On Jan 26, India will celebrate its 71st Republic Day with joy. Both India and its maritime neighbor Indonesia are also currently celebrating the 70s years since the establishment of their diplomatic relations. In connection with these two important events, the Jakarta Post interviewed Indonesian Ambassador to India Pradeep Kumar Rawat at his office recently in Jakarta. The following are excepts of the interview.

Question: Your Excellency, Indonesia and Indonesia are maritime neighbors and strategic partners. Relations between the two countries have surpassed 70 years. What is the most inspiring feature that has kept both countries relations not only stable but stronger today?

Pradeep Kumar Rawat: On Jan 1, India will celebrate its 71st Republic Day with joy. Both India and Indonesia are maritime neighbors and strategic partners. Relations between the two countries have surpassed 70 years. What is the most inspiring feature that has kept both countries relations not only stable but stronger today?

Rawat: Relations with Indonesia which has been a part of the aeronautical development of Indonesia's political and security situation. Indonesia's political and security situation.

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Rawat: Both India and Indonesia have a very pluralistic society. A significant event of this close cooperation was the organization of the first Asian Relations Conference in 1947 in which the Indian tourists coming to Indonesia number 600,000 per year, a figure that can multiply if we are able to provide direct connectivity linking the two countries. India at present is in diverse sectors, tourism, health, care, financial services, etc. can grow multifold if we are able to provide appropriate incentives and policy framework.

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