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**Feedback received from Indonesian delegates after visiting India to attend 2nd ASEAN-India Youth Summit on 3-7 February 2019 at Guwahati, Assam**

1. Ms. Eva Maria Putri Salsabila

As a writer and a life-long learner, I'm always excited to travel and gain a deeper understanding of the world we live in. India, with the diverse culture and cheerful people, has always been one of the top countries on my list. I feel deeply blessed going there as one of the delegate representing Indonesia in the 2nd ASEAN-India Youth Summit. It was a last minute chance, and I hesitated at the beginning as it was such a huge responsibility and privilege at the same time. At the end I took the chance anyway because I feel like it can be a great experience to develop my knowledge and network. I promise myself I won't take this for granted and follow every activity wholeheartedly.

The preparation took very little time. I got the notice that I'm nominated to go on Thursday, I took care of the visa application and join the briefing on Friday, and on Saturday we flew to India. I didn't think I'm gonna make it, but I guess when the India Embassy assisted your preparation, everything is possible. It’s relieving to see the support that the embassy gave for our delegation. They gave us thorough briefings on what to do and not to do there. It’s sweet how they want us to cherish every experience and just enjoy the moments there.

The flights were longer than I expected because we need to have two transits in Singapore and Kolkata. However I still manage to enjoy every progress as it’s a new experience for me. We arrive the next day in Guwahati and have some adequate time to rest and settle in our room before the introductory and inaugural session. The summit consists of several panel discussions, country presentations and parallel group discussions. The speakers were informative and the discussion
there was fruitful. I'm glad that I have a better perspective on the ASEAN-India connectivity. It turns out we're way closer than we thought.

Beyond the insightful panel, I will forever cherish the friendships that grew over the lunch and dinner. The summit gave us a great chance to meet the delegates and know each other deeper. I am honoured to interact with the amazing and passionate young leaders that excel in their own fields, whether it's business, research/academics, NGOs, government and art. All of the conversations will have a special place in my heart.

Before going back, we were given a chance to went to a night brahmaputra cruise and enjoy Guwahati’s night vibes. We also visited the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary to see the one-horned rhinos. We didn't really manage to get a closer look at them, but I am sure glad to see them happy in their natural habitat. Lastly, we visit a local market an hour away from our hotel. It turns out India is a shopper paradise!

After the wonderful days in India, like all good things, it came to an end. The warm committee and friendly people makes it harder for me to say goodbye... But I am confident that this is not going to be my last time in India. Hopefully, I will get another chance to visit Assam and other areas in India.
The Second ASEAN-India youth Summit was held in Guwahati, Assam, India on 3rd to 7th February 2019. This event established through the hard work of India Foundation and Ministry of External Affairs Government of India. It successfully connects hundreds of young leaders both from India as well as ASEAN Countries such as Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippine, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Theme of the summit is “Connectivity: Pathway to Shared Prosperity”. The summit consists of several panel and parallel discussions that enable the young leaders both from ASEAN and Indian countries to learn together, sharing their experience, idea and knowledge about physical connectivity, economic connectivity, youth and socio-cultural connectivity, governance and polity, cultural and historical linkages, as well as entrepreneurship and skill development. On the valedictory session of the summit, the committee announced The Second ASEAN-India Youth Awards 2019 to validate the young achievers both from India and ASEAN in various fields. This summit has become a tools for youth from ASEAN and India to know each other’s country conditions through the country presentation. The Second ASEAN-India Youth Summit also give a slight experience towards the ASEAN youths about India in general through the meditation and yoga sessions, and especially North East India, through their cultural and culinary night, Brahmaputra river cruise and even a safari to the Pobitora wildlife sanctuary. (Nikki)

Personal Experience in The Second ASEAN-India Youth Summit 2019

For me, the Second ASEAN-India Youth Summit in Guwahati has become one of the most memorable summit that I’ve been attended. Myself together with the other nine Indonesian delegates were amazed with the warm welcome by the summit committees from India Foundation. Even though we’ve been through a long and tiring flight from Jakarta to Guwahati, the way they welcoming us both in Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport as well as in the Taj Vivanta Hotel has wipes away our exhaustion. This summit brings out engagement towards the youth leaders from India and ASEAN Countries. Both of the Panel and Parallel discussion in the summit enable us to learn together, share our experience, idea and knowledge about physical connectivity, economic connectivity, youth and socio-cultural connectivity, governance and polity, cultural and historical linkages, as well as entrepreneurship and skill development. On the
The valedictory session of the summit, the committee announced The Second ASEAN-India Youth Awards 2019 to validate the young achievers both from India and ASEAN in various fields. For me, it is a remarkable honor to be one of the awardees. I think the summit program has successfully built friendship and togetherness among the youth leaders from both India and ASEAN countries. The networking dinner, cultural and culinary night, celebrating the lunar new year together, spending a night in Brahmaputra river cruise, and going to a safari in the Pobitora wildlife sanctuary, has become another amazing experience from the summit.

