

Press Release

Vice President Jusuf Kalla Projects a Further IDR 50 to 100 trillion Spend for Infrastructure Development

- **KADIN stresses its commitment to provide investor-friendly climate to allow more investors to come in**
- **Ministry of Communications and Informatics is bridging connectivity gap between Eastern and Western part of Indonesia using broadband and fiber optic, completed by 2018**
- **Ministry of Public Works and Housing is building more than 10,000 km new roads, along with 65 new dams with across the nation**

Jakarta, 4 November 2015 – Indonesia key stakeholders and business players once again gather at the country's most prominent infrastructure conference and exhibition, Indonesia Infrastructure Week 2015. Talking about the importance of infrastructure, **Vice President Jusuf Kalla** stated that "Infrastructure needs are unlimited. In the old days, we were proud that we had the Anyer-Panarukan road, but now, we only want more roads. In addition, we need more communications technology advancement, such as 3G. All of these are needed if we are to compete with our neighboring countries." Vice President Jusuf Kalla, also symbolically received a compilation vox-pop book titled "It's time to be heard" (Saatnya Didengar) presented by the University of Indonesia students. The book consists of answers from 4500 Indonesians from all walks of life across the country, where they conveyed their hopes and dreams on Indonesia's infrastructure at the opening ceremony of the third Indonesia Infrastructure Week, held on 4-6 November 2015 at Jakarta Convention Centre,. Also attending the opening ceremony were: Basuki Hadimuljono, Minister of Public Works and Housing; Rudiantara, Minister of Communications and Informatics; and Suryo Bambang Sulisto, Chairman of Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN)

"I encourage all stakeholders to cooperate and work together hand-in-hand to answer the growing demands of infrastructure. Every Indonesian needs good infrastructure and I project that the government will allocate another IDR 50 to 100 trillion on top the current IDR 100 trillion investment to meet the demand," the Vice President said.

Suryo Bambang Sulisto, Chairman of KADIN, said in his opening remarks, "Indonesia is spearheading its infrastructure development by rolling out four economy package policies, which shows the country's commitment to build an investor-friendly climate. I would like to convey the message to our investors that Indonesia is ready and fully committed to develop domestic infrastructure."

Infrastructure development comprises of key sectors such as maritime, seaports, transportation, power generation, water supply and waste management, manufacturing base expansion, and software infrastructure. In 2015, according to KADIN, there are 43 infrastructure projects funded by the private sector, amounting to USD 52 billion; and funded by the public sector amounting to USD 23 billion. “KADIN fully supports the public-private partnership scheme to ensure that implementation goes smoothly,” added Suryo.

Rudiantara, Minister of Communication and Informatics, said in his remarks at the conference, “Another important point to emphasize in infrastructure development is communication, technology and informatics (CTI). We are reframing 4G access which will be completed this December. We hope there will be no more connectivity gap between the West and the East once this is realised.” Indonesia’s CTI infrastructure is ranked fourth, after Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand. E-commerce development, the Minister said, is another point to address. Indonesian e-commerce will continue to increase and is projected to reach IDR 120 billion by 2020. The Minister also emphasized his focus on addressing tax concerns on e-commerce, with support from the Ministry of Finance and the Vice President’s office.

In addition, the Minister also spelled out his plans on increasing trade surplus through a policy which will allow Indonesian mobile handset components to be used for 4G mobile handset. “We are focusing on value-adding sector,” the Minister said.

At the same time, **Basuki Hadimuljono, the Minister of Public Works and Public Housing** also addressed his remarks emphasizing the importance of construction to go along with other sectors of infrastructure development. “We are rolling out construction projects in Papua and Kalimantan. We are completing the 4000 km Transpapua while building 7000 km road which will connect Aruk in West Kalimantan and Longidang in North Kalimantan. This massive project is set to be completed by 2018. This shows that we are committed to build Indonesia’s infrastructure and will continue to realize President Joko Widodo’s vision to unlock our country’s potential amidst the ASEAN economic market,” the Minister addressed.

In addition, the Minister also notes that the government is adding another 2600 km national roads, which included 1000 km toll roads to be completed by 2018. The government is also constructing an additional of 49 dams in the future, while also completing 16 dams that are still underway. In total, Indonesia will have 296 operational dams. “It is my wish that all stakeholders that have gathered here can work together and synergize to build our country,” he added.

The first day of Indonesia Infrastructure Week, was flooded with more than 4000 people, attending strategic conferences and visiting 200 exhibitors from various infrastructure sectors. The show continues for a further two days.



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About Indonesia Infrastructure Week 2015

Indonesia Infrastructure Week (IIW) 2015 is an annual event organized by Infrastructure Asia in collaboration with its partners. This year, IIW will be held in Jakarta Convention Centre in 4-6 November and will have four major industry sector exhibition and dialogue events:

- Indonesia International Infrastructure Conference and Exhibition (IIICE) 2015, hosted by KADIN Indonesia
- Konstruksi Indonesia (KI) 2015, hosted by Ministry of Public Works and Housing
- Airports and Aviation Indonesia (AAI) 2015, hosted by Masyarakat Transportasi Indonesia
- Connect Expo Comm Indonesia (CECI) 2015, hosted by Masyarakat Telematika Indonesia

Visitors to each of these events will automatically have access to all four events and can take part in a hosted buyer programme to meet with other business contacts.

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