



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
INDONESIA CANADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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We are entering the year 2000 with optimism. Indonesia is experiencing the most difficult time in our Republic's history, but we are struggling to pass through it and we will march into the third Millennium with confidence.

Indonesia's bilateral relations with Canada have had ups and downs through the years, but we move forward positively. There is no better time to review our nearly 50 year relationship than at the end of this decade.

The Indonesia Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) was established to provide the means to enhance our bilateral economic and trade relations. Our programs cover promotion and encouragement of investment, trade and other economic activities.

In this commemorative book we highlight our bilateral achievements and plans for future endeavors. Most contributors to this book have some personal or professional commitment to the Canada-Indonesia relationship. For other articles, we have asked some noted Indonesian business leaders to share their experience as to how they met the severe business crisis and successfully worked through it. The lessons they have learned are important to record for future, but hopefully, lesser crises.

Canada and Indonesia are two great countries with excellent prospect for even greater economic relationship. We have to make efforts to double our present volume of trade within the next five years. We will boost our campaign to attract investment from Canada.

We treasure the excellent relationship with the Canadian Government and the Indonesian Government. This relationship is the foundation on which we will face the challenges and capture the opportunities of a new century - of a new millennium. ■

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