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INDONESIA AND THE NETHERLANDS STRENGTHEN COOPERATION IN RULE OF LAW AND SECURITY, 17-18 JANUARY 2018

Strengthening legal certainty, accountability of institutions, equal access to justice, discussing early marriage and cybercrime all contribute to the strengthening of the rule of law in Indonesia and the Netherlands. Because of their common legal DNA and long standing mutual collaboration, the Netherlands and Indonesia have a unique opportunity to learn from each other's experiences and contribute to strengthening the rule of law and its institutions in both countries.

The **Indonesia-Netherlands Rule of Law & Security Update 2018** will highlight the longstanding cooperation between the two countries and their institutions in the fields of rule of law and security, for example through capacity building of new judges, joint research, and technical training and exchanges. The objective of the meeting will be to further strengthen and develop mutual collaborations for the years to come. The meeting will take place on 17-18 January 2018 in Jakarta and will be attended by a wide range of Indonesian and Dutch participants, from the government, independent state institutions, academia, civil society organizations and other professionals.

Indonesian Supreme Court (*Mahkamah Agung*) Chief Justice Muhammad Hatta Ali said that the common legal roots of Dutch and Indonesian legal systems make collaboration not only important but also strategic. Further, an equal partnership between Indonesia and the Netherlands is necessary to improve the quality and effectiveness of the judicial apparatus. This opinion is echoed by the President of the Dutch Supreme Court (*Hoge Raad*) Maarten Feteris, who stated that: "Consistency of the case law is important for the wellbeing of the people and for the economic potential of a country. We are also glad to cooperate with the Mahkamah Agung during the next five years to further strengthen their chamber system."

Dutch-Indonesian collaboration in the fields of Rule of Law and Security go beyond the collaboration between the respective Supreme Courts. On Wednesday, January 17, 2018, the **Indonesia-Netherlands Rule of Law and Security Update** will hear from high-level officials from both countries on various aspects of rule of law and their legal cooperation. Among others: Presidential Chief of Staff Teten Masduki (tbc); Minister of National Development Planning/Head of BAPPENAS Prof. Dr. Bambang Brodjonegoro PhD; Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Dr. Susi Pudjiastuti, and representatives from the Netherlands' Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Supreme Court. Participants will share the priorities of both governments to advance Rule of Law cooperation in the fields of their respective portfolios.

The second day of the meeting will further discuss a variety of topics in 12 expert panels, from ensuring equal access to justice, preventing and combatting cybercrime, asset recovery and

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investment challenges, to name a few. The panel sessions will be followed by a discussion with the Head of the Indonesian Supreme Court (*Mahkamah Agung*) Prof. Dr. H. Muhammad Hatta Ali SH., MH., and the President of the Dutch Supreme Court (*Hoge Raad*) mr M.W.C. Feteris.

This two-day meeting is organized by a broad constituency of people and agencies, including the Working Group Indonesia Justice & Development of the Knowledge Platform Security and Rule of Law (KPSRL), including the Van Vollenhoven Institute – University of Leiden and the Centre for International Legal Cooperation (CILC) in the Netherlands; and Kemitraan - the Partnership for Governance Reform, Atma Jaya University, the University of Indonesia, Indonesian Institute for Independent Judiciary (LeIP), Nuffic Netherlands Education Support Office (NESO), and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) in Indonesia.

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