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Handing-over of the German-Indonesian Financial Cooperation project
“Dr. Wahidin Sudirohusodo Hospital”

and

JERIN Opening Event
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Honourable Governor of South Sulawesi, Dr. H. Syahrul Yasin Limpo,
honourable Director General Medical Care of the Ministry of Health,
Dr. Supriyantoro,
honourable President Director of Dr. Wahidin Sudirohusodo Hospital,
Professor Dr. Abdul Kadir,
honourable Rector of Hassanudin University, Prof. Dr. Dr. Idrus A. Paturusi
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to be here today. And I am proud to be able to formally hand over a component financed by Germany for this Hospital. Congratulations to Professor Kadir and his staff above all, good luck for the future. The project is a very good example of successful German-Indonesian development cooperation.

The contributions from the German Government, implemented by KfW Banking Group, came as a combination of loan and grant. The funds were used for renovating and modernizing some departments of the hospital like the radiology, the emergency section and the mother & child care unit. The water supply and the waste management have also been improved. The funds were also used to acquire modern medical devices and other equipment.

These investments in the hospital came along with various training measures, such as quality management, supply channel monitoring, finance & personnel management.

Today the Dr. Wahidin Sudirohusodo Hospital offers up-to-date and high level health service and can very well perform its tasks as a teaching hospital for Sulawesi.

There is great interest in Germany as well as in Indonesia to intensify considerably our cooperation in the field of medical technology.

At the same time we are here to open the exhibition that demonstrates the various fields of today's development cooperation between our two countries. It has already been shown in Jakarta and 6 other cities, and will travel on from here to Balikpapan and Bandung. It is part of the "German Weeks in Indonesia" we call JERIN - Jerman dan Indonesia.

Since October last year we have been presenting the good cooperation under the motto "Creativity in Diversity". Both Germany and Indonesia are creative and diverse. The logo you see here shows a butterfly with the colours of our two national flags. Our bilateral Financial and Technical Cooperation started in 1961 and has reached a volume of around 3.4 billion Euros. In 2011 some 165 million Euros were allocated for joint projects and programs in Indonesia.

This may indicate the high importance which Germany and Indonesia have for each other, not only in bilateral cooperation, but also in South East Asia through ASEAN, in international organisations such as the G 20 and the High Level Forum on Development Cooperation in Busan / Korea in December 2011.

The importance of the political relations between Indonesia and Germany has recently been reaffirmed during the meeting between our Presidents in Jakarta on 1st December 2011, Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Christian Wulff.

In this exhibition we address **three focal areas of cooperation**. These are **Climate Change, Good Governance** and **Private Sector Development**. Together with our Indonesian partners at national and local level we address challenges and

opportunities in order to make Indonesia's impressive economic development sustainable.

In protecting the global climate, markets alone will not adequately respond to the challenges. **Climate Change and Sustainable Development** is a focal area of our government to government cooperation, the main focus being:

- supporting and implementing strategies for forest protection to reduce emissions
- supporting investments and designing policy instruments for a low-carbon growth strategy of cities to reduce green house gas emissions
- support for a broad utilization of renewable energy such as hydro and geothermal.

In the area of **Private Sector Development** the main focus is on improving the frame conditions for employment-generating and inclusive growth.

The German government has commissioned *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)* with implementing these programmes.

We see the private sector as an important actor in development, while foreign assistance plays a role as a catalyst. The Masterplan for Acceleration and Expansion of Indonesia Economic Development [*Percepatan dan Perluasan Pembangunan Ekonomi Indonesia – MP3EI*] puts the business sector in an important position to work together inter alia with the government and other stakeholders to achieve the development objectives.

The Government has to provide the regulatory framework and give incentives for improved overall development.

Germany offers attractive financing especially in the area of climate protection and also for the private sector through KfW, which has an office in Jakarta.

I have mentioned the government and the private sector. It is **civil society and the people** themselves who can make the desired changes come true. It is therefore of

equal importance to make the citizens and their organisations major partners of our programs and projects.

And we may draft sound programs and projects based on evidence from experience in other cases, but we need **research and science** to challenge our concepts and solutions against the existing reality. We need it also for the design and implementation of appropriate **capacity development interventions** which address the individuals as well as the organisations in charge. Capacitating people is a field of cooperation which our presidents underlined.

Thank you very much – terima kasih banyak!