SPEECH OF MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY IN TRANSPORT (MEET)

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DISTINGUISED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

IT IS INDEED A GREAT HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO LEAD THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION IN THIS PRECIOUS OCCASION OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY IN TRANSPORT. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN FOR THEIR WARMEST WELCOME AND HOSPITALITIES ACCORDED TO OUR DELEGATION. MY SPECIAL GRATITUDE ALSO GOES TO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WHO WORK HAND IN HAND TO MAKE THIS SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE POSSIBLE TO BE CARRIED OUT.

AS WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT THIS CONFERENCE IS TO DISCUSS ON POST-KYOTO FRAMEWORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE DUE TO SURGING OIL PRICE, AIR POLLUTION AND GREENHOUSE GASES (GHG) WHICH HAS BECAME MORE PROBLEMATIC FOR ALL PARTIES IN TRANSPORT SECTOR.

MAINLY, FOSSIL FUEL OIL STILL THE MAIN PRIMARY SOURCES OF ENERGY TO FULFIL THE RELATIVELY HIGH DOMESTIC DEMAND OF ENERGY. THEREFORE, THE ESCALATION OF INTERNATIONAL OIL PRICES HAS CONTRIBUTED NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO THE DOMESTIC SUPPLY OF ENERGY. WITH THIS CONDITION, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA HAS TAKEN SOME ADAPTIVE MEASURES TO DECREASE THE DEPENDANCY ON OIL BY ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION AND ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.

WITH CONSIDERING THE EXISTING OIL PRICE AND THE HIGH CONCERN OF CLIMATE CHANGE, INDONESIA IS MORE ACTIVELY TO PROMOTE THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY THAT WILL BOOST ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME REDUCING EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES. HOWEVER, SOME BARRIERS SUCH AS FINANCING TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, CAPACITY BUILDING AND INFORMATION GAPS ARE STILL FACING BY MOST COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEREFORE WE HOPE THROUGH THIS CONFERENCE WE COULD TAKE SOME ACTIONS TO BRIDGE THE GAPS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO REMOVE THE AFOREMENTIONED BARRIERS.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

AIR POLLUTION HAS BECOME A SERIOUS THREAT FOR HUMAN BEING HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ESPECIALLY IN METROPOLITAN CITIES. IN GLOBAL SCALE, TRANSPORTATION SECTOR IS THE MAIN CONTRIBUTOR OF GREENHOUSE GASES WHICH IS RAPIDLY INCREASED. THE DECREASE OF AIR QUALITY IN METROPOLITAN CITIES MOSTLY CAUSED BY EMISSION FROM ROAD TRANSPORTATION, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 79%. THE REST OF 21% IS COMING FROM OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORTATION SUCH AS RAILWAY, SEA AND AIR. THE HIGH EMISSION CONTRIBUTED FROM ROAD TRANSPORT IS ALSO INFLUENCED BY HIGH NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES GROWTH, TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND LOW ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT INDONESIA HAS ALSO DONE SOME OTHER EFFORTS TO REDUCE EMISSION OF LAND TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS THE EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MIDDLE TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004-2009 AS FOLLOWS:

- IMPLEMENTATION OF AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM (ATCS) AND INTELLIGENT TRAFFIC SYSTEM (ITS);
- 2. DEVELOPMENT OF BUS RAPID TRANSIT:
- 3. PROMOTING GAS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:
- 4. IMPROVEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN FACILITY AND SUPPORT THE USE OF NON-MOTORIZED.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

CURRENTLY, IN CAPITAL CITY OF JAKARTA THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES GROWTH 11%/ANNUM, SO FAR THE COMPOSITION IN PERCENTAGE IS THAT PRIVATE CAR 35,31%, MOTORCYCLE 54,14%, GOODS VEHICLES 9,21% AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLES IS ONLY 1,35%. CONSIDERING THE HIGH NUMBER OF PRIVATE CAR USERS AND MOTOR VEHICLES, THEREFORE THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROMOTED PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLES WITH NEW METHOD ON ROAD BASED, REASONABLE FARE, AND CHEAPER OPERATIONAL COST FOR OPTIMAL USE OF LANES AS WELL AS EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT.

CONCERNING ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION, INDONESIA IS PROMOTING COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) AND BIO FUEL FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AS WELL AS WE ARE PROGRESSING ON WASTE COOKING OIL FOR BUS.

DUE TO THE HIGH NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES GROWTH WHICH POTENTIALLY CAUSED AIR POLLUTION, THEREFORE THE GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES THE USE OF NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES BY PREPARING FACILITIES OR PEDESTRIAN AND ENCOURAGES THE USE OF BICYCLE.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

IN TERM OF RAILWAYS TRANSPORTATION, THE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO REDUCE EMISSION AS WELL AS THE EFFECT OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MIDDLE TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004-2009, SUCH AS JAKARTA MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM; DEVELOPING RAILWAYS ELECTRIFICATION AND DOUBLE-DOUBLE TRACK AND ALSO COMMUTER RAILWAYS AT BIG CITIES IN JAVA ISLAND AND SUMATRA ISLAND.

A FEW WORD ON AIR TRANSPORTATION, INDONESIA HAS A SERIOUS CONCERN BY STATING ENVIRONMENT ISSUE IN THE REVISION OF AVIATION ACT THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE INDONESIAN PARLIAMENT IN THE END OF DECEMBER 2008. IN LINE TO THIS POLICY, WE HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTING ECO AIRPORT SINCE YEAR 2007 FOR JAKARTA SOEKARNO-HATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND TO BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER AIRPORTS, IN REACHING THE ECO AIRPORT GUIDELINE WHICH IS ESTABLISHED BY THE ASEAN-JAPAN AIRPORT STUDY AND COMPLETED BY THE ASEAN-JAPAN TRANSPORT MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MANILA LAST NOVEMBER 2008.

SIMILARLY, IN SEA TRANSPORTATION, INDONESIA ALSO HAS MOVE FORWARD TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE BY INCLUDING ECO PORT IN THE MIDDLE TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN YEAR OF 2004-2009. RECENTLY, INDONESIA HAS BUILT ONE RECEPTION FACILITY IN TANJUNG PRIOK PORT AS PILOT PROJECT. THE OTHER 19 RECEPTION FACILITIES AS STATED IN THE MIDDLE PLAN WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS FEASIBILITY STUDIES FROM THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FINISHED.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN CONVEY MY SINCERE THANK AND APPRECIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AS THE INISIATOR AND FOR THEIR HARD WORKED IN DRAFTING THE DECLARATION. IT IS REALLY A LONG DISCUSSION INVOLVED ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WHICH OF COURSE ALSO CONSUME MUCH ENERGY AND TIME.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE DECLARATION WILL BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE FRAMEWORK THAT ENABLES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN TRANSPORT PRIMARILY IN THEIR INLAND TRANSPORT SECTOR IN ORDER TO ENHANCE GLOBAL EFFORTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR POLLUTION.

FINALLY, LET ME WISH THAT THIS CONFERENCE WILL GIVE US A FRUITFUL OUTCOME AND BRING BETTER PROSPECT FOR OUR TRANSPORT SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE FUTURE.

THANK YOU.

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