



Embassy of India Jakarta

Press Release

Iftar celebrations in collaboration with IndCham on 27 March 2025

Wishing everyone Ramadan Mubarak!

On Friday, 27 March 2025, Embassy of India in Indonesia, in association with IndCham (India Indonesia Chamber of Commerce in Indonesia) hosted an Iftar at the Le Meridien in Jakarta.

Among the prominent guests were Dr. Ilham Akbar Habibie, Founder, Habibie Center and Tech-Entrepreneur, members from IndCham, business and media personnel, dignitaries from NU, senior government officials, members of diplomatic corps and friends of India .

Speaking during the occasion, Ambassador of India to Indonesia, Mr. Sandeep Chakravorty extended Ramadan greetings to all. He mentioned that 🇮🇳 & 🇮🇩 share a common heritage and said Ramadan as a month of fasting and prayer deepens relationship between men and with God. While speaking at the Iftar, Ambassador extolled the virtues of a millet-based diet and advocated its adoption as they are packed with nutrients and grown with fewer resources and thereby offer a sustainable way to improve food security.



Mr Anish Daryani, Honorary Secretary at IndCham spoke about the benefits of fasting during Ramadan which extend beyond spiritual gains to include physical advantages. He also explained origin of the Bahasa word, 'Puasa', which comes from the Sanskrit work 'Upvasa' which means 'Fasting'. This is another example of the close cultural and linguistic ties between India and Indonesia.

Excerpts of Prime Minister's podcast with Lex Fridman highlighting 'Key governance reforms in India', was also relayed during the event.



The evening began with the traditional breaking of the fast and a speech by Gus Zia Ul Haromain on the significance of Ramadan, which was followed by Iftar. This year's joint Iftar is held during the 76th years of diplomatic relations, which marks the growing warmth and deepening of engagement between India and Indonesia.

The guests enjoyed traditional Indonesian takjil, millet based cuisines, Indian cuisines and sweets. This event also served as an opportunity to exchange Ramadan wishes & networking and fostered camaraderie between the two countries.



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