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## OPENING OF THE 2022 NATIONAL COORDINATION MEETING

President Joko Widodo gives directions at the opening of the 2022 National Coordination Meeting (Rakornas) for Inflation Control at the State Palace, Jakarta, Thursday (18/8).

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## Values of Constitution Become Foundation for Recovery, Revival: VP

**The principles, values, and goals contained in the Constitution are a solid foundation for Indonesia to recover and revive from the COVID-19 pandemic, Vice President Ma'ruf Amin stated.**

“AFTER the COVID-19 pandemic, the whole country is learning and trying to recover and rise stronger, so that a more solid order of life can be achieved again,” Amin remarked at the event to commemorate Constitution Day and the 77th Anniversary of the People’s Consultative Assembly (MPR

RI), Thursday (18/8).

At the commemorative event themed, “The Constitution as a Foundation for Indonesia’s Economic Revival Post-Pandemic,” the vice president accentuated the importance of formulating how the Constitution offers direction to the country’s economic

development.

According to Amin, Article 33 of the 1945 Constitution, both expressly and impliedly, becomes an economic guide, so that the spirit of collective economic activities through cooperatives can surpass the economic activities initiated by individuals.

He said the government has a significant role to play in controlling and managing natural resources as well as its varied crucial production in order to improve welfare and justice in society. “If Article 33 of the 1945 Constitution is implemented well, then economic development will not trigger the par-

adox between growth and equity,” he stated.

In order for the Constitution to serve as the foundation for post-pandemic economic revival, he emphasized that the regulations should prioritize justice and humanity.

He said the Constitution is a guide for the nation to build a stronger system post-pandemic that takes into account the aspirations of the people; prioritizes interests of the public, nation, and state above individual or group interests; and does justice to fellow Indonesians. “We must be able to let go of personal egos and group egos, so that we can fulfill the call of the country, nation, and state,” he affirmed. (\*)

## Indonesia Spice Up The World Promotes Bali Tourism

INDONESIAN spice products and processed foods were promoted to foreign tourists under the Indonesia Spice Up The World (ISUTW) program held at Bali’s I Gusti Ngurah Rai International Airport.

“We will introduce Indonesia Spice Up The World internationally. Bali, especially this airport, is the gateway to Indonesia if we want to introduce Indonesian cuisine,” Deputy for Tourism Products and Activity Organizers of the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy Rizki Handayani stated while attending

the activity here on Wednesday (17/8).

The ISUTW activity was held in the Food Galeria area of the Bali Airport International Terminal by targeting prospective passengers, who would depart from the island.

In its implementation, as many as five Indonesian culinary delicacies, such as chicken satay, meat rendang, nasi goreng (fried rice), chicken soto, and gado-gado, are offered and sold to departing passengers.

For every food purchase, they received a package containing spice products of various

Indonesian culinary delicacies. “It is right (to be held) at the departure terminal because we really expect this to be their last experience before they leave Indonesia, (so) they (depart with) good memories,” Handayani stated.

She explained that the ISUTW is a form of collaboration between the government, private sector, and the community. She said it can be held sustainably, based on the enthusiasm of buyers. “If people want to try, it is not free, and it turns out that the market is very good. I believe this can be continued,

maybe apart from the five main menus, we can develop other menus,” she remarked.

In addition to promoting Indonesian culinary specialties, the implementation of ISUTW is expected to help achieve the target export value of Indonesian spices and seasoning products of US\$2 billion and the target of opening four thousand Indonesian restaurants abroad by 2024. “Hence, how can the restaurants in Indonesia increase their sales, so that our seasoning production will also increase,” she said. (\*)