

By coming together in this symposium today, we chose not just to remain good friends but to become better friends; to broaden and deepen our partnership in the promotion of peace and prosperity - not only between our two countries and peoples but also in the world at large.

Indeed, we can say to one another: we became friends by virtue of history, history that was of our own making. Let us therefore continue to fill the pages of that history in the years ahead, imbued with the same spirit of common humanity and understanding that nourished the early beginnings of our long and historic friendship. To that end, we in Indonesia are devoutly committed.