

## AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 3rd edition of Warta. Now that the election dust has firmly settled in India and Indonesia, the relationship is experiencing a fresh energy with PM Modi and President-elect Prabowo exchanging congratulatory [messages](#) soon after the swearing in and followed it up with a telephone call on June 20th 2024. They have set the tone for exciting new beginnings for this relationship!

To recap a few things since the last edition, we held a [Startups Meet](#) with the our Rockstars in Agritech, Fintech, Media & Supply chains for sharing perspectives on the startup ecosystem in Indonesia and to explore further opportunities & challenges for business development & financing. It emerged out of these discussions that many startup companies were facing problems in arranging for their working capital requirements. To facilitate that, a follow-up interaction was held with SBI-Indonesia, Bank of India, ICICI bank (virtual participation from Singapore) and DBS bank to initiate discussions for better lending support.

As maritime neighbours security and strategic alliance are at the heart of this relationship. In this spirit, we organised the first ever "[India-Indonesia Defence Industry Exhibition-cum-Seminar](#)" where around 60 Indian defence companies like BrahMos, Larsen & Toubro, Bharat Dynamics Limited, Bharat Electronics presented their products and services to Indonesian Defence SOEs and Private Defence establishments in the presence of top military leadership of the countries, to foster closer defence collaborations in pursuit of our shared vision for maritime co-operation in the Indo-Pacific.

Development aspirations unite India and Indonesia as they navigate resource constraints within democratic frameworks. Both nations recognize the potential of sustainable growth and are turning towards solutions beyond outdated paradigms. To take this discussion forward, we have started the first of its kind '[Jakarta Future Forum: Blue Horizons, Green Growth](#)' providing a platform for inter-disciplinary discussions on technology driven sustainable growth among the think tanks, government authorities and industry not just from India and Indonesia but also with experts from all over the world.



**SANDEEP CHAKRAVORTY**



We have also exchanged important high level visits recently, pursuing the agenda of President elect Pak Prabowo whose transition team is working closely with the Embassy in areas like biotechnology, healthcare, pharma, food sufficiency and mid-day meal programme. Mr. Firman Hidayat, Deputy Coordinating Minister of Maritime Resources, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Investment, [led a high-level delegation](#) on a visit to India from 1st-5th April 2024 and held extensive meetings with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), Akshay Patra, Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure, National Institute of Ocean Technology, [Sea6 Energy](#), IIT Chennai etc to foster collaborations in the field of biotechnology, blue economy, digital inclusion among others.

A high level delegation, led by Dr. Rachmat Pambudi, and Dr. Dadan Hindayana, Head of the National Nutrition Agency in the transition team of President-elect visited India from 17-20 June 2024 and held meetings with [Food Corporation of India in New Delhi and Chandigarh](#) to understand the mechanism of Public Distribution System in India, including a visit to have first hand experience of our Kisan Mandis(local farmers wholesale market).



They also visited Akshaya Patra- a not-for-profit organisation in Bangalore- to discuss about the logistics and specifics of setting up pilots for implementing Pak Prabowo's mid day meal manifesto in Indonesia, being Government of India's largest partner in running the Mid-day Meal Scheme.



As two large democracies with similar demography and disease profile, India and Indonesia have synergies in healthcare and with passing of the Omnibus Health Law in July 2023, health co-operation has become a priority with several agreements like the MoU on Health, mutual recognition of pharmacopeia, cooperation in traditional medicine, pharma cooperation, etc. under advance discussions and ongoing talks for collaborations between hospitals (Apollo, Artemis), for medical devices, vaccines and API manufacturing/supply, for health workforce training and medical tourism. I am happy to share that Secretary General, Ministry of Health, Mr. Kunta Wibawa, held a meeting with Secretary (Health) of India this May to take our agenda on healthcare collaboration further.

We recently had the visit of Pak Prabowo's special team to India's pharma hub in Hyderabad for meetings with Pharma companies focusing on HIV and TB drugs to explore future partnerships. They met senior leadership of Dr. Reddy's Lab, Hetero Pharma, Aurobindo and MyLabs, some of the leaders of Indian drugs industry, and also visited their R&D facilities. On 23rd June, the Director General of Health Personnel, Deputy Minister Ibu Arianti Anaya, led a team to India to discuss fellowship training courses for Indonesian specialists in the fields of neurology, cardiology, oncology, and pathology in various hospitals across Hyderabad, Bangalore, Delhi and Bombay.

We also look forward to hosting a conference in July for exploring co-operation in cancer treatment with India's pioneer cancer institute, the Tata Memorial Hospital, which has been training Indonesians doctors & nurses in cancer patient care. We need your ideas and support to take these discussions to their logical end.

On the digital front, preliminary outreach has been initiated on how India could support Indonesia's DPI roll out between policy makers, experts and think-tanks, led by the Embassy. It is not a surprise that Indonesia has chosen [Indian OCI policy framework as the model for rolling out its overseas citizenship scheme](#) and we have parallelly started technical discussions between [Ministry of Law and Human Rights of Indonesia](#) and the Centre of Excellence on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) at IIIT Bangalore on how an Indian Aadhar-like digital identity can be created for their OCI beneficiaries with possibly similar versatility in its end usage.

