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**World Interfaith Harmony Week Indonesia 2018:
“United in Harmony, we moving forward!”**

On 11th February, 2018 Indonesia celebrate the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) 2018 with theme: “United in Harmony, we moving forward.” There are 3 main agenda in this WIHW in Indonesia which are: 1. 450 Religious Leaders Summit from 6 different religions (Islam, Hindu, Catholic, Christian Protestant, Buddha, Confucius) across all over Indonesia, to have dialogues and discussion about how to overcome the national issues regarding religions and they sum-up the 7 main issues, 2. Gathering with President of Republic Indonesia in the Presidential Palace, 3. Celebration and Closing Ceremony of WIHW 2018 that invites not only the religious leaders, but also all the religious volunteers and students to pray together and brand awareness of living in peace.

On the Religious Leaders Summit discuss about 7 main issues that Indonesia as a plural country has,

a). Thoughts and action of all people about the Unitary State of Republic Indonesia based on PANCASILA. All the religious leaders agree that as a citizen and a believer, its a must to maintain the integrality of PANCASILA as an element of Indonesia. Religious leaders agree to help other people with different thoughts (to change the element of Indonesia) through dialogues and training.

b). Thoughts and action of all people about Indonesia as a Unity in Diversity (BINEKHA TUNGGAL IKA). All the religious leaders believe that diversity is a gift from God so all people should be grateful of it, and as a citizen, all people should work for it as it our strength. All the religious leaders also believe as their roles as a leader they have to be active to encourage and giving social awareness about the beauty of diversity to the families, community, government, medias.

c). Thoughts and action of all people about the real government from the democratic election based on Constitution. Religious leaders believe that democratic election is a good constitutional way to produce the real and legitimate government that been elected from the citizen, so they must accept, honor, and support the government. Religious leaders also have to work on they role to remind the government to always be consistent while they work.

d). Thoughts and action of all people about the ethics of living together in harmony among the religions. Religious leaders agree that every believer have to look at other believer as God creation and as a brother-sister in nation and accept the differences without taking part of the other religious itself. They also believe that every believer have to treat other believer with a good attitude, empathy, with love, and honor. Religious leaders agree to work together to spread dialog and working together for the shake of the nation.

e). Thoughts and actions about spreading the religious gospel and house of worship construction. Every religious leaders believe that spreading out religion always must in the corridor of honoring and accepting other religion, also pull to one side of any doubt of seize the other religion members, and not to use any kind symbols from other religion.

f). Thoughts and action about the ethics of intra-religion members. All the religious leaders believe that the harmony of intra-religion will effect the harmony of all religions. Also the leaders believe that every member of the religion should give their positive contribution for the shake of their religion and the shake of the harmony in every religions.

g). Recommendation of Religious Leaders summit for interfaith harmony about non-religious factors that destroy the harmony. Leaders agree that Indonesia still facing injustice, poverty, education, and so on that affect on the social stability and the interfaith harmony. Also the weakness of the law in Indonesia to be justice without discrimination for all people .

In this moment, religious leaders also give some recommendation for the government to be fair for all religions without discrimination. For the media, the religious leaders recommend them to use the social media wisely while giving the aspirations, and medias should be fair while exposing the social problems without hold on one side. For the religious leaders, they also recommend to be the role model of interfaith harmony.

After having the serious discussions, religious leaders had a chance to meet the President, Mr. H. E. Joko Widodo that lead by Prof Dr Din Syamsuddin as the Special Envoy of the President of Republic Indonesia for Interfaith and Intercivilizational Dialogue and Cooperation also take part as the initiator for this WIHW 2018 in Indonesia. Mr President greet all the religious leaders in the Presidential Palace also he read the outcomes and recommendations from the religious leaders discussions.

The Celebration of WIHW 2018 Indonesia held in Jakarta Convention Center. Not only the religious leaders, students and the religious members come to celebrate together. There come some local singers that joining and participating in this event. "It's a honor for me to participating in this event, because Living in the harmony with other believer is important, while Indonesia is a very diverse country that have so many culture, islands, languages, and religions. I hope this event make us, as a believer who living together in harmony will make us strong." Citra Skolastika as a singer said.

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