3. **Ms. Elly Mustika Wiriyanti**

Namaskar! There is so much experience that I got when I participated in the 2nd ASEAN INDIA YOUTH SUMMIT in Guwahati, Assam India, on February 3-7. So impressive and I feel just like my second home.

1. I couldn't believe that I'm chosen as one of delegates sent to Assam India and it is good news and it's a valuable gift for me. This is my best birthday gift this year, after return from Umrah in December 2018.

2. Me and 9 other delegates from Indonesia felt like family. We meet each other only one day before leaving, but feels like we know each other and close. During the trip to Assam India, we took care of each other because it this a long transit and communicated well, helping each other, laughed and shared experiences. Likewise, while in Guwahati we were a compact team and when we had to return to our
homeland we felt that we had lost one and the other. Now we are still in touch each other.

3. Visiting the country of India is not the first time for me. For other delegations this might be their first experience stepping on Hindustan land. Previously, I had visited Delhi, Agra, Mumbai and Hyderabad. But the journey to Guwahati became the next important value for me to know India more closely. I can visit the North East India region which is Guwahati known as the North Gate of India like the island of Borneo in Indonesia. I can also get to know various cultural dances from each of the North East India regions such as from Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Sikkim that called Seven Sisters. I also interact with local residents while shopping or when visiting Santuary to see Rhinoceros with Hindi language.

4. Being a valuable experience because you can know the other side of the Indian region with the characteristics of local residents who are slightly physically different from Indian citizens in general. In this Assam region, I met many local people who were slanted-eyed like Chinese and yellow-skinned complete with local language accents, Assame and Bengali. Even if seen by the cultural arts, it is very similar to the Dayak tribe in Indonesian Borneo. Regarding the type of saree used by the people here or Bihu dancers named Mekhela Sador, it is also different from the types of saree in most parts of India that I have met, because each region must have its own diversity of traditional clothing.

5. The thing that really amazed me was being able to meet with other delegates from 9 other ASEAN countries and Indian delegates who were very outstanding in their respective fields and we became one in a discussion panel room to gain knowledge and share each other in introducing the advantages of each country both in the fields of politics, economics and culture. I also met the Ministry of Government of India, the ASEAN Ambassadors and other speakers. I was interested to be a diplomat like those who representative their country. Especially Indonesia, where India and Indonesia share common cultural and civilization roots. No wonder if there are some typical foods from Assam that are almost similar and taste like traditional Indonesian food. An example in Indonesia with Kue Putu which turned out there was also named Putuya with the same taste.

6. We also get new friends of course from various ASEAN countries and India, get new connections and get many new stories. I'm proud as Indonesia who love Indian culture since 1999 has choosen of delegates of this precious event.
I hope to get to know India more closely in other parts of India. Because for me every trip to the Gangga's land is a valuable experience that will never be spent in just one week. There are still many tourist attractions and cultures that I want to explore in India, which I haven't had the chance to visit. Hopefully there will always be opportunities that come to me. Thank you for the extraordinary opportunity this Indian Embassy has given me. DHANYAWAD.

4. **Ms. Putri Jasmine**

The first time I was appointed as a delegate to take part in the 2nd ASEAN-India Youth Summit 2019, I felt very excited and anxious because this was my very first time to India, plus this conference was held in a city that I had never heard before, not New Delhi which is famous for its magnificent Taj Mahal or even Jaipur. Unexpectedly, India has a beautiful vast city next to the Brahmaputra River in the northeastern Indian state of Assam, named Guwahati.

With the theme of Connectivity: the pathway to shared prosperity, making us as the youth leaders from India and ten ASEAN countries - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam will lead to a shared understanding of the challenges we face and the
actions that we need to take to restore and nourish connectivity in all dimensions within the region. Personally, I hope that in the future in creating physical, economic, and government connectivity, the impact will be felt more, especially in facilitating Indonesia's journey if you want to travel to India or maybe directly to Guwahati, that is only less than 5000km, which should only take less time from 5 hours without transit.

