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Vice President of India calls for greater Economic and Parliamentary exchanges

In order to boost the economic engagement and lay down a road map for future H.E. Mr. M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India and H.E. Mr. Jusuf Kalla, Vice President of Indonesia addressed the "India - Indonesia Business Forum" on 3 November 2015. The two Vice Presidents called the private sectors on both sides to avail the immense business opportunities available in both countries and be part of the growth story. Vice President of India urged the Indonesian business houses and private players to avail the facilities under "Make in India" for investments in development of smart cities and renewable energy generation. Vice President of Indonesia acknowledged the contribution of Indian companies in the socio-economic development of Indonesia. Both Vice-Presidents released a book on "Make in India" in Bahasa Indonesia, which is a comprehensive guide on opportunities to invest in India. The forum was attended by high-powered business delegates from India and Indonesia comprising of CEOs and senior representatives of companies in sectors like infrastructure, power & energy, IT, construction machinery, automobiles, banking, textiles, metals and precision equipment etc.

The business forum was also addressed by Mr. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Mr. Franky Sibarani, Chairman of the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board on investment opportunities in both countries.

Vice President of India also had meetings at the Indonesian Parliament with H.E. Mr. Zulkifli Hasan, Speaker of MPR and H.E. Mr. Irman Gusman, Chairman of DPD. The delegation on two sides consisted of members of Parliament and they engaged in lively discussion. During the meetings both sides noted the long standing historical, trade and cultural linkages. It was emphasized that Parliamentary cooperation and exchanges were an important component of strategic partnership and both sides should encourage more closer interaction between the two Parliaments. The Indonesian side greatly appreciated the role played by Indian leaders and the support extended by India during Indonesia's struggle for independence. Both sides also exchanged views on the role of Parliament in the democratic set up in India and Indonesia. As the two largest democracies in the world, having a pluralistic, multi-religious and multi-ethnic societies, the role of Parliamentarians in bringing the two sides closer in the contemporary period was emphasized.

Hon'ble Vice President Mr. Hamid Ansari met the representatives of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) led by Mr. Said Aqil Siradj, Chairman and Muhammadiyah two of the largest Muslim civil societies of Indonesia.

Later in the day Hon'ble Vice President of India left for Denpasar, Bali, where he will meet Governor of Bali and visit Udayana University.

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