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The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Copenhagen presents its compliments to the Danish Parliament and has the honour to inform the latter that the Indonesian Parliament - The Committee I of the Indonesian House of Regional Representatives - is planning a working visit to Denmark on 23 – 26 May 2012 in relation with their ongoing work on the Bill on Islands Provinces in Indonesia. The working areas of the Committee I covering issues relating to regional autonomy; housing, land, urban and rural affairs; politic, law and human rights issues.

In this regard, the Embassy would like to further convey the wish of the Committee I to have an exchange of views with the Rural Districts and Islands Committee of the Danish Parliament with the main objective to get the valuable inputs and experiences from the Danish Parliament, particularly in relevance with the Danish policies on the development of the islands region in Denmark particularly with regard to the economic, social and cultural development of the islands region.

The Embassy attached herewith brief information on the background and objectives of the working visit.

The Embassy would like to seek possible arrangement within the abovementioned dates with the Danish Parliament. The Embassy's contact persons for this matter is Mr. Yohannes Prasetyo or Mr. Akhmad Ridwan; tlp. 3962 4422; e-mail politik@kbricph.dk

The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Copenhagen avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Danish Parliament the assurances of its highest considerations.

Copenhagen, 27 April 2012

Danish Parliament,
Copenhagen - Denmark

Brief information on the background and the objectives of the working visit of Committee I of the Indonesian Parliament - House of Regional Representatives - to Denmark

23 – 26 May 2012

Background

The Committee I of the Indonesian House of Regional Representatives which covering issues relating to regional autonomy; housing, land, urban and rural affairs; politic, law and human rights issues, is preparing a draft bill on Provincial Islands in Indonesia.

The main background of the bill is the fact that Indonesia archipelago which consist of big islands and small islands still have a lag in the development of their small islands regions which usually have a larger territory of the sea than the land.

Economic development in the islands regions in Indonesia is still far from what it is expected. In this regard it is considered important to develop a regulations which based on an equal development paradigm toward both terrestrial and aquatic regions.

The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982 has given a substantially important economic benefit to the archipelagic states such as Indonesia and Denmark. Indonesia nowadays has undergoing a rapid development in their regional autonomy concept including the capital and regional nexus. Denmark is an archipelagic state which has a worldwide acknowledgement on its successful decentralization policy.

In this regard, to finalize the work on the proposed draft bill, the Committee I is conducting policy study visit to some countries which are considered success in managing their islands development in relation with the regional autonomy policy of the country, including Denmark.

The policy study visit is conducted in two forms of activities i.e. literature study and discussion / field study.

Objectives

Main objective of the study visit is to get input and experiences from Danish Parliament, Government, Local Authorities, Academician, and other Civil Societies which is covering the abovementioned issues. The committee would like to further study on the islands based regional management system to assess some aspects of the related Indonesian regional laws; the islands based regions planning and management mechanism (transparency and participation); sustainable islands based regions management system; and fiscal incentives policy and related independent institutions with regard to the islands based regions management.

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