



Prime Minister addresses the Indian diaspora in Jakarta

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in an Indian community reception in Jakarta today. On his arrival at the event, he was accorded a warm and enthusiastic welcome by a large gathering of members of the Indian diaspora and Indonesian friends of India. As a special gesture, H.E. Mr. Prabowo Subianto, President of the Republic of Indonesia, also joined the Prime Minister at the event.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister thanked the community for the vibrant welcome. Expressing his gratitude to President Prabowo for his gracious presence, Prime Minister called him a great leader and a true friend of India. He commended the Indian diaspora for its contribution to Indonesia's progress and prosperity and for serving as a living bridge of friendship between the two countries. He reiterated India's steadfast commitment to further deepen bilateral ties with Indonesia based on mutual trust, shared heritage and maritime connections. Highlighting ancient civilizational connections between the two countries, he noted that traditions such as Bali Yatra, Vesak pilgrimage and modern-day linkages through the Nalanda University continue to nurture the diverse and vibrant people-to-people ties.

Prime Minister highlighted the notable progress achieved by India in recent years, from next generation infrastructure development to start up revolution and significant expansion in social development programmes that has enabled over 250 million people to move out of poverty. He noted that India was the fastest growing major economy in the world for several years now, and this had made the country a key-driver of the global growth. He expressed that the changes happening in India should be seen as aspirations of 1.4 billion people in motion.

He called upon the community to contribute towards realizing the shared aspirations of Viksit Bharat 2047 and Indonesia Emas 2045. He further noted that India was committed to act as a force multiplier for bringing progress and prosperity in Indonesia and in the ASEAN region.

India and Indonesia share over two millennia of close civilizational, cultural and people-to-people ties. Today, Indonesia is home to approximately 150,000 Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and around 15,000 Non-Resident Indians (NRIs). The Indian community continues to make valuable contributions to Indonesia's economic growth and multicultural society and serves as valuable link between India and Indonesia.

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