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Jakarta 21 – Towards a sustainable world-class, transit-oriented metropolis

Jakarta 21: A joint initiative between the Bappeda of DKI-Jakarta, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, and Siemens AG to assist in mapping out the future development of the capital of Indonesia.

While Paris was the capital of the 19th century and New York was the capital of the 20th, most people believe that the capital of the 21st century will be an Asian metropolis. Can this be Jakarta? What needs to be done to transform Jakarta into a world-class metropolis that becomes a candidate for this prestigious title of honour? The answer for this interesting question has been provided today at a symposium held by the Jakarta 21 Initiative – a project that is supported and executed jointly by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and Siemens AG in close cooperation with the Bappeda of DKI Jakarta, Bappenas, and Infratrans (ITS) Consultancy Limited.

Almost two years after the commencement date, Indonesian and German city planners, architects, engineers and economists gather in Jakarta today to attend the final symposium of this exciting project. The objective of the Jakarta 21 Initiative is to provide strategic advice on development priorities for the capital city of Indonesia and on required performance levels in a broad array of criteria defining the quality of urban life.

To do this, Jakarta was benchmarked against world-class cities (like Paris and New York, labeled the “capitals” of the 19th and 20th century), and other, mainly Asian cities. The benchmark provides the background for a SWOT analysis (strength and weaknesses of today and the opportunities and threats of tomorrow), and forms the basis for proposing the most suitable direction for the future development of Jakarta. This direction is expressed by the sub-title of the initiative: towards a sustainable world-class, transit-oriented metropolis.

The initiative identifies priority action needs and an immediate action plan. It looks into the budget needs for developing Jakarta into a top performing metropolis by 2050, and runs through a portfolio optimization exercise to recommend most suitable budget allocations to the main areas of infrastructure development.

Recommendations and findings include:

- About 1.5 % of the national Gross Domestic Product needs to be spent annually to develop Jakarta into the world-class transit-oriented metropolis.
- This amount would not be spent for the development of Jakarta alone, but more than one third (38%) would benefit the development of the transportation infrastructure of Jakarta’s hinterlands and Java, including ports, airports, rails, and roads.
- This would facilitate that Jakarta can live up to the needs of Indonesia as the nation’s largest logistics hub and to cut the tremendous cost of logistics prevailing today.
“Jakarta has the potential to equalize with the world’s leading metropolis by 2050. This is not only a vision, this is a promising perspective if measures like those proposed by "Jakarta 21" would be realized “, says Mrs. Heidrun Tempel, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Sarwo Handhayani, Head of Bappeda DKI Jakarta, said: “DKI Jakarta warmly welcomes the advice of the Initiative and the support provided by GIZ and Siemens. We consider the results major contributions to the city’s long-term and strategic development planning as well as to the planned implementation of the transit-oriented development.”

“Due to its enchanting lifestyle, its unique culture, and its emerging role as a regional hub, Jakarta is one of the major metropolises of the 21st century. And it has all chances to transform into a city of excellence”, emphasized Mrs. Sabine Markert, GIZ Country Director for Indonesia and Timor Leste.

"Siemens is proud and honored to have a long-term business relationship in many areas in Indonesia and in the city of Jakarta. For us, supporting the Jakarta21 Project – as a joint initiative between BAPPEDA of DKI Jakarta, GIZ and Siemens – is a way to show our commitment as a good corporate citizen and support for Jakarta, the nation’s capital, by offering scientific and planning assistance for the development of the roadmap on how to transform and develop further to become a top performing, true world-class metropolis by mid of this century," stated Hans Peter Haesslein, President Director and CEO of PT Siemens Indonesia.

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The project “Jakarta 21” is part of the program for “Development Partnerships” (www.develoPPP.de) of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). In the framework of develoPPP.de the private sector and public actors carry out joint projects offering benefits for development policy and the economy in developing and transition countries as well as in emerging economies.

About Siemens
Siemens has long been an integral part of Indonesia’s technological and economic development, especially in the Industry, Energy and Healthcare Sectors. Today, around one-sixth of the power consumed in Indonesia is generated, transmitted, and distributed with Siemens technology. Siemens continues to provide the country with innovative technologies and solutions in the fields of energy, environment, healthcare, productivity, mobility, safety and security.

About GIZ
GIZ has been working in Indonesia since 1975 on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Technical cooperation with Indonesia dates back to 1958. The official partner on the Indonesian side is the National Development Planning Agency (Badan Perencanaan dan Pembangunan Nasional –BAPPENAS).

Resulting from the agreement concluded during the government negotiations in October 2007 with the Indonesian Government and following the changed role of Indonesia in a global and regional context, German-Indonesian Development Cooperation is currently concentrating on the following three priority areas:

Climate Change
In this sector, GIZ supports projects in the fields of Reduction of Greenhouse Gases in Cities and Industries, Forestry and Biodiversity as well as Renewable Energies.

Private Sector Development
To create jobs and income to reduce poverty in a sustainable way, GIZ-supported projects focus on Regional Economic Development, Vocational Education and Training and also Social Protection.

Good Governance / Decentralisation
Projects focusing on Decentralisation, Anti-Corruption, Population Administration and Women’s Civil Rights support decentralized structures at all levels of government in a coherent and systematic way.

GIZ Jakarta is also in charge for the technical cooperation with Timor-Leste and regional projects with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat.

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