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ON THE ASEANSAI COMMITTEE MEETING
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Assalamu alaikum wr wb. Good morning

Allow me to welcome you all, members of the press and journalists for your attendance and participation in the ASEANSAI committee meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

It is indeed an honor for the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, as the Chairman of ASEANSAI to be here and to hold the follow-up meeting after the declaration of ASEANSAI last November 16, 2011 in Bali. As you may all know that the establishment of ASEANSAI is inspired by the need among the SAIs of ASEAN Member States to increase its capacity in order to contribute positively and constructively to the ASEAN community.

This meeting is the second meeting after the Declaration and the First Assembly of ASEANSAI on November 16, 2011 in Bali, Indonesia. The first meeting, which was the executive meeting, was just held last month, January 26, 2012 in Jabatan Audit Brunei Darussalam. And the second meeting now is a meeting of all ASEANSAI committees, aimed at preparing terms of reference and working plans, which will be endorsed before the ASOSAI assembly in Jaipur India, on February 29, 2012

As stated in the Agreement of the Establishment of ASEANSAI, the purpose of this organization is to build capacity and promote cooperation among the Members of ASEANSAI through the exchange and sharing of knowledge and experiences in public sector auditing. In relate to that, based on the result of the ASEANSAI Assembly, we formed four committees to plan and develop the activities of ASEANSAI. Therefore, this committee meeting is an important basis for ASEANSAI to establish committee's direction and policy in planning the agenda of ASEAN SAI for the next following years. In turn, the implementation of activities is expected to provide ASEANSAI a better future for enhancing good governance in the ASEAN region.

In addition to be the chairman of ASEANSAI, BPK also acts as the head of the ASEANSAI Secretariat. One of duty's of the Head of Secretariat is settling the legal entity of ASEANSAI. Currently, ASEANSAI legal entity is in the process at the ASEAN secretariat to eventually become an entity associated with ASEAN. In the future, ASEANSAI is expected to work together with ASEAN, and cooperate to enhance the capacity of each SAI to play its role in the accountability and transparency of the state finances, particularly in the ASEAN region.

Now, before I end my statement today, we invite you, all members of the press and journalists, to raise questions or give comments.

Thank you very much. Wassalamu alaikum wr wb.