all Heads of SAIs, I will fully support and give my best effort to the success of this meeting, so that, the declaration and meeting in Bali attended by Heads of SAIs will run smoothly and successfully.

Once again, this means that the success of the establishment of ASEAN SAI really depends on the result of this meeting. We know that success needs great efforts and success is the good fortune that comes from aspiration, participation and inspiration. Lastly, this needs a synergy which makes the result is greater than the sum of the parts. In Math, one plus one equal two, but with synergy, a synergy between the two will become eleven. So that, I do believe that with your participation, contribution and synergy, this meeting will result in something great, particularly for the community of Supreme Audit Institutions in ASEAN region.

Ladies and gentlemen,

To sum up, on behalf of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, again, I would like to reiterate our appreciation to the delegates of all SAIs for your commitment, participation and untiring support in the joint effort to establish the ASEAN SAI. Please kindly convey my warm regards and thanks to your Heads of SAIs for their support and commitment. Also, please kindly inform them that I am looking forward to welcoming them in Nusa Dua Bali in November 2011.

Last but not least, I wish you a very fruitful meeting and look forward to the results of the meeting. I wish you all a very pleasant stay in Indonesia.

With that, I declare the Senior Officials Meeting on the Establishment of ASEAN SAI open officially.

Thank you and Good Morning.

Wassalamualaikum Wr. Wb,

Jakarta, October 13, 2011

The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia

Chairman