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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

Selamat Pagi! (Good Morning!)

On behalf of Temasek Foundation, I am pleased to join all of you today in witnessing the launch of the training partnership between Indonesia's National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), Singapore's Civil Service College and Temasek Foundation.

2   Allow me to start by giving a brief introduction of Temasek Foundation. In May 2007, Temasek, a Singapore investment company, set up Temasek Foundation to support the human and social development of communities in Asia. We support programmes in the areas of health care, education, urban management, public administration, disaster-response capability, as well as programmes that promote positive networks of cooperation. We believe that by sharing and learning together, we grow as neighbours and friends, and Asia as a whole grows to be more connected and prosperous. To-date, the foundation has committed some $114 million US dollars towards 281 programmes across Asia.

3   As I mentioned earlier, one of the key areas that Temasek Foundation supports is building capabilities in Public Administration. Approximately 16% of our annual grants are channelled towards these programmes. Why is this important? As communities across Asia continue to develop rapidly, they need to have robust institutions of governance, regulatory frameworks and public policy capabilities will help to facilitate economic growth and development. Improving governance systems and institutions, including strengthening public sector capacity, is crucial to achieve this goal.

4   This training programme will be a platform for Singapore and some 114 Indonesian public sector leaders to interact and exchange ideas on strategies and concepts in the public sector innovation and change management. This will be done through a combination of workshops and discussions.

5   A key feature of all Temasek Foundation programmes is the "multiplier impact" of the training. To extend the benefits of the training, participants are encouraged to share their knowledge with their peers, to create a network of professionals who can work together to create change in their respective communities. In this programme, the 114 officials will share their experiences with 300 more senior officers. We hope this programme will be a catalyst in strengthening ties and people-to-people networks among the public sector officials from Singapore and Indonesia.

6   I would like to take this opportunity to express Temasek Foundation's appreciation. I would like to thank Dr Yuddy Chrisnandi, Minister for State Administrative and Bureaucratic Reform, Republic of Indonesia for taking time off your busy schedule and honouring us with your presence here today. Your support of the programme means a lot to us. I would also like to thank the National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA) and Civil Service College, Singapore, for your leadership and commitment towards the programme.

7   On a personal front, I am excited to have the opportunity to interact with the participants later this afternoon when I share my perspectives at the leadership dialogue session. I look forward to an engaging and enriching session. Thank you and I wish all the programme participants a meaningful learning journey.

8   Terima Kasih! (Thank you!)