

National Day of Indonesia

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Indonesia wants G20 partners to ‘recover together and stronger’

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On Aug. 17, 2022, Indonesia celebrates the 77th anniversary of Independence Day. As one of the world's most ethnically diverse societies, Indonesia is the largest archipelago with more than 17,000 islands extending 5,000 kilometres from east to west, home to more than 1,300 ethnic groups and over 700 spoken local languages.



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Since independence, the national motto *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika* or “Unity in Diversity” has been Indonesia's national identity that unites the people and country despite the myriad of cultures and ethnic groups.

Given the geographical, social and economic challenges, external and internal threats, ideological rivalries, cultural differences, the spirit of unity remains the driving force and stands the test of time.

At present, Indonesia is the fourth most populous nation and 10th largest in terms of purchasing power parity. More so, Indonesia has charted impressive economic growth and made enormous gains in poverty reduction, cutting the poverty rate by more than half since 1999, to under 10% in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

Indonesia assumed the G20 Presidency this year, encouraging all countries to work together to achieve a stronger and more sustainable recovery from the pandemic's impacts. Indonesia's Presidency of G20 is not only critical but also timely to render contribution to enhance cooperation among nations post-pandemic, economic uncertainties and a looming global recession.

“Recover Together, Recover Stronger” is the theme under Indonesia's Presidency, reflecting our intentions

to gather major developed and developing economies of G20 members to work closer together and find a collective solution to our global problems.

There are three priorities during Indonesia's Presidency, namely, global health architecture, sustainable energy transition and digital transformation. The G20 Presidency amid the current geopolitical, social and economic challenges will demonstrate Indonesia's good faith and leadership role to weather the “perfect storm.”

We remain optimistic and hopeful that the hard work under Indonesia's Presidency will supplement the global efforts in overcoming the current challenges. Indonesia will continue to work closely on various issues and fronts, with countries and strategic partners, such as Japan, which was reflected in the most recent visit of President Joko Widodo to Tokyo on July 27 this year.

Indonesia has come a long way since Independence



Courtesy of the Embassy of Indonesia

Likupang Beach in North Sulawesi Province, Indonesia, is famous for white sand, blue seawater and green hills.

Day on Aug. 17, 1945. For 77 years, the nation has survived a revolution, armed conflicts, economic turbulence, natural disasters and so forth. Today, as a thriving democracy, Indonesia's goals are set high, regardless of the

challenges that lie ahead. Unity in Diversity will remain relevant, if not imperative, for the advancement and betterment of the Indonesian people and nation.

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