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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA



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Canada and Indonesia have always cooperated closely since the initiation of relations in 1953. Although there have been times when the two countries were not in full agreement on certain issues and on the basis of mutual respect and benefit, their relations have remained strong.

Today Indonesia is striving to become a society based on democratic principles and the rule of law. It is also exerting its utmost to achieve economic recovery. In these endeavors, the support of long-time friends such as Canada is very important. An increase in trade between Indonesia and Canada and a substantial increase of Canadian investment in Indonesia would be of great help in restoring the vigor of the Indonesian economy and help bring about social and political stability.

It is therefore our hope that the publication of "*Indonesia - Canada Into the New Millennium*" by the Indonesia Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) will achieve its objective to further awareness of Indonesia's potential as an economic partner to Canada.

I commend the Indonesia Canada Chamber of Commerce for launching this publication and wish it much success in its endeavors to promote the economic partnership between our two countries. ■

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