Report:

**Indonesia Celebrate World Interfaith Harmony Week: Commitment of Religious Leader on National Unity**

The agenda of 2018 World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) in Indonesia consists of three main event which are: (a) Deliberation of 450 of interfaith leaders across Indonesia to discuss about strategic national issues, and come-up with declaratory commitment to build national unity, harmony and peace of the pluralistic Indonesia; (c) Gathering at the Presidential Palace to present the declaration of religious leader to the President of the Republic of Indonesia, and (b) Celebration of the World Interfaith Harmony Week that invites more than 2,500 participants to share peace, joys and harmony. The government of Indonesia strongly support to the agenda in the leadership of Prof Dr Din Syamsuddin as Special Envoy of the President of Republic Indonesia for Interfaith and Intercivilizational Dialogue and Cooperation.

The program developed with the spirit of dialogical dialogue of religious leaders, and arts performance represent various interfaith and multicultural society of Indonesia. 150 Schoolchildren from five school belong to different religion jointly sing the national anthem of *Indonesia Raya* in the opening of religious leaders deliberation on national unity.

President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Joko Widodo, support and welcome warmly to receive 450 interfaith leaders that lead by Prof Dr Din Syamsuddin (Special Envoy of the President of Republic Indonesia for Interfaith and Intercivilizational Dialogue and Cooperation) as the initiator for the “Deliberation of Religious Leader for National Unity”.  The president receive the delegation in The Palace of Istana Bogor and greet every religious leaders after the reading of outcome of the deliberation that produce Declaration for National Unity based on *Pancasila*.

The WIHW takes place in Jakarta Convention Centre, Indosiar/SCTV televised nationally and national-wide media coverage. Around 2,500 people from different adherent of religion joint celebration with full colour of harmony and joy starting with reading prayer by six religious representation, sing national anthem by a dozen of artist from different religions across the country.

The celebration of 2018 WIHW has significant symbolic value for Indonesia. The celebration takes place as the peak of three days long “Deliberation of Religious Leader for National Unity of Indonesia” *(Musyawarah Besar Pemuka Agama untuk Kesatuan Bangsa)*. 450 interfaith leaders from Islam, Catholic, Protestant, Buddha, Hindu and Konghucu (Confucius) across the country gathered to discuss openly about national issues and come-up with 7 (seven) point declaration on the national unity of Indonesia.

Indonesia is a maritime country that cover three time-zones from West-most city of Sabang to Merauke In Papua. With 250 millions population, Indonesia become the third largest democracy in the world. Considering the archipelagic feature of Indonesia, keeping democracy and national unity is substantially important for multi-cultural Indonesia with more than 17 thousand islands, 714 ethnic groups, and more than 1,100 languages, issues of national unity is paramount for Indonesia.

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