It is hard to believe, as I being a speaker in representing the beauty of Indonesia, also in explaining about how Indonesia and India's friendship has been established for a long time, in front of 10 ASEAN countries, made me and my team feel very proud. Moreover, the thing that you have to know is only Indonesia gets many questions after it has finished presenting the country's presentation. I feel satisfied.

Although this conference is only held in less than a week, totally I can say that this is the best conference I have ever participated and I will never forget. Why? Exchange of the ideas with great people from various countries made my mindset change in seeing a thing, becoming more optimistic in managing life in the future, moreover with the establishment of networking (hopefully onwards) makes us easier if we want to create a new idea and joint project. Just a few days together with the Indonesian delegates, it felt like family. Furthermore, the warmth of the India Foundation organizers, as well as other delegates make me feel very pleasant in India and was very sad when I returned to Indonesia so quickly.
5. Mr. Fauzan Al-Rasyid

Last Sunday, ten of us for the first time set foot in Guwahati, India. It's a sprawling city beside the Brahmaputra River in the northeast Indian state of Assam.

We were the Indonesia's delegates to the 2nd ASEAN-India Youth Summit. Honestly, I never know such conference existed. You maybe won't believe how most of us suddenly chosen as the representative of Indonesian youths — it was so random, but ... somehow I think the universe works on its way. So we went and, I tell you, that was the best five days in 2019 so far — maybe it's too early to judge since we're still on the beginning of the second month of the year, but I believe that is not too much.

At that time, most of us were strangers to one another, but somehow we quickly became so close to each other, it felt like we've known each other for long time, unbelievable!

Anyway, on the pictures, that was us having arrived at the Guwahati Airport. All of the delegates from the ten ASEAN countries were warmly welcomed. There were two girls at the airport. They draped us a kind of very beautiful traditional cloth as a symbol of welcome. I myself didn't even expect such reception!

The hotel and the food were amazing — I love Indian food, I mean ... to me, I have a pretty high tolerance to any kind of foods (as long as it's halal), so I pretty much can eat everything in anywhere, so ... everything is "edible" to me.

What else ... the trip, it was fine too. Well, I thought it'll be "a bit" faster, but it turned out that the flight (plus the transit) took almost 12 - 13 hours due to there's no any direct flights to Guwahati from Jakarta (or pretty much from any other ASEAN countries).

Actually, let's say, starting this year, I had no any idea that I'll be in India. No way. Even three weeks ago, I still had no clue about this. But then ... it just happened. Life is indeed a mysterious journey and I love it!
6. **Ms. Nadirah Ali**

NAMASKAR! India and Indonesia are two friendly countries with various similarities that they need each other and very close. And the 2nd ASEAN-India Youth Summit held in Guwahati, Assam, India on February 3 - February 7, 2019. Regarding this Youth Summit, I want to share the story about it.

When we arrived there (Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport), we were welcomed by the organizing committee and we got the red and white Assam cloth called *gamosa*. I just realized that I was on the same plane with another ASEAN delegates.

After being welcomed by the organizer, we headed to the inn that also venue for the conference, Taj Vivanta Hotel to register. After that we had lunch before starting the core event. This was when I first tried *butter naan* and liked it so much.

The core event was opened at 2:45 a.m. by Maj Gen Dhruv C. Katoch, as director of the India Foundation. Followed by the Inaugural Session which was filled by officials of the State of India, Sarbananda Sonowal (as Chief Minister, Assam), Vijay Thakur Singh (Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs), KJ Alphons (Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism), and Kung Phoak (Deputy Secretary General , The ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community). With a tea break session and rested for a while. We returned to the discussion room again at 5:00-6:30 p.m. for the Panel Discussion 1, "Physical Connectivity", filled by Chandra Mohan Patowary (Minister of Transportation, Parliamentary Affairs and Industry & Commerce), Nongthongbam Biren Singh (Chief Minister, Manipur), Pham Sanh Chau (Vietnam Ambassador to India), Sachin Chatuvedi (Director-General, Research &
Information Systems for Developing Countries), and Motivational Lecture, which I
did not expect this session to be carried out by Pullela Gopichand, which he's
coach of Saina Nehwal and PV Shindu.

