

**Speech By Board Member II**  
**Opening Ceremony of**  
**Technical Meeting the Establishment of ASEAN SAI**  
**Jakarta, July 25, 2011**

**The honorable Mr. Djauhary Oratmangun, Director General of ASEAN Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia,**

**Distinguished delegates of Supreme Audit Institutions of ASEAN member states,**

**Respected 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 and selamat pagi.

It is indeed a very special occasion for the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia to host the “Technical Meeting of the Establishment of ASEAN SAI” in this metropolitan city of Jakarta.

*Welcome  
remarks*

On behalf of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, I would like to extend my special greetings to all participants who have flown all the way from different countries to Indonesia. It is a great honor to welcome nineteen delegates from nine ASEAN member states, including Indonesia who have come to participate in this Technical Meeting.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

The establishment of ASEAN SAI is in conjunction with the goal of ASEAN to establish the ASEAN Community in 2015. This requires closer and enhanced cooperation by Supreme Audit Institutions of ASEAN Member States to contribute to achieving ASEAN goals and objectives.

*Background  
of ASEAN  
SAI*

In the ASEAN Charter, the rights and responsibilities of ASEAN member states are stated: "To strengthen democracy, enhance good governance, and the rule of law, and to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms." In implementation, SAIs of ASEAN countries require a forum to strengthen capacity, exchange information, best practices and lessons learned to resolve common issues faced within the ASEAN community.

SAIs of South East Asian countries have been members of ASOSAI and INTOSAI for quite a long time. In general, these organizations emphasize on international capacity building for SAIs, however, they do not focus on capacity development for ASEAN member states.

The idea of establishing ASEAN SAI has been stated during separate times by separate Auditor Generals but with God's will, the SAIs of ASEAN member states are now united to join forces in establishing ASEAN SAI which is planned to be declared during the ASEAN Summit in Bali this coming November of 2011.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

ASEAN SAI is designed to be a forum to promote and enhance capacity and technical cooperation among SAIs of ASEAN member states, to promote exchange of knowledge, best practices and lesson learnt, and also to support ASEAN in promoting good governance. ASEAN SAI will also provide the possibility to be the external auditor of ASEAN in the future in order to support good governance in ASEAN.

*Objectives of  
ASEAN SAI*

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

This Technical Meeting is a significant milestone in the preparation of the establishment of ASEAN SAI. In this Technical Meeting the participants will discuss about the ASEAN SAI Charter and gather the same perception for the next coming events of ASEAN SAI's establishment. Indeed, we are honored to be the host of this important meeting and we are privileged to contribute to the process of establishing the ASEAN SAI.

*Objectives of  
Technical  
Meeting*

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Our country has a lot to offer. As you may well know, Jakarta is endowed with a rich history which goes back to the fifth century when traders from countries such as China, Vietnam, India and Portugal docked their ships at the mouth of the Ciliwung River. Nearly all people from the East and West left their trails to color the city history and the life of the people today.

*Social  
Program*

As host of this meeting, we plan to snatch a few moments of your busy schedule to see some of the historical buildings and monuments which were witnesses of how the city itself began.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

In closing, allow me to thank all SAIs for their commitment and wonderful support in the joint effort to establish the ASEAN SAI.

*Closing*

Last but not least, I wish you a very fruitful meeting and look forward to the result of the meeting.

I wish you a very pleasant stay in Indonesia.

With that, I declare the Technical Meeting on the Establishment of ASEAN SAI open.

**Jakarta, July 25, 2011**

**The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia**

**Board Member II**