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President Jokowi distributes aid at Muntok Market, West Bangka Regency, Bangka Belitung Islands, Thursday (20/10).

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## Global Trust in Indonesia Shows Improvement: Jokowi

**President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) highlighted the increase in global confidence in Indonesia after the achievement of national economic growth and controlled domestic inflation in the midst of a disrupted global economy.**

**THE** president also stated that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) lauded the economy in the country by calling Indonesia a bright spot in the midst of the gloom of the world economy.

“The Managing Director of IMF, Kristalina Georgieva, said that, not us. The appraisal

would increase global trust in us,” Jokowi remarked while opening the 37th Indonesia Trade Expo in Tangerang District, Banten, Wednesday (19/10).

The economic achievement intended by Jokowi is the realization of Indonesia’s gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 5.44 per-

cent year on year (yoy) in the second quarter of 2022. Indonesia was able to achieve that in the midst of a global recession.

“We are one of the countries to have clocked the highest economic growth among the G20 countries and other countries,” the head of state remarked.

Jokowi also noted that the inflation rate was still under control in the second quarter at 4.9 percent and 4.6 percent in August 2022. However, Jokowi acknowledged that the increase in the price of fuel oil (BBM) caused inflation in September 2022 to increase to 5.9 percent.

Despite the increase, Indonesia’s inflation until September 2022 was still under control,

he remarked.

“Please compare our inflation with that of other countries, our growth with the economic growth of other countries,” he emphasized.

The head of state called on all parties to remain optimistic regarding the current economic conditions despite various international financial institutions having projected a decline in the 2022 and 2023 economies.

“International institutions say that this year is difficult and the next year will be dark. Our country must remain optimistic, but we must be vigilant and be careful because the storm is difficult to predict,” he added. (\*)

## Use of Appropriate Technology Fueling Optimism in Villages: Ministry

**THE** Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration Ministry has informed that the use of appropriate technology has led to villages looking at the future with more optimism.

“Technological innovation always acts as a spring, which makes countries, regions, and villages (advance) further, making the future (filled with) optimism,” the head of development and information at the ministry, Ivanovich Agusta, said at the “Nusantara Appropriate Technology Event” in Cirebon,

West Java, on Wednesday (19/10).

Currently, villages have succeeded in changing the innovation diffusion curve, he noted. During the 2017–2018 period, the village innovation project managed to compile the names of more than 20 thousand innovation-producing villages, which account for 29 percent of villages in the country. “The reality on the practice is definitely more than that,” he remarked.

Agusta said that villages have now succeeded in creating a vast opportunity for innovation

by improving their innovation ecosystem.

He further noted that Wednesday’s event had brought inventors and the market together. “Therefore, throughout the ‘Nusantara Appropriate Technology Event,’ a business meeting room will also be provided,” he said.

On the same occasion, Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions, and Transmigration Minister Abdul Halim Iskandar said that currently, there has been an increase in the use of appropriate technology in villages, both for agriculture, animal husbandry,

and aquaculture.

Thus, the use of appropriate technology could increase production and generate added value for people who live in villages, he added.

Iskandar said he expects the use of appropriate technology to enable rural communities to do their jobs. “Technology can facilitate and benefit the village community, as well as raise the awareness of villagers to use appropriate technology to create added value,” the minister added. (\*)