After taking part in the discussion, we all had dinner and returned to our
rooms. When I arrived at the room, I was quite surprised because there was a
parcel and all delegations got it too. The parcel contains snacks and drinks from
India.

The next day was scheduled for the country presentation. And one of our
delegation, Jamson, no matter which country is presenting, he will shouted
"Malaysia Boleh!" which means Malaysia can do it, right Malaysian?

After country presentation, we did discussion session with a different theme,
"Economic Connectivity" with good speakers too, such as Ranjit Barthakur
(Founder and Chairman, Globally Managed Services), Himanta Biswa Sarma
(Minister of Finance, Health & Family Welfare, PWD, Transformation &
Development, Government of Assam and Member, Board of Governors, India
Foundation), Chutintorn Gongsakdi (Thailand Ambassador to India), Yash Gandhi
(Senior Investment Specialist, Invest India). Then there was Parallel Group
Discussion which divided into three groups and all the groups receive material on
Governance and Polity, Cultural and Historical Linkages, and Entrepreneurship
and Skill Development. Then returned to the Panel Discussion, "Youth & Socio-
Cultural Connectivity" which was filled by Fientje Maritje Suebu (Deputy Chief of
Mission of Indonesia to India), Bhaichung Bhutia (Footballer & former captain of
Indian National Team), and Temjen Imna Along (Minister Higher Education &
Technical Education, Government of Nagaland). Then the high tea session followed
by country presentations again. And still, Jamson shouted "Malaysia Boleh!"

After discussing that we joined from the morning, there was time for us to
North East India Cultural & Cuisine Festival. All delegates wear their country's
traditional clothes. We were also presented with the Assam dance, Juju-Jaja Jamin
Ja, Lai Haraoba, Nongkrem, Cheraw, Vami Shari, Chandi (Rai), Hojagiri, and Bihu
dances.

At the dinner session, one of our delegate, Jamson made a jargon "Malaysia
Boleh! Singapore Mau! Indonesia Bisa! Thailand Sawadikap! Vietnam Tết Happy
New Year! India Incredible! How's the joy? Haise! .. “ In this session, all delegates
‘became one’. Not like at the first day, which all delegates still grouped by country.
On the third day, still with Parallel Group Discussion which was moderated and filled by Aniket Kale (Secretary General, World Organization & Youth), Archana Chitnis (Former Minister, Government of Madhya Pradesh), Dato Hidayat Abdul Hamid (Malaysian High Commissioner to India), Apurv Kumar Mishra (Senior Researcher Fellow, Indian Foundation), Sunaina Singh (Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University), Priyang Pandey (Political Advisor to Chief Minister of Nagaland), Shaurya Doval (Managing Director, Zeus Caps and Members, Board of Governors, Indian Foundation), and Chuntitorn Gongsakdi (Thaniland Ambassador to India).

Now the host's turn to present India by Soumya Aggarwal. And then the Conversation session on "North-East as India's Gateway to ASEAN" by Ram madhav (National Secretary General, Bharatiya Janata Party and Members, Board of Governors, India Foundation), Biplap Kumar Deb (Chief Minister, Tripura), Conrad Sangma (Chief Minister, Meghalaya), and Pema Khandu (Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh).

In the afternoon there were valedictory session and announcemen of recipients of awards in each country. From Brunei Darussalam was won by Nurul Hadina, Cambodia by Chhor Siekhouy, Indonesia by Ni Nyoman Ayu Nikki, Laos by Sayavong, Malaysia by Tharishini Krishnan, Myanmar by May Thu Khine, Philippines by Nydia Delfin, Thailand by Piyanat Soikham, Vietnam by Minh Anh, India by Somya Aggarwal and Jigar Inamdar. After that we attended a presentation from Himanta Biswa Sarma and Jagdish Mukhi (Hon’ble Governor of Assam), and presentation by Ministry of Tourism of India. Then we returned to our each room for a short break because at 6:00 p.m. there will be a cruise and dinner on the ship on the Brahmaputra River.

The next day there was no discussion activity anymore. That day were full of recreation to the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary. We saw various animals using off road car, ate lunch there, and watched traditional bihu dances.

About four hours there, we returned to the hotel and in we shop for souvenirs at the night on the market. I bought bracelet, bindi, pashmina, Assam tea, and the important one, saree.

