

**SPEECH BY**  
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**AT**  
**THE RECEPTION ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATION OF**  
**61<sup>ST</sup> INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**SINGAPORE, AUGUST 18, 2006**

Your Excellency Lim Boon Heng, Minister in the Prime Ministers’ Office,  
Republic of Singapore

Mr. Ang Mong Seng, Honourable Member of Parliament for Hong Kah Group  
Representation Constituency;

Ms. Jessica Tan Soon Neo, Honourable Member of Parliament for East Coast  
Group Representation Constituency

Excellencies

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening,

It is my great pleasure and honor to welcome all of you to the reception on the occasion of the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Indonesian Independence and thank you for offering your congratulatory felicitations to us. I would like to thank to the sponsors for their generous contributions to our celebration of the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia.

1. Allow me, at the outset, to extend our deep gratitude and sincere thanks to H.E. Lim Boon Heng, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office for honoring us with his presence at this reception. His presence this evening is a testimony to the strong bilateral relations between Singapore and Indonesia. My thanks also go to Mr. Ang Mong Seng and Ms. Jessica Tan Soon Neo, Honorable Members of Parliament for their presence this evening.

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2. Let me now highlights the current state and hopes of bilateral relations between Indonesia and Singapore. The relations between Indonesia and Singapore are excellent, more mature and much stronger. This has been evident by:

- Intensifying Regular Meetings and Contacts between the leaders, ministers and government officials, politicians, academics and students, as well as business people.
- Reaffirming Strong Desire to excel the bilateral relations through continuing practical cooperation in wider-range of fields and establish a forward-looking partnership.
- Deepening Economic Links and Building Synergies between our economies both Public and Private.
- Developing People-to-People Contacts and it is interesting to note that people-to-people relations between Indonesians and Singaporeans were much deeper. Singaporeans have particularly since natural disasters struck Indonesia worked relentlessly with Indonesians to help lessen the burdens of the victims of the disasters. We appreciate it very much for Singapore's promptness to come to provide aid whenever a natural disaster strikes.
- Hoping that the bilateral relations between Indonesia and Singapore will continue to grow and pursuit our mutual interest and shared strategic perspectives in regional as well as global strategic issues.

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3. On this note, I have now the honour to invite you to join me in a toast to His Excellency President of the Republic of Singapore.

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