We also have more direct connectivity by [AirAsia-Indonesia](#) and Air India coming our way, hopefully with the two capitals connected by year end, which would be a befitting farewell to the platinum anniversary celebrations of our diplomatic relations!

I can assure you that we are witnessing a transition in the relationship which will manifest into visible outcomes in the next few years time, truly elevating the status of two biggest neighbouring democracies in Asia as comprehensive strategic partners. So all hands on deck please!

On the business side, I must confess that there is no other country with such a tremendous presence of Indian cos (81 and counting!). And every day we get interests from new companies gearing up to open shop here! We had two business meetings in June, the [Indonesia-India Dialogue on Climate, Capital & Technology Investment](#) in which I participated along with Tourism Minister Sandiaga Uno as part of the ITIF 2024 to promote sustainable tourism growth where we exchanged new business ideas and the [Investment Conclave with CII Indonesia, BKPM and Ministry of Industry](#) to understand opportunities, incentives and regulations related to foreign investments in Indonesia and the policy regulations like TKDN which hamper realization of investment goals. BKPM response on assisting our companies with the existing issues was quite reassuring.

Amidst all this excitement, we have not lost sight of the challenges our businesses face here. Royal Enfield, Jaykay files, iMoto... these are not mere names, they are a cause! They stay in each of our discussions and actions and test our commitment and faith in the strength of our India Story! And so I cannot say it loud enough that I would like us to consolidate and structure these efforts into a sustainable mechanism. I've been throwing out this idea to you all since months and now we have been able to arrive at some consensus to restart and activate our very own business chamber- IndCham.

Its an idea whose time had long come, and now it needs your active involvement to have a representative membership, a structured agenda of activities and a broad mandate to act as an influence group to fulfill our business objectives, in line with India's economic profile in Indonesia. We plan to involve top Indonesian business men/women to co-head the chamber to create local ownership. So coming 2nd August you are welcome to participate in the first outreach event of the revamped IndCham where an introductory presentation will be made on membership, structure and activities of the Chamber. We want to work with you to make it a powerful and credible institution that represents all our business interests.



With so much happening at a whirlwind pace, I must not forget to say that I'm privileged to have your guidance, support and encouragement as we [walk together](#), forging new pathways of partnership with Indonesia, turning the new possibilities into realities. I am thankful for your enthusiastic response and participation in our larger WA Federation group that makes it convenient for the Embassy to reach out to you all more quickly and personally and provides an easy networking platform for cross fertilization of ideas. We will keep adding more members as we meet more like minded people.

I also wish to take this opportunity to bid adieu to my Deputy, Basir Ahmed, our long time Indonesia hand. I also welcome our newly appointed Honorary Consul in Surabaya Shri Manoj Bhat and our new CG in Medan Shri Ravi Shankar Goel. Please reach out to them in those jurisdictions for any support.

Finally, as we sign off from this year's successful series of [75 International Day of Yoga](#) events, I'll just leave you by saying, "breathe in, breathe out" and enjoy the newsletter!

## GUJARAT TO HOST THE WORLD'S LARGEST WIND & SOLAR POWER PLANT

The Indian state of Gujarat is developing the Khavda Renewable Energy Park, a £15.8 billion solar and wind power plant that will be the largest in the world. Spanning 200 square miles, the plant will be visible from space and will supply power to 20 million homes, contributing over nine percent of India's renewable energy production. The project began its first input into the national grid in March. Sagar Adani, executive director of Adani Green Energy Limited, emphasized India's responsibility to avoid the fossil fuel path taken by other countries to prevent a dire climate future. He highlighted the unsustainability of coal-fired power plants, advocating for renewable energy instead.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN INDONESIA!

Zaapko is a B2B global digital platform aggregating enterprise sellers and buyers towards inventory liquidation. Incorporated in 2020 during Covid it is a profitable startup now used by 20 international suppliers. With its vision to be numero uno in terms of unlocking asset value, it contributes to sustainability by reducing wastage and carbon emissions caused by burning of unused inventories, particularly in FMCG goods, while allowing market access to small buyers for globally branded products in smaller cities, thus promoting economic equity. Recently, [Zaapko meritoriously featured in the Top 10 B2B marketplaces in South East Asia](#).