When we arrived hotel from the market, we all delegates did a 'farewell party'. My roommate, Salsa and I agreed to wear the saree that we had just
bought. We don't think it's difficult to wear, but actually we have difficulties and didn't wear saree. When we left the room, we met Sarah whose not far from our room. Then she told us to keep wearing the saree. But because we all can't wear it, Sarah finally called Yoga "Kak Ros" who certainly knew how to wear it because she's Indian-Malaysian. We gave up, but she said "This is our last life lah...."

Around 1:16 am I returned back to my room and started packing until 3:00 a.m. And on February 6, 2019 at 02:50 p.m. we left the hotel, went to the airport. The route Guwahati - Delhi, Delhi - Singapore and Singapore – Jakarta.

Together with all the delegates from India and ASEAN, actually very very memorable that we can't never forget. Only five days, but this experience feels very valuable. For all Indonesian delegates, Like Salsa said that Kak Nikki the one who has many achievements, Jasmine the smartest one, Bang Novin our photographer, Bang Fauzan is the most attentive, Mbak Elly who loves India so much, Sarah is friendly, Maya the god of eyeliner, Jamson who always make fun in all situations, and Salsa that we have many similarities. Our birthdays are only two days apart, the colors of our clothes are always same even though we didn't planned, even in the booklet we both wear blue clothes and yellow hijab, and we are in the same discussion group. And for India and ASEAN delegate, you are pleasant neighboring countries. For Indian foundation, you are great people behind this event. The event organizers are very kind and friendly to us. They treat us well. That's why I said, this is one of the best conferences in the world.

And I just realized, there were many similarities between India and my country, Indonesia. Like the store (warung), tuktuk which in Indonesia called bajaj (based on the history of bajaj, the first time exported by PT Bajaj Auto to Indonesia, especially to Jakarta since the 70s), street vendors, and the temperature of Guwahati City which is similar to Puncak.

Lots of things are really I didn’t expect when I arrived in this city. I never thought that we would get this special service. We were welcomed at the airport and even at the hotel. We were given souvenirs from the first day, there were cloth, statue of rhino, parcel, medal, goodie bag, backpack, and official shirt. The food was delicious and for some reason I like Indian food, especially butter naan. Moderators and good speakers, from government officials to sports figures with interesting material. I who was not so enthusiastic, actually became very enthusiastic about this conference. I have never had high expectations before meeting great people there, the organizers, the speakers, and delegates.
On this occasion, I will share my experience when trusted by the Indian embassy for Indonesia and the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Republic of Indonesia represented Indonesia in the **2nd Asean India Youth Summit in 2019** in Guwahati, Assam, India on 3-7 February 2019 with the theme "**Connectivity : Pathway to Shared Prosperity**".

This event was organized by the **India Foundation** and **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (MEA)**. The first impression for this event is amazing, why? Because the idea of bringing together young people who have the potential to become leaders in Southeast Asian countries (Indonesia, Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam) and potential Indian youth is an extraordinary idea. India is investing in networks through human resources by bringing together ideas and ideas for future ASEAN and Indian relations. Connectivity is important because it will strengthen the position of each country both in terms of economy, politics, social, security and culture.

India foundation is very serious in preparing for this event. During this
event, we got number one service. Lodging in the best hotels in Assam province, namely at Taj Vivanta Hotel, a five-star hotel commonly used for hotels of top artists and international officials. The event designed run very well and effectively.

The speakers who were prepared were also very good and experts in their respective fields. The event was divided into several sessions and programs. The event was held by Maj Gen Dhruv Katoch who was the director of the India Foundation. Then continued the officials of the State of India, Sarbananda Sonowal-Chief Minister, Assam, K J Alphons-Minister of Tourism, Vijay Thakur Singh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Kung Phoak -Deputy Secretary General, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

The program then continued with a Panel Discussion, namely Physical Connectivity by Chandra Mohan Patowary who was the Minister of Transportation, Parliamentary Affairs and Industry & Trade, Nongthongbam Biren Singh-Chief Minister, Manipur, Pham Sanh Chau-Vietnam Ambassador to India, Sachin Chatuvedi -The Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, was also filled by former Pullela Gopichand player and coach of the badminton Indian women’s team.

Panel The next session of Economic Connectivity with presenters Ranjit Barthakur was Chairman of Globally Managed Services, Himanta Biswa Sarma-Minister of Finance, Health & Family Welfare of Assam India, Chutitorn Gongsakdi-Ambassador of Thailand to India, Yash Gandhi-Senior Investment Specialist, Invest India.

