

AEROSPACE & REMOTE SENSING IN INDONESIA

Country Background

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Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago, consisting of about 13,680 islands stretching between the Indian and Pacific Oceans. The country has a land area of 1.9 million sq. km and a population of about 190 million, making Indonesia the fourth most populous country in the world. Over 60% of Indonesians live on the island of Java, which is the center of the nation's economic activity and where the capital, Jakarta, is located.

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Politically, Indonesia has been one of the most stable countries in South East Asia. President Suharto came to power in 1968. In March 1993, he was appointed for his sixth five year term. Early indications are that the new Cabinet will focus on improving economic efficiency to attract increased foreign investment. The Government will continue its drive to increase Indonesia's indigenous high technology capabilities while working toward alleviation of poverty through greater employment creation.