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PRESIDENT EXPECTS SORGHUM TO BECOME AN ALTERNATIVE FOOD INGREDIENTS

President Joko Widodo accompanied by Cabinet Secretary Pramono Anung after planting seeds and observing the sorghum harvest in East Sumba Regency, NTT, Thursday (2/6). The President hopes that this plant can be an alternative food for the community.

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Indonesian President Calls on Youngsters to Apply Pancasila Values

President Joko Widodo has called on youngsters to implement.

PANCASILA'S values at the commemoration of the birth of Pancasila at the Pancasila Square, Ende District, East Nusa Tenggara. "From the City of Ende, I call on all Indonesian people everywhere to jointly involve and actualize the noble values of Pancasila in the life of the society, nation, and state," the president noted in his address at the Pancasila Square, Wednesday (1/6) morning.

Jokowi stated that Pancasila not only unites the

community but also becomes a guiding beacon when the nation faces problems. This has been proven several times in the course of the life of the nation and state when people practice the values of Pancasila as a moral basis. Ende is the historic city, where Indonesia's founding father Sukarno or popularly known as Bung Karno contemplated on and formulated Pancasila.

The president reminded the public to truly practice the values of Pancasila and fight for a

system of society, nationhood, and state based on these values. The head of state also urged bureaucrats to implement good governance that allows interactions among people. "This is our collective duty. It is the duty of all components of the nation to make Pancasila a working ideology, whose presence and benefits are felt by all Indonesian people," the president stated.

The head of state also noted that the COVID-19 pandemic still impacted the situation in the world that was experiencing energy, food, poverty, and war crises. Hence, Indonesia, which

holds the mandate of the 2022 G20 Presidency, calls on all developed countries to build a global health system that can face future crises. "Of course, we need healthy, humane, and fair governance," he stated.

The president also called on all government, religious, and community leaders, as well as other leaders to become role models in actualizing the values of Pancasila. "Let us strengthen the values of Pancasila to realize an advanced Indonesia and the ideals of the proclamation of independence," according to President Joko Widodo. (*)

Interview With Consul General Of The Republic Of Indonesia Mr. Deny W. Kurnia in Shanghai, May 2022

How do you see the role of this non-government association in playing in economic, social and cultural exchanges between China and Indonesia?

Mr. Deny. Kurnia : The former Indonesian Business Association in Shanghai (IBAS) is now transformed into Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (INACHAM) headed by Mr. Lily Sutikno. They currently have around 150 members and has been an important force in developing business linkages between Indonesia and China. Its membership covers whole of China while the organization is based in Shanghai.

Like other chambers from other countries present in Shanghai, the INACHAM has been a central figure that facilitates exchange of visits, cooperation with businesses in China and around the Yangtze River Delta region, as well as other kind of contacts with business groups and the diplomatic community in Shanghai. The achievement that we get as an "Indonesia incorporated" involving INACHAM and government establishments include a huge leap of Indonesia's trade value with Shanghai and neighboring provinces, which booked over 50% increase last year and continue to rise this year, INACHAM also contributed to the intensified G-to-G relationship. Exchange of visits between high rankings officials



the two countries are intensive, and so is the hotline communication at the top of the leadership.

Although it is a non-government association, but it has been working closely with local and Indonesian authorities. As Consul General of Indonesia in Shanghai, could you

give us more details which major areas the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia in Shanghai and IBAS work closely with each other?

Mr. Deny. Kurnia : Frequently, the Consulate and INACHAM may look like twin organizations. INACHAM would assist the Consulate whenever necessary in terms of promoting business relationship and exchange of business delegations. Together we conduct business forum or participate in various business forums in plenty of areas, including health sector, new and renewable energy, manufacturing, and agriculture. INACHAM would also be the important stakeholder when-

ever cultural exchanges are organized. Moreover, INACHAM and its members would always be the central stakeholders that participate in Indonesian trade and investment promotion, in and around Shanghai and beyond.

During this pandemic, especially recently Shanghai has been lock-downed for a short while and is now relax the policy gradually. What's your opinions for the Shanghai's economic recovery and development in the second half of this year?

Mr. Deny. Kurnia : I'm looking forward to seeing Shanghai quickly overcome the disease and geared towards much better performance post lockdown. The city has all of the ingredients and capacity to grow stronger as quickly as possible. In terms of relation with Indonesia, it could be more than optimistic. The first few months of 2022 bilateral trade, Shanghai and Indonesia has seen over 30% increase above last year's trade performance. Please note that last year was the time when Indonesia and China's trade increased by more than 50%. So you can imagine how exponential the rate of increase of bilateral trade is going to be. We look forward to a bright and optimistic future and this is also due to the progressing trend of the exchange of foreign direct investment between Indonesia and the region of East China.

More and more Chinese investors and business look forward toward opening and expanding their business in Indonesia, and vice-versa.

In which areas between Indonesia and Shanghai can cooperate and exchange in a deeper level in the near future?

Mr. Deny. Kurnia : Indonesia and Shanghai have both tremendous opportunity to expand cooperation beyond business and trade. Indonesia and China, as countries with rich background, may develop cultural programs such as traditional music and dances to promoted in both regions, including cooperation via museums and educational institutions. Furthermore, there is also a great potential to be promote tourism. Indonesia is one of the most favored tourism destinations in Southeast Asia, where it can offer any type of tourism, from budget to luxury, and from sightseeing to education, cultural, and commerce.

Not only known as a financial hub, the Greater Shanghai Metropolitan Area is also well known for its rich culture, both traditional and modern. The fact that Shanghai is a culturally attractive city has been proven by the number of visitors coming here, especially from Indonesia. We look forward to do a lot more collaboration in Shanghai. (*)