

ITEC DAY CELEBRATION



A get together of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) alumni as well as other Indian Institutes was organized on 18 December 2012 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Jakarta. It was attended by more than 100 people which included participants who went to India for training courses in various fields, dignitaries from participating Ministries, civil society etc. The gathering was addressed by the Ambassador H.E. Mr Gurjit Singh who emphasized the similarities between India and Indonesia that can be another reason for looking at each other for the human resources development. He particularly drew attention to the fact that India and Indonesia were among young nations with large young populations for whom human resource development and capacity building were extremely important. The acquisition of skills so that our own youth find employment as our young economies developed, was a useful idea which could benefit from greater South South cooperation for which the ITEC programme was an exemplary model. He noted that the ITEC participants are being drawn not only from the government, but also from private sector, universities, academia, media and civil society organisations.

These ITEC alumni were going for different courses such as certificate in English fluency and IT skills, Finance for non-finance executives, International Training program on Leadership Development, International Training program on Human Capabilities and Manpower Research, Public Expenditure Management, Business Research Method and Data Analysis, International Program in Asset Liability Management in Banks and Financial Institutions, etc. The training courses are given in more than fifty institutes in different parts of the country. More than 1500 Indonesians have undergone training under ITEC during the last decade.

In his remarks, H.E. Mr HS Dhillon, President's Special Envoy for Poverty Alleviation, reminded the ITEC participants and alumni to not only bring home the techniques and technologies, but also the spirit of learning from India. He underlined that a new chapter has been added; that is the chapter of focussing on the young people. Several alumni from India also shared their experiences about studying in India.



On the occasion, the Embassy of India launched a book entitled “Mari Belajar di India (Let’s Study in India)” which is aimed to give guidance for Indonesian students who would like to study in India. The book gives useful information for the students about the options of courses and universities, scholarship schemes, like the ITEC and those for colleges, accommodation, and other general information. This was widely welcomed by the audience. It is published by the Embassy of India, Jakarta.

A new outreach video entitled “India-Indonesia: Enduring Relationship” was also launched on the occasion. The video is in continuity of the first video, wherein the plan of action about people to people contact was presented. This new YouTube video gives the details of the efforts of the outreach activities launched by the embassy during the last one year.
