

**JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT ON TOURISM
COOPERATION
BETWEEN
JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

On **23rd** June 2003, H.E. I Gede Ardika, Minister of Culture and Tourism, of the Republic of Indonesia, who visited Japan with H.E. Megawati Soekarnoputri, President of the Republic of Indonesia and H.E. Chikage Oogi, Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan shared the view on the tourism cooperation between Japan and the Republic of Indonesia as follows:

Both Ministers highly appreciated the importance of cultural exchanges, mutual understanding and international friendship between the two countries, which had been enhanced through travel and tourism, and shared the recognition that the promotion of tourism exchange would contribute to the further development of social, economic, and cultural relations between the two countries.

Both Ministers shared their determination to closely cooperate to establish constructive and cross-cultural relations and to achieve economic development through promotion of travel and tourism.

Both Ministers confirmed that close cooperation would be conducted on promoting mutual visits of their nationals through such measures as campaigns for increasing the number of foreign tourists visiting the two countries, mutual dispatch of tourism promotion missions composed of members from public and private sectors, cooperation in the field of human capacity building with a view to promoting economic development of both countries and to deepening international friendship and mutual understanding.

Both Ministers shared the view that they would strengthen cooperative relations with the relevant organizations in order to alleviate the burden of tourists of both countries, to further enhance human exchanges, and, in particular, to make sure that the visa procedures, which the Indonesian authorities is considering to introduce, would not hamper the promotion of tourism.

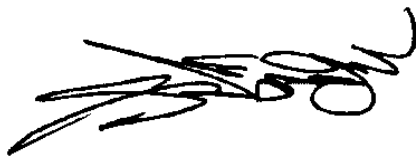
Both Ministers confirmed that it is indispensable that the private sector would play an appropriate role for the tourism exchange between the two countries as Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA) had made efforts to ensure the safety of tourists and restore travel demands by dispatching its survey missions to Bali twice after the Bali Bombing incident on 12th , October 2002.

Both Ministers shared the view that appropriate cooperation would be conducted for the development of human resources in travel and tourist industries of the two countries, with a view to achieving steady growth of tourist industries of the two countries.

Both Ministers confirmed that the national tourism organizations of the two countries would make use of every opportunity to exchange views on the promotion of tourism exchange between the two countries in the future.

Signed in Tokyo on June *23rd*, 2003

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