

AWC Annual Bazaar 2015

Welcome Remarks

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Honorable Chief Patron of the AWC, Ibu Jasmin Fachir;

Yang terhormat Ibu Ugi Pramono, President of the AWC;

Excellencies; Respected Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Selamat Pagi. A very good morning to all and let me join Ibu Jasmin and Ibu Ugi in warmly welcoming you to the ASEAN Hall.

The ASEAN Secretariat is indeed delighted to see this Hall as well as the lobby and function-rooms of the ASEC are full with friends, guests, and visitors thanks to the colorful Bazaar that the AWC is organizing today. On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to convey our congratulations to the AWC for another successful event that is done, as always, in style and unfailingly adds glamor to the otherwise hectic and formal routines of the Secretariat's life.

I would also like to commend the AWC for the tireless efforts to promote ASEAN values and spirit. Cultural diversity and richness are among ASEAN's main traits. They are the source of our collective strengths, the strands that bind our togetherness. We therefore applaud the AWC for

bringing to fore ASEAN's cultural richness. May the unique and beautiful crafts, fashions, and also sumptuous dishes from the various places across the Member States continue to remind us of our heritage and traditions that form the base of our ASEAN Way.

Foremost, we would like to express appreciations to the AWC for the worthy causes it champions through the activities it undertakes. In all occasions, we have witnessed the AWC made generous contributions through the fund raised from the various events organized. I believe the same goes for the present Bazaar. We thank the AWC for the generousities and unceasing outreach initiatives and we also thank all friends for their continued support to the AWC.

On that note, Excellencies, Ladies & Gentlemen, I wish you all an exciting Bazaar. Please do enjoy the hunting and shopping, and please do not forget to bargain hard!

Thank you.