

CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS
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Theme: Towards a Corrupt-Free Future: Strengthening Global Governance

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum warrahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

Peace be upon us.

- His Excellency **Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Azam bin Baki**, Chief Commissioner of Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)
- His Excellency **Kyaw Win Thein**, Commissioner of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Myanmar
- **Mr. Chyuan Yong Cheah**, Chairman of International Strategy Institute (ISI)
- All Distinguished Panelist and Participants

1. Good afternoon. It is a great pleasure and honor for me as the Commissioner of the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) Indonesia to be here today to deliver the closing address of this remarkable occasion, the World Anti-Corruption Conference (WACC).
2. First of all, I would like to extend a warm welcome from the Chairman of the KPK, Mr. Firlil Bahuri. He apologizes for being unable to attend this conference due to some circumstances, so in this opportunity, let me represent him to deliver the closing address on behalf of the KPK.
3. I would like to congratulate and express my appreciation to the International Strategy Institute (ISI) for successfully hosting this important event in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia.
4. I believe we are all gathered here with a common goal: to fight corruption, to create a corruption-free future. How can we achieve this goal? One of the efforts is to work

together to strengthen global governance, including to promote transparency and accountability,

5. As also mentioned in the theme of this conference, "**Towards a Corrupt-Free Future: Strengthening Global Governance**". It is crucial for us to be part of this important effort.
6. Therefore, it is imperative that we join forces and work together in the fight against corruption in all its forms and manifestations. The WACC has provided us with a valuable opportunity to exchange views, experiences and best practices on various aspects of the fight against corruption.
7. We can learn from each other's successes and challenges, as well as explored potential ways to cooperate and collaborate.
8. Next month, on December 9, we will celebrate the International Anti-Corruption Day. Here we call it Hakordia, which is an abbreviation of Hari Anti Korupsi Sedunia, in Bahasa Indonesia.
9. We must use this momentum to evaluate and improve our efforts in all aspects of the fight against corruption.

Excellencies and Distinguished Participants,

10. There are three important points that i would like to highlight in this important conference:
11. **First**, we recognize that challenges in combating corruption persist in particular if there is cross-borders of suspected corruptors and their illicit assets. **Therefore, International cooperation plays a critical role for addressing this challenges.**
12. We should all **commit to ensuring that corrupt individuals do not use our jurisdictions to conceal and transfer their illicit assets**, and no country should serve as a safe haven for the proceeds of corruption in other jurisdictions.
13. Differences in definitions of corruption should not obstruct our international cooperation, particularly when the case has already been established as a corruption case.
14. This will eventually assist other jurisdictions in tracing, freezing, seizing, confiscating and returning the illicit assets to their country of origin, as well as providing useful evidence in the investigation and prosecution process.

15. Without prejudice to other jurisdictions' domestic law and regulation, as well as the necessity of Mutual Legal Assistance, prompt response from other jurisdictions is critical to our law enforcement's ability to swiftly conclude the case, particularly when a corruption case is already being established and corruption suspects are being identified.
16. **Second, we should take this conference as a momentum, to reaffirm our commitment to combat** corruption, including to commit not to provide as a safe have to the corrupt actors including their corrupt assets and bring them to the law. This is trully a tangible regional cooperation for Indonesia.
17. and the **Third is** the importance consolidating the Beneficial Ownership (BO) information including the transparency as well as the importance of exchange of rapid information on individuals, illicit assets, and legal persons involved in suspected corrupt practices in the region. Imagine if we an integrated intellegence data and information from the law enforcement, this will bring a lot of benefit to the transnational corruption investigation.

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18. As we conclude this conference, I would like to urge all of us to keep the momentum and the spirit of this conference alive. Let us not forget what we have discussed and agreed upon here.
19. Let us follow up on our action plans and commitments. Let us maintain our communication and collaboration. And let us continue our work with greater passion and determination.
20. Let us remember that corruption will not be acceptable in any form. Corruption is a crime that harms our people and our planet. Corruption is a threat that undermines our development.
21. Therefore, let us not tolerate or compromise with any form of corruption. Let us not be discouraged or intimidated by corruption. Let us stand together in the fight against corruption.
22. Lastly, I would like to once again thank the International Strategy Institute for this opportunity, all the panelists and the participants. Please enjoy the rest of your stay in Jakarta. Thank you very much.

Wassalamualaikum warrahmatullahi wabarakatuh.