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PRESIDENT JOKOWI CHECKS THE READINESS OF MANDALIKA MOTOGP

President Joko Widodo (center) accompanied by the Governor of NTB Zulkieflimansyah (left) while inspecting the Songgong roundabout park in Kuta Village, Pujut District, Praya, Central Lombok, NTB, Thursday (13/1). President Jokowi made a working visit to Mandalika Lombok to check readiness ahead of the MotoGP event.

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President Jokowi Swears in Three Envoys at State Palace

President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) swore in three extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassadors (LBBP) of the Republic of Indonesia to friendly countries at the State Palace here on Wednesday (12/1).

BASED on Presidential Decree (Keppres) No. 4/P of 2022 on Ambassador Installation, read by apparatus administration deputy of the State Secretary Ministry, Nanik Purwanti, at the ceremony, Sunarko has been installed as the Indonesian Ambassador to the

Republic of Sudan, and will be based in Khartoum. Two others are Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Agus Widjojo, and Fientje Maritje Suebu.

Widjojo who is now the Indonesian Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines is accredited to the Republic of Marshall Islands and the Republic of

Palau. He will be based in Manila; while Suebu has been appointed as the Indonesian Ambassador to New Zealand, accredited to Samoa, Tonga Kingdom, Cook Islands, and Niue, and will be based in Wellington. “(They have been) installed in Jakarta on January 11, 2022,” Purwanti announced.

After the reading of the presidential decree, President Widodo swore in the ambassadors.

“I swear and promise that to be appointed as an extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador, I will be loyal to

the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia and will implement laws and regulations as straight as possible for the sake of my charity to the nation and state,” they said while taking the oath.

“In conducting my duties, I will uphold the ethics of my position, work optimally and with full of responsibilities. I will work loyally with all orders and instructions given by the central government and I will faithfully fulfill all obligations entrusted to me as an extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador,” they added.(*)

Minister Optimistic MSMEs Bazaar at Mandalika MotoGP Runs Smoothly

COOPERATIVES and Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Teten Masduki is optimistic that the preparations of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to be involved at the 2022 Mandalika MotoGP would run smoothly.

Masduki expressed optimism that the racing event would promote the potential of local MSMEs around the Mandalika Special Economic Zone (SEZ), Central Lombok District, West Nusa Tenggara (NTB) Province, and help to boost their economy.

“Implementation of the 2022 Mandalika MotoGP was designed by President Joko Widodo to improve trade, tourism, and in-

vestment,” he remarked while reviewing the readiness of the bazaar points for MSMEs at the Mandalika SEZ, as quoted from a press statement here on Thursday (13/1).

Thus, Masduki emphasized that all stakeholders and the community must work towards making the international event a success, not only for the province but also for the MSMEs. Furthermore, the minister assessed that infrastructure development in NTB Province offered significant benefits for the local community, for instance, through the development of tourist villages, establishment of homestays, and improvements in the culinary sector.

Speaking in connection with the MSMEs exhibition, Masduki spoke of five areas of bazaar that had been readied by the state-owned Indonesia Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) as the developer and manager of the Mandalika SEZ. The five areas comprise the east parking area, west parking area, and three sites within the circuit area.

However, Masduki has yet to furnish details regarding the number of MSMEs to be involved in the event. “We will prepare an e-katalog (an online shopping app) comprising the MSMEs products promoted at the 2022 MotoGP,” he remarked.

Various MSMEs products, including culinary, handicrafts, bicycles, and electric motorcycles, will be featured. “Currently, we still have three months to prepare. I hope the event would be a success and be able to benefit all people,” the minister added.

In addition to the bazaar points, he reviewed the arrival and departure points at Lombok International Airport.

The 2022 Mandalika MotoGP will be held on March 18-20, 2022, at the Pertamina Mandalika International Street Circuit, Central Lombok District, West Nusa Tenggara (NTB) Province.(*)