

Indonesia's golden moment at Tokyo Games 2020

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The Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games is over, but the fanfare is still there. For Indonesia, the Tokyo Games 2020 is something to be celebrated, remembered and be proud of.



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The enthusiastic cheers of Indonesian people around the world accompanied the Indonesian badminton women's doubles victory by Greysia Polii and Apriyani Rahayu, who successfully won the gold medal at the Musashino Forest Sport Plaza on Aug. 2.

The historic victory inscribed their names as the first-ever Indonesian women's doubles badminton players to reach the Olympic final and win a gold medal.

This "unprecedented win" is indeed an "immune booster" for Indonesians around the world during this challenging time. The remarkable accomplishment does not only belong to the athletes who competed, but also to the entire Indonesian nation.

Indonesia appreciates Japan's support through Ambassador Kenji Kanasugi and his staff in Jakarta, who consistently and enthusiastically en-



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Greysia Polii and Apriyani Rahayu during a victory ceremony on Aug. 2

couraged as well as celebrated Indonesia's victories.

Moreover, the gold medal is a timely, special gift for Indonesia's Independence Day, celebrated every Aug. 17.

For this year's 76th anniversary, Indonesia is carrying out the spirit of "Indonesia is Strong, Indonesia is Growing." It reflected Indonesia's verve to go through the pandemic with global cooperation in mind while exerting to maintain the region's economic growth.

Due to the absence of spectators at

the Tokyo Games, the Indonesian Embassy in Japan encouraged all supporters of Indonesia's Olympic team in Japan and in Indonesia to deliver their support through a video movement themed "Ganbare Indonesia." Hundreds of fans virtually cheered their support for Indonesian athletes competing, while tagging the embassy Instagram account @KBRITokyo.

Gold medalists Greysia Polii and Apriyani Rahayu said that even though the cheers and supports are virtual, they could still feel it during their matches, especially during their

historic golden moment.

Against all odds and despite some skepticism, Japan managed to pull off remarkably the world's biggest sporting event. The Tokyo 2020 Summer

Olympic Games had set a high bar for a global sporting event in the COVID era, with Japanese precision that we all know and admire.

Indonesia would like to once again

congratulate the accomplishments of Tokyo Games 2020. Indonesia stands ready to make the upcoming Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020 another success.

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