The non-profit arm of TORAJAMELO, a indigenous weaver's community-based sustainable fashion start-up led by its Indian CEO Aparna Bhatnagar Saxena has attained the status of an accredited advisor to the UNESCO committee along with five other accredited Indonesian NGOs. TORAJAMELO's vision and mission, which focuses on handcrafted products, indigenous communities and sustainability, meshes with UNESCO objectives of peace building through sustainable and inclusive development. There is a glaring need to have more accredited NGOs from Asian countries in order to have a more balanced representation and diversity of opinions and views. TORAJAMELO hopes that with this recognition they can play a higher role in advocacy for preservation of indigenous cultures and artisanship. TORAJAMELO will now work with renewed energy towards the recognition of back-strap loom weaving as an Intangible Cultural Heritage from Indonesia. Aparna, who is passionate about making a difference in Indonesia, ably guided by the founder, Dinny Jusuf, who shares a deep love for India, hopes to foster deeper ties between Indonesia and India, weaving our ancient ties in a modern fabric.

## KNOW YOUR CEO: MANOJ BHAT

Manoj Bhat is a first generation entrepreneur settled in Indonesia for past 27 years. A qualified Engineer and Business Administrator who runs Spins Interactional School, a renowned Educational Institution and a textiles business in Surabaya. A Rotary International member for 17 years, Manoj is also a partner in a reputed Law Firm SM&P Law that has operations in East Jawa, DKI and Kalimantan. Manoj has been elected as Advisor of the Surabaya Chapter of Indonesian Golf Association and also as the Head of International relations of its East Jawa Chapter. The mission is to provide the high quality education to the children, pragmatic legal advice to the oppressed, reliable services to textile customers and a helping hand to the poor and needy. Manoj Bhat is married to Sanjana Bhat for last 30 years and they are blessed with 2 sons dr. Naivedh and Nausheen.



"As the newly appointed Honorary Consul of India in Surabaya, I wish to say that India and Indonesia as two of the world's largest populated nations, share centuries of cultural ties, trade, art and spirituality.

India and Indonesia have been genuine democracies that gave unequivocal rights to women, did not discriminate on basis of colour, creed or race and can be proud of not having invaded any country throughout their rich history. Whereas we say 'unity in diversity', Indonesia marks it as the motto of the National Emblem in form of Bhineka Tunggal Eka. Nearly 3 decades ago when I first came to Indonesia, the wide toll roads, 24 hour power supply, modern cars, smiling faces were shocks that faded in comparison to how much an average Indonesian appreciated Pansheel (Pancasila), the Bandung NAM conference, the heroes like Gandhi and Biju Patnaik who has been awarded the highest civilian award of Bumi Putra and the Mahabharat and Ramayan. Often their knowledge was so in depth that I had to go back and refer texts to clarify my own doubts. In a country whose current President is proud to say that Krishna is his hero and whose first President had the reverence to ask for Gangajal as the one thing he wished to take back from his India visit, there could be no greater responsibility than being the best example of the great civilization that we come from.

It's also equally true that if any youth in either country is quizzed for world's list of top Nations, it's more likely they will miss out mentioning Indonesia in India and vice versa. That is the biggest concern which needs to be addressed. So the first step has to be in the form of interaction, acknowledgement and appreciation followed by trade, tourism and technology and finally the amalgamation of art, culture and social values. I must mention that the arrival of H.E Sandeep Chakravorty has turned so many pages in such a short time. It is also a reflection of what is in store for the future of India - Indonesia relationship. We are at the brink of taking up the ground breaking roles of being beacons of peace, growth and development.

Being able to contribute to the society here as the Honorary Consul is quite literally an honour we must partake, maintaining a respectful demeanor while projecting a positive united image of our Janm bhumi in our Karm Bumi. As the first windows for the diaspora and the traveling nationals in East and Central Jawa, we intend to provide an environment conducive for growth of businesses, visiting of tourist destinations, strengthening of cultural bonds and enhanced social interaction. The focus will be to have showcasing of India in universities, to make more associations of Indians in different cities and making all new comers feel at ease from the first time they land in this beautiful country."

*Jai Hind! Dirgahayu Indonesia!*

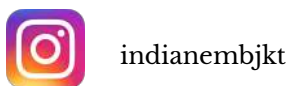
### **My India Experience: Fellowship Programme in Laparoscopic Surgery in Gurgaon**

I went to World Laparoscopy Hospital in Gurgaon, a large city in the Indian state of Haryana in June 2013 to study minimal access surgery. Gurgaon is not too far from the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi. We learned a lot about gynecological endoscopy during the course, I took an integrated fellowship and diploma program. Professor (Dr.) R.K. Mishra as the Director/Chief Surgeon and Dr J.S. Chowhan as Course Coordinator always guided us to understand endoscopy from the most basic thing to the most advanced one such as robotic laparoscopy, they were amazing and dedicated teachers. In our free time on the weekend, we visited several tourist attractions such as Delhi Zoo, Qutb Minar, Lotus Temple, Red Fort, Hauz Khas Village, as well as the famous Taj Mahal in Agra. We also had the opportunity to taste a variety of unique Indian culinary delights. Overall, the trip to India was an unforgettable experience and hopefully one day I can go there again.

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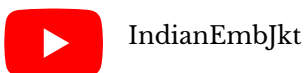
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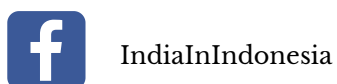


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