



To,

Mr. Suadi Zainal

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Dear,

Invitation to the Multi-stakeholders Forum: Support for Sustainable Positive Peace in Aceh, April 13 and 14, 2015, Oasis Atjeh Hotel, Jalan Tengku Imum Lueng Bata No.115, Banda Aceh, Aceh.

In regards to the above matter, it gives us great pleasure to invite you to the multi-stakeholders forum to discuss support for the promotion of sustainable positive in Aceh. This forum is organized by the IDRC Project on Post-War Peacebuilding and the Consortium for New Aceh, on April 13 and 14, 2015. The venue of the place is Hermes Hotel Banda Aceh.

This forum intends to bring together key members of the Acehnese intellectual community from various sectors to review the current situation in Aceh and to also discuss the issue of support for the attainment of sustainable positive peace in Aceh. Efforts are also being made to include as many key 'insider peacebuilders' as possible in this process as their present and future contributions in this process are crucial.

Specific objectives of the forum include the following:

1. Reviewing the current situation in Aceh and getting updates about the peace transformation process, including from multi-stakeholders groups
2. Focusing on several important dimensions of this process especially the governance structure, the role of civil society and 'insider peacebuilders' in this process, and the roles and contributions of women in peacebuilding and in this transformation process.
3. Looking at how to improve this peace transformation process towards the creation of a "New Aceh"
4. Getting updates especially from Nepal and Sri Lanka (and Myanmar) and discuss general lessons learnt for Aceh.

For more information, please refer to the tentative program attached. We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us in this very important forum. Your contribution is very important not only to this project but also to the attainment of sustainable positive peace in Aceh.

Yours Truly

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Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is awarded to:

Mr. Suadi Zainal

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*for being presenter at Multi-stakeholder Forum: Support for
Sustainable Positive Peace in Aceh
April 13 and 14, 2015
Banda Aceh, Oasis Atjeh Hotel*



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STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION OF ACEH GOVERNMENT IN THE POST AGREEMENT PERIOD



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BACKGROUND

- Aceh Conflict was resolved by dialogue-Peace Agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) in 15 August 2005
- Violence Conflict transformed into politic
- Aceh hoped been transformed into Self Government
- Law for Aceh was changed; UU NAD 2001 by UUPA 2006---
--Aceh is Special Autonomous Sub-state
- Aceh got much more of fund from Gov. of Indonesia.
- Aceh is The 7th Richest Province in Indonesia but also the poorest one and violence as daily phenomenon
- One of causes is rooted in structural transformation of Aceh Governance.
- One great mission of Aceh Gov. is Improving governance of Aceh Government through implementation and completion of the derivatives of UUPA to sustain lasting peace

MOU HELSINKI AND THE ACEH GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

1. Aceh will exercise authority within all sectors except in six; foreign affairs, external defence, national security, monetary and fiscal matters, justice and freedom of religion.
2. The policies of which belong to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia **in conformity with the Constitution**
3. International agreements, the decisions and administrative measures with regard to Aceh undertaken by Indonesia, **in consultation with and with the consent of Aceh.**

NEXT....

- The principles showed both parties had strong and good will to transform structure and governance of Aceh Government.
- MoU Helsinki must be interpreted by new law "Law on the Governing of Aceh (LoGA)"
- The third way of neither Autonomous nor Independent;Self Government?

LAW ON GOVERNING ACEH AND GOVERNMENT TRANSFORMATION

- The Principles of MoU was Translated into Law on Governing Aceh (LoGA)
- Aceh has the authority to regulate and implement government functions in all public sectors, except the authority of the central government....*national character*, foreign affairs, defense, security, justice, monetary affairs, national fiscal affairs and certain functions in the field of religion.
"in consultation with and with consent of Aceh" was changed "In consultation with and with considerations of Aceh"
- Aceh is the privileged province and given special authority to regulate and manage its own affairs and interests.....in accordance with the *legislation in the system and the principles of the Republic of Indonesia* based on the Constitution (UUD 1945)

NEXT....

- Former Governor of Aceh (Irwandi Yusuf), LoGA is a *very, very obscure stipulation*
- Suksi (2011) said *"It appears that Aceh is not vested with all authority within all sectors of public affairs, but rather Aceh exercises some authority in all sectors public affairs that are identified as the residual portion of authority outside of the enumerated powers of central government"*

IMPACT

- LoGA needs other regulation from Government of Indonesia to be implemented
- Decentralization (Autonomy) does not change structural relationship between Aceh and Indonesia
- Special Autonomy reconfirms asymmetrical relationship Aceh-Indonesia
- Authorities of GoI on Aceh is not limited on 6 affairs that agreed in MoU Helsinki
- Aceh has nothing authority "bold" (see GoI Regulation no. 3, 2015, section 4, from a till z and more..FF).
- Aceh's Privilege is only receive much more fund from Government of Indonesia

TRANSFORMATION OF ACEH GOVERNANCE INSTITUTION

- Main organizers of Aceh governance are Aceh Government and Aceh Parliament.
- Governance transformation extremely depend on reforms of both institutions.
- Electoral System: Direct election
 - Head of Government;
 - > National Political Party, Independent, Local Political Party
 - Legislature (Parliament);
 - > National and Local Political Party
- Former GAM members lead Aceh as Ruler and Legislator

EXECUTIVE REFORMS

- Downsized or merged Departments and agencies of government and then divided or expended
- The heads of agencies replaced or transferred
- Establish privileged organizations; Syari'at Department, Culture Assembly, Education Assembly
- Establish non structural organizations; eg. BP2A, Wali Nanggroe.
- Establish Governance Support System Tim; eg. TAPA , TAKPA, BP2KA
- Mainstreaming peacebuilding in development planning and Conducting conflict sensitivity training for heads of agencies and officers

PARLIAMENTARY REFORMS

- The number of legislators increased from 69 to 81
- In 2014, 1.259 candidates competed for 81 seats
- Single Local Party (PA) dominate Aceh Parliament.
- Female control 5.8 % (2012): 4 people of total 69 legislators and 9.72 % (2014): 12 people of total 81 legislators. Opportunity given is 30 %.
- Educational Qualifications:
 - Graduate of Senior High School Increased; from 23.19 % (2004-2009) to 37.68 % (2009-2014) to 44 % (2014-2019)
 - On contrary, Graduate of undergraduate decrease; from 69.57 % (2004-2009) to 46.38 % (2009-2014) to 41 % (2014-2019).