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Indian Universities reach out to Indonesia

Embassy of India organized a reception on 17 September 2015 to celebrate 51st anniversary of ITEC program and to welcome the representatives of 14 Indian Universities who have arrived in Jakarta for participating in Incredible India Education Fair being held from 17-19 September 2015. The Reception given by H.E. Mr. Gurjit Singh, Ambassador of India to Indonesia and Timor Leste was attended by representatives of several Indonesian Universities, Vice Chancellor and representatives of 15 Indian Universities, ITEC alumni, officials of Ministry of Education and Culture, Indian business community and prominent citizens. H.E. Dr. Jefri Riwu Kore, Member of Parliament and Vice Chairman of Indonesia-India Friendship Group was Chief Guest on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, H.E. Mr. Gurjit Singh said that the ITEC programme was instituted by the Government of India on 15th September, 1964 to share India's experience and expertise in various areas of national development with developing countries and it symbolized the spirit of South- South Cooperation. He said ITEC Programme covers more than 160 countries and offers more than 280 courses every year in diverse subjects ranging from IT, public administration, election management, Small and medium enterprises, entrepreneurship, rural development, renewable energy, telecommunications and auditing to name a few. Indian Embassy offers more than 100 scholarships to Indonesian aspirants under this program and about 1500 Indonesian students have benefitted under this scheme. He said that it is interesting coincidence that today is ITEC Day, the programme which lays stress on capacity building and skill development; Vishwakarma Day, the day when God of vocational skills is worshipped and birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who lays great stress on manufacturing and skill development.

Ambassador Gurjit Singh said that Incredible India Education Fair 2015 offers opportunity to Indonesian students to study in reputed Indian Universities. Fourteen Indian universities are participating in the event will provide information about the educational facilities available in India. IIEF 2015 is being organized by Mr Ravi Makhija of London School of Public Relations Jakarta in cooperation with Embassy of India Jakarta, Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education of Republic of Indonesia (RISTEK DIKTI) and Confederation of Indian Industry. IIEF is a part of 'Sahabat India - Festival of India in Indonesia 2015'.

H.E. Mr. Gurjit Singh, Mrs. Neeru Singh, H.E. Dr. Jefri Riwu Kore, and Dr. M. Rajaram, Vice Chancellor of Anna University, released a book titled 'Mari Belajar Di India' written in Bahasa Indonesia which gives details of educational facilities and scholarships available for foreign students in India. Ambassador Gurjit Singh also felicitated Mr. Ravi Makhija who took initiative for organizing Incredible India Education Fair. H.E. Dr. Jefri Riwu Kore, Member of Parliament and Vice Chairman of Indonesia-India Friendship Group said that ITEC alumni

symbolize cooperation between India and Indonesia. He said skill development and capacity building are essential for economic development.

Earlier in the morning, the Indian University delegation held a meeting in the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Patdono Suwignjo, Director General, who welcomed the Indian delegation and lauded the success of Indian Universities in providing good quality education to large mass of young people in India. He said that both countries can cooperate together in the field of education. Mr. Manish, Deputy Chief of Mission, said that this is first time that Indian Universities have come to Indonesia. He said Indonesian students can opt for studying courses like Information Technology, Management, Engineering, Medical Science, Media and Literature in which Indian universities excel. Later representatives of Indian Universities and Indonesian universities held B2B talks with each other.

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