

REMARKS
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REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AT THE OPENING OF THE 8th CO-OPERATION FORUM
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His Excellency Ambassador-At-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Singapore, Professor Tommy Koh,

Honorable Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport Republic of Singapore, Mrs. Josephine Teo,

Distinguished Head of Delegation of Singapore, Mr. Adrew Tan,

Distinguished Head of Delegation of Malaysia, Mr. Baharin Dato' Abdul Hamid

**Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,**

Very Good morning,

First of all, on behalf of delegation of the Republic of Indonesia, I would like to thank the Government of Singapore for hosting the 8th Cooperation Forum under the Cooperative Mechanism on Safety of Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore this year. We are very pleased to be here today to join this meeting in this beautiful and fascinating Island of Sentosa Singapore.

Furthermore, I would like also to express my sincere and highest appreciation to all delegations from the three Littoral States, representatives from International Organization, User States, Contributor States, and stakeholders who attend in this meeting.

**Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I just would like to highlight again on the important of this Co-operative Forum as one of the 3 (three) main pillars of Co-operative Mechanism that support the safety of navigation and marine environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

It has been eight years since the Co-operation Forum was established, ever since, the Mechanism becomes the most practical and effective framework for international shipping in the Straits. The three littoral States have been moving forward quickly and also showing their strong intention and determination to work closely in enhancing safety of navigation and marine environmental protection in the Straits under the Mechanism.

Furthermore, through this Mechanism, we had completed some Straits projects, and there are also some new projects which were proposed and continuously discussed in the last Cooperation Forum. Therefore, I do hope that, in this 8th Co-operation Forum, we could come up with optimal output to achieve the objectives of mutual concerns.

I also hope that the role of IMO as well as contributions from user states and related parties in order to realize safety of navigation and marine environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore on the basis of the principle of mutual commitment could further share their expertise and experience through this co-operation framework.

**Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

In this occasion, may I inform that under the New Government, Indonesia has set its vision to be the “global maritime fulcrum” in 2019. The vision reaffirms the importance of developing further maritime facilities, infrastructures, and deeper international cooperation to support safety, security and marine environmental protection.

On this note, I wish that all issues including the latest in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore of mutual concern could be best solved by strengthening our coordination and cooperation not only in this Forum but also in the implementation of the initiated projects to ensure that the Straits remain safe, open, and secure for shipping activities as well as environmentally protected in the future.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our colleagues from MPA Singapore who will be chairing this meeting, my full support to your chairmanship for this year's Cooperation Forum and wish the meeting successfully concluded.

I should once again thank you to Honorable Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport Republic of Singapore, Mrs. Josephine Teo, for her time to open this meeting, and to Honorable Ambassador-At-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Singapore, Mr. Tommy Koh, for his keynote address.

Thank you.

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