

**Speech By Vice Minister For Foreign Affairs,
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Your Excellency Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN,

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me first extend my warm welcome to all of you here at this auspicious event to celebrate the 46th anniversary of ASEAN Day. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia particularly the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, I wish you all a happy 46th anniversary. Let me also express my profound gratitude to the ASEAN Secretariat and its entire staff for their hard working in organizing this important event.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Over the past 46th year, ASEAN's cooperation in many areas has been growing very rapidly. ASEAN has been able to transform South East Asia from a region full of conflict and divided by cold war tensions to become region of peace. Remarkably, with its outward looking approach, ASEAN now is at the forefront of a regional architecture that promotes the Asia-Pacific's peace and stability.

This conducive peaceful and secured environment has allowed all of us, people of ASEAN to concentrate in the efforts to transform ASEAN to be a region characterized by a remarkable economic development and social progress. And now we are determined to move towards ASEAN Community in 2015. We commit to achieve important points through this integration namely: everlasting peace, within ASEAN and with the rest of the world; sustainable economic development; prosperity; and ASEAN as a people-centered

organization.

On this ASEAN 46th anniversary we are reminded again to make greater efforts to move forward. Now it is the time to start thinking of what will ASEAN be after 2015. Bearing these in mind, during the 22nd Summit in April this year in Brunei Darussalam, the President of the Republic of Indonesia has proposed 2 aspirational goals namely doubling the combined GDP by 2030 and halving the level of poverty by 2030. Furthermore, during the AMM retreat in Hua Hin, weeks ago, our Minister of Foreign Affairs has further elaborated the vision of ASEAN Community Post-2015.

Let me now discuss and bring into your attention regarding this vision. First, we have to consolidate and strengthen ASEAN Community by widening and deepening the three ASEAN Community pillars. In this connection, we should maintain the 3-pillar approach and make sure that these pillars are in coherence with one another. Other efforts that need to be taken are enhancing ASEAN connectivity and strengthening the

ASEAN Secretariat.

Second, we need to deliver our leadership in the region. In this context, ASEAN Community post 2015 has to increase its role from being in the driver seat to reshaping and molding the region's development. In order to play its new role, ASEAN has to consolidate security community in Southeast Asia first. Having successful in building our security community, in the future we also need to share ASEAN lessons with and project our experience to the rest of the Asia Pacific countries. In addition to that, we need to work hard to ensure that the maritime space in the Asia Pacific is a peaceful domain. We also have to renew our dialogue partnerships from being recipient of project assistance to become partners of equal standing with our dialogue partners. Furthermore, we have to be more outward looking by promoting second-generation external relations and dialogue partnership with countries in Africa, Latin America and many other sub regions.

Third, ASEAN has adopted Bali Concord III, ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations. In fulfilling this role, ASEAN already adopted its Plan of Action (2012-2017). We have to ensure full implementation of this plan of action in order to enhance ASEAN 's role in and contributions to the solution of global challenges. Finally we need to promote common prosperity in ASEAN by setting what we describe as the ASEAN Development Goals (ADGs). The aspirational goals proposed by the President of the Republic of Indonesia, together with other countries' proposals could be the starting point for us to set our ADGs.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Our road ahead is promising as well as challenging, but when we stand together, our problem and challenges will be easier to bear. With hard works and determination as it has proven in the past, ASEAN will triumph in its journey to achieve lasting peace, stability,

and development. Long live ASEAN, Thank you very much