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## PRESIDENT JOKOWI VISITS JAILOLO POST OFFICE IN MALUKU

Presiden Jokowi mengunjungi Kantor Pos Jailolo setelah tiba di Lapangan Upacara Sasadulamo, Kabupaten Halmahera Barat, Maluku Utara, Rabu (28/9). Di Kantor Pos Jailolo, Presiden menyerahkan bantuan sosial bagi para penerima manfaat dan meminta agar bantuan tersebut digunakan untuk hal produktif.

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## Indonesia Clocked Highest Economic Growth Among G20 Members: Jokowi

**President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) highlighted that Indonesia recorded the highest economic growth among countries and regions of the G20 forum members, thereby indicative of the nation's continued recovery.**

“IF I was asked to estimate, the second quarter could grow 5.44 percent (year on year/yoy). Go try looking for other G20 countries that grew above five percent. We are the highest among the G20,” Jokowi stated while attending the 2023 economic presentation here, Thursday (29/9).

With this achievement, the head of state invited all parties to be optimistic about the promising trend of Indonesia's economic recovery. Despite the country facing uneasy global challenges, he insisted that there would be a way to overcome every problem.

“What we are facing is not easy, but we

must remain optimistic,” Jokowi affirmed.

He affirmed that currently, the global economic conditions were difficult. Developed countries also face economic challenges, such as food security problems, energy crises, and financial turmoil. However, Indonesia is still able to maintain its ongoing economic recovery. The recovery trend in Indonesia is still relatively strong, he said.

He highlighted several indicators of Indonesia's economic recovery in the form of state revenue that had grown by 49 percent, or Rp1.764 trillion, and tax revenue that had increased to 58 percent, or Rp1.171 trillion.

“Customs and excise revenues also grew to 30.5 percent, or Rp206 trillion, followed by the realization of Non-Tax State Revenue (PNBP) amounting to Rp386 trillion, or grew 38.9 percent,” he remarked.

In addition, consumer optimism is also high, as the Consumer Confidence Index (IKK) was recorded at 124.7. Bank credit has also grown to 10.7 percent, with Indonesia's trade balance having posted a surplus for 28 consecutive months, amounting to US\$5.7 billion. “This is a very big number, this is a surplus. Our manufacturing Prompt Manufacturing Index (PMI) is 51.7 above global,” he pointed out. (\*)

## TMII Ready to Host G20 Events in October: Ministry

THE Public Works and Public Housing Ministry has confirmed that the renovation of Beautiful Indonesia in Miniature Park (TMII), East Jakarta, is nearing completion and the park will be ready to host G20 events in October. “Next October, (TMII) will be used for G20 (activities),” Head of the G20 Infrastructure Development Acceleration

Task Force Achmad Gani Ghazaly Akman said on Wednesday (28/9).

Once the park's renovation is complete, it will be visited by heads of state and delegates during G20 events in Jakarta, he added. However, he did not disclose a timeline for the public opening as the authority is awaiting the completion of G20 activities at the park.

Earlier, Public Works and Public Housing Minister Basuki Hadimuljono had said that a more natural concept has been applied for the revitalization to make TMII a people's tourism park.

Further, in the archipelago park, the government has added miniatures of Miangas Island and Rote Island. It has also increased the number of pavilions representing each

province in Indonesia to 37.

The Tugu Api (fire monument), which was earlier surrounded by ceramics, will also be planted with grasses and legumes to highlight the natural concept of TMII.

The park's revitalization is in line with Indonesia's G20 presidency, and it will serve as one of the venues for the G20 Summit. (\*)