Then continued of panel session on Youth and Socio-Cultural Connectivity by Fientje Maritje Suebu who is the Deputy Chief of Mission of India to Indonesia, Temjen Imna Along-Minister of Higher Education & Technical Education, Government of Nagaland and Bhaichung Bhutia -Footballer & captain of the National Team India.

Beside of the panel session, a parallel class was held in which the class was divided into three groups with different topics. Other sessions were also used for each country to introduce their country and convey several aspects, both geographical, governmental, social, economic and cultural.

During the event, the relationship between participants and speakers went very well. Among participants even though different countries do not seem
awkward to discuss and occasionally joke, so that the atmosphere of intimacy builds warmly. Presenters also sometimes join in humble discussions during dinner or break sessions.

A very impressive thing for me is that every food has its own philosophy. So when I eat, I not only enjoy the food physically but feel the soul of the food because of the stories behind the food.

Every morning we do yoga and are trained by professional instructors and accompaniments of typical Indian flutes that make the atmosphere of yoga increasingly solemn. Not many people follow Yoga, maybe only 10-15 people join. At the end of the session we enjoyed a cup of warm ginger and lemon as a detox drink.

The last day of our activity was visiting Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary (Rhino conservation tour). We were invited to ride a car to search for rhino habitat. At least for 1 hour we found 5 rhinos and their size was very large. After the activity, we were welcomed with very interesting Assam dances.

In the evening the committee invited us to the night market in Guwahati. The market offers a large selection of products (the most clothing). The price offered is clearly cheaper than in Indonesia. We immediately bought a lot of shopping there.

Finally, it seemed like the time was short and we had to go home soon. We cried and cuddled with delegates from other countries. It seems like the meeting was very short even though we seemed to know for a long time. This activity is truly useful and brings together feelings among the participants involved in it. Nor did we finally make the FB and WA groups to continue to establish friendships between delegates. Thank you India, thank you ASEAN, thank you Indonesia.
8. **Ms. Ifa Ashilatul Kharomiyah**

Hi! I'm Ifa Ashilatul Kharomiyah but you can find me in social media as Maya Oslin.

I'm so Proud and excited to be one of Indonesia Delegates for ASEAN India Youth Summit 2019 in Guwahati, Assam, India.

This is my first experience going to India, a country that I know through Bollywood films. I am very curious about the culinary, tradition, and also traditional Indian dances. When I arrived at Guwahati airport I was very surprised by the welcome from the Indian Foundation. they welcomed us and also gave Indian shawls to be worn around our necks.

We got into the pickup car and went to Taj Vivanta hotel. when we arrived at the hotel, we were welcomed by a welcoming ceremony that I often see in Bollywood films to resist reinforcements.

What I have been waiting for the most is the cultural night where each country wears their own traditional clothes. We are fascinated by the extraordinary traditional North East Indian dances such a Juju Jaja Jamin Ja, Lai Haraoba, Cheraw, Vami Shari, Chandi (Rai), Bihu. Hojagri and Nongkrem where the dances show how to cooperate and trust each other to form a Beautiful dance.

We also visited Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary to see Indian rhinos, Don't forget to bring mask and glasses because the dust is very disturbing. We traveled by jeep driven by Indians and also one of the soldiers who guarded with guns.

There are many story that I want to tell you about 2nd ASEAN India Youth
Summit 2019 in Guwahati, Assam, India. But, I don’t know how to describe it. It’s the best summit that I’v ever attend. I like the weather of Assam. I really want to go back, there are many places that we haven’t visited. Assam is a paradise unexplored. It is Awesome and different, I hope can go there again and explore many more.

9. **Jamson H. Tampubolon**

   My Journey at North East India

   Glad to be with the Indonesian delegation for the 2nd ASEAN-India Youth Summit in Guwahati, One of the cities in Assam Province, India. Guwahati is located northeast of India bordering Bangladesh. Before I tell about what we did in Guwahati, I will tell you how I joined the Indonesian delegation.

   My name is Jamson, now working as a CEO at the company that I pioneered is engaged in advertising and digital printing. I am active in several organizations such as Junior Chamber International (JCI Medan), National Entrepreneurs Network (Japnas North Sumatra), and also several non-profit organizations for humanitarian missions.
Saturday, February 2, 2019 The Indonesian delegation led by Ms. Elly Mukerji (Heavy Fans Rani Mukerji) flew to Guwahati with Garuda Indonesia Airlines. We are of course transid in Singapore and there met the Singapore delegation. From Changi International Airport we flew using IndiGO (India Go) and Landing at Kolkata Airport. Then continue flying to Guwahati, the city where the event was held. So there is a total of 13 hours of time taking the city of Guwahati from Jakarta.

