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Official Visit of members of the National Economic Council (DEN) of Indonesia to India from 17-23 March 2025 focussed on Digital Transformation & Public Infrastructure

A 10 member high level delegation led from the National Economic Council (DEN) of Indonesia, the body which provides strategic recommendations to the Indonesian government visited India from 17th March to 23rd March 2025 to study India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) policy and infrastructure. This comes in the backdrop of several initiatives discussed during the recent visit of Indonesia's President to India, including the signing of an MoU on Digital Cooperation.

The delegation comprised the Executive Directors from DEN, senior officers from Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of National Development Planning, Ministry of Communications and Digital, Ministry of State Apparatus Empowerment and Bureaucratic Reform and Bank Indonesia.

The visit aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation and sharing best practices in the field of digital transformation and infrastructure, was warmly inaugurated by the DPA-III Division of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India in New Delhi. A presentation was held featuring overview of India's digital journey and transformation by Micro Save Consulting (MSC). During the day, DEN had meetings with MeitY which was chaired by Nand Kumarum, CEO, National e Governance Division (NeGD). In this meeting, DEN was briefed about India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) journey. The delegation later had a meeting with UIDAI and was explained about India's digital identity journey and its impact on society.



The Indonesian delegation's second day in India was immersed in exploring the country's pioneering digital identity ecosystem. Their visit began at an Aadhaar Seva Kendra. They observed the Aadhaar enrollment process and witnessed live demonstrations of Aadhaar-enabled payment transactions facilitated by India Post Payments Bank. The delegation continued their journey to a public distribution center, where they observed how Aadhaar verification efficiently enables food benefit transfers. Additionally, at a Common Service Centre, the delegates explored India's approach to delivering e-government and banking services to remote areas through local agents.



During the third day, an insightful session with the Public Finance Management System (PFMS) team at the Ministry of Finance was also held, highlighting India's advancements in automating public financial management particularly in the execution of 1,100+ Government-to-Person (G2P) schemes, showcasing India's efficiency in targeted public service delivery. This was followed by an engaging dialogue with the Direct and Indirect Tax teams, where key reforms were discussed, focusing on how the Indian government has streamlined tax administration, improved compliance, enhanced monitoring and expanded the tax base.

The day concluded with a meeting with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), where Ms. Sonia Asnai, Head - Asia Pacific and Mr. Abhay Parekh, Head AEPS and Market Initiatives talked about India's innovations in digital payment infrastructure—including UPI, AEPS, and APB, which have ensured seamless last-mile payment access for millions. The NPCI team also shared insights on their ongoing collaboration with Indonesian counterparts to enable cross-border payment interoperability between the two nations.

The DEN delegation also held meetings with officials from PM GatiShakti, (India's flagship initiative for integrated infrastructure planning and development), E-Mudhra, the Gates Foundation, officials from the Reserve Bank of India and a overview of India's journey toward near-universal financial inclusion over the past decade was shared with the delegation.



The final day of technical visits began with a meeting with the MOSIP team followed by an insightful discussion with the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mission. The delegation then met with the Sahamati Foundation, which oversees India's Account Aggregator platform.

The visit concluded with a closing session at the Ministry of External Affairs, where key takeaways and next steps for deepening DPI engagement between India and Indonesia were discussed. This exchange of ideas and experiences has enriched policy makers from both countries, fostering a stronger foundation for future collaboration.

The visit marks a significant step in enhancing Indonesia-India collaboration in the domains of digital governance, identity management and infrastructure planning. The DEN delegation expressed appreciation for India's willingness to share expertise and exchange of knowledge during the visit and thanked Indian Embassy in Jakarta, MSC (MicroSave Consulting), Ministry of External Affairs, India for providing opportunity to gain valuable insights into India's digital transformation.

This visit will lay strong foundation for collaboration in sharing India's digital capacities with Indonesia like DPI and its related services/schemes & UPI for digital payments, areas which are largely unaddressed until today in Indonesia's policy and institutional framework.

This visit further strengthens the economic partnership between India and Indonesia, fostering collaboration and development in the digital infrastructure sector.



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