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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2022

Coordinating Minister for the Economy Airlangga Hartarto delivered a presentation during the Reflection on 2021 Achievements and the 2022 Economic Outlook at the office of the Coordinating Ministry for the Economy, Jakarta, Thursday (30/12). The government is targeting economic growth in 2022 of 5.2 percent, where the target depends on the handling of COVID-19 (PEN program) and various other factors.

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Working Group, Engagement Group Should Collaborate in DEWG G20

The Communication and Informatics Ministry, as the advocate for digital issues in the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG), calls on members of the Working Group and Engagement Group to collaborate during Indonesia's G20 Presidency.

"TO go hand-in-hand and support each other," Secretary General of the ministry Mira Tayyiba remarked in a statement here on Wednesday (29/12).

The ministry is committed to encouraging more efficient discussions on digital issues during the G20 Presidency. Three issues prioritized for deliberation at this forum are related to digital transformation, such as con-

nectivity and post-COVID-19 recovery; digital literacy and digital skills; and cross-border and trust-based free data flow.

The three issues were deemed crucial to address owing to a gap between the business sectors, both big and small businesses, and the old business mode. This is because there is no agreement in terms of data management. "On the other hand, we know that when we conduct

something, it is very likely that data exchange will occur, both within countries and between countries or what we call cross-border," Tayyiba pointed out.

The government aims to achieve three targets. With regard to the issue of digital connectivity, they expect a common understanding of digital connectivity, an improvement of the G20 Innovation League to become the G20 Innovation Network, and the creation of an anthology of practice on digital security issues as a prerequisite for the sustainability of business activities.

The ministry deemed human connectivity as crucial apart from physical connectivity in order to transform the G20 Innovation League to become the G20 Innovation Net-

work. "We do know, for instance, that MSMEs have been immensely helped by digital technology during the pandemic. The same goes for startups," she pointed out.

As for the second issue, digital literacy, the ministry expects that the DEWG could adopt the G20 Toolkit for Measuring Digital Skills and Digital Literacy, create anthologies and policy recommendations to garner vulnerable groups' participation in digital economy, and develop regulatory frameworks and best practices in digital literacy and skills.

Finally, for addressing the third issue, they expect the adoption of best practices for data management and policy recommendations for the use of digital identities. (*)

Visitors to Prambanan, Borobudur Ensured Safety, Comfort: TWC

VISITORS to Borobudur, Prambanan, and Ratu Boko are guaranteed safety and a sense of comfort during the Christmas 2021 and New Year 2022 holidays, according to state tourism company PT TWC. "Our current focus is on ensuring that visitors enjoy tourist destinations safely and comfortably through the good implementation of health protocols, readiness of the customer care team, cleanliness and security in the practice, and the new offers of tour packages," Director of Marketing and Services of PT TWC Hetty Herawati stated here on Thursday (30/12).

Herawati echoed PT TWC's commitment to being a model for managing tourism destinations based on the new normal situations post-pandemic. TWC, as the manager of cultural heritage tourism destinations, applies quality tourism as a form of adaptation in times of the pandemic. It also develops storytelling-based educational content and visitor-oriented experience.

TWC has launched a tour package that can be enjoyed by limited numbers of visitors, such as witnessing the sunrise with experiential breakfast on the Borobudur Dagi hill; jogging

and cycling at Borobudur Temple and Prambanan Temple; breakfast at Prambanan Temple; enjoying twilight snacks at Manohara Borobudur Restaurant; or watching the sunset at Ratu Boko.

In the last week of 2021, Borobudur, Prambanan, and Ratu Boko are open until 5 p.m. local time. Visitors can also enjoy the Andrawina Barbecue at Ratu Boko every Saturday afternoon while enjoying the beauty of Yogyakarta City from above. Moreover, the Ramayana Ballet and Roro Jonggrang performances are held every day from December 24, 2021, to January 1, 2022. "We also

offer golf and electric car services in the temples of Borobudur and Prambanan," Herawati stated.

Furthermore, TWC prepares for the G20 event next year during which the two world heritage destinations will be the venues.

With regard to the requisite health protocols, visitors are mandated to have received at least the first dose of vaccine and have installed the PeduliLindungi app on their respective mobile phones. Children under the age of 12 are allowed to enter in the company of vaccinated parents. (*)