In Guwahati, we were warmly welcomed by the friendly committee. Their distinctive smile makes us feel at home, namely Indonesia. When exiting the airport, the appearance and shape of the streets there are also similar to those in my city, Medan City. Well, what’s interesting is the number of cows that go hand in hand on the side of the road without any shepherd or guardian. That is culture and we must respect it.

For approximately 45 minutes, we arrived at Hotel Taj Vivanta Hotel, Five Star Hotel. A very cool hotel for the class of Guwahati City and Northeast Indian Society. We immediately went to the room provided by the committee, before continuing the activity namely Inauguration.

The inauguration was held in the hotel ballroom located on the 1st floor of the hotel. And many of the Officers I did not know and I clapped my hands when they were named. I do not know the system of government in India, which I know is only the Parliamentary system and led by a prime minister.

The first day, Sunday 3 February 2019 The event was opened by Mr. Maj Gen Dhruv C. Katoch (Director of the Indian Foundation) and VIP Guest is the Chief Minister of Assam H.E. Sarbananda Sonowal and many other important people were present on the first day.

In the Physical Connectivity discussion session, the topic I enjoyed was the material provided by the Director-General RIS Mr. Sachin Chaturvedi. I am rather difficult to spell their names because there are too many consonants.

About the food, I was very confused because none of the food matched my tongue except the vegetables served there were very fresh. I feel like in Indonesia eating it. Friends from several countries such as Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore even called me to have a healthy lifestyle even though the actual food was not friendly to me on the first day.
Second Day, 4 February 2019. We have breakfast at the Hotel Restaurant. Thankfully! I can eat well, Indian cuisine that I like turns out there is a typical Indian Fried Noodle, there is Omlet. Indian Sour Sauce - Very tasty sweet even better than the sauce I enjoy anywhere including Indonesia. My friend Fauzan, said that food in India is of two types, Good One and Best One.

This second day, is Country Presentation. Already prepared in advance, Sarah and Jasmin will present it, the focus that we present is Indonesian Tourism and Audiences are very happy with the model and results of the presentation because it was delivered well and precisely.

All countries must present their respective countries. I know a lot about several ASEAN countries. After a series of country presentations, a Panel Economic Connectivity Discussion was held where VIP guests this time were the Founder and Chairman of Globally Managed Services (GMS) H.E. Ranjit Barthakur and several other speakers.

Today we are divided into several groups and I am in group 1 on the topic of Governance and Polity. Our speakers are Former Minister Madam Archana Chitnis. Speaking of prevention policies for trafficking in children and women. Actually in this discussion session I was not very interested because of the form of discussion. It should have to be in the form of a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) so that all delegates can provide their respective and unlimited responses and opinions.

This parallel discussion is divided into three groups, namely Governance and Polity, Cultural and Historical Linkages, and Entrepreneurship and Skill Development. As the closing panel of the discussion with the theme "Youth & Socio-Cultural Connectivity" and the evening continued with the North-East India Cultural & Cuisine Festival Dinner.

Third Day, February 5, 2019, followed by a parallel discussion and presentation from the Host of the Indian Country. As well as talks about "North-East India as India’s Gateway to ASEAN" led by H.E. Ram Madhav, BJP National General Secretary, India Foundation.

Today is also the awarding of awards for delegations, from Indonesia obtained by Ms. Nikki (Bali). They assess by looking at the curriculum vitae sent
by each delegation. And the Night of the Day, we had dinner at Brahmaputra Cruise a mini cruise on the River Assam.

Fourth Day, February 6, 2019 We leave for Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary to see a protected national park. There we were forced to see one-horned rhinos and elephants (I called it Mammon because it was very big). Many cranes there too. While traveling around Guwahati, I bought Modi’s Jacket (I call it) and also some key chains and toys as souvenirs for friends in Indonesia.

Fifth Day, 7 February 2019, We Return to Indonesia. It didn’t feel like five days in India made us like a close family, I learned one thing from Indians, Friendly guests.

So the term for Incredible India is the right word to describe how extraordinary the Indian State is. Namaskar.