

Indonesian-Norwegian Society

“Getting Closer to the People”



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Background

The relation between Indonesia and Norway has never been far from the contribution of the civil society from both countries. In line with the well-established diplomatic relation between Indonesia and Norway, Indonesian-Norwegian civil society has played significant roles in strengthening the bilateral cooperation especially in terms of implementation. Nowadays in the new 'realm' of diplomacy, which social media and technology has played none but very significant role, the distance between Indonesia and Norway has no longer become burden but opportunities that need to be explored not just at the government level but also at the level of its civil society.



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12th Indonesia-Norway Human Rights Dialogue

Geographically, Indonesia and Norway are 10.945 kilometres apart. It has (had) never been in wildest diplomatic agenda of both countries that the cooperation has come into term of necessary in sense of completing/supporting what lacks of both sides. Both Norway and Indonesia also have similarities on some world issues and agendas such as: ocean economy, green economy, maritime and human rights, that is necessary to work with. Thus, the distance has no longer become a burden but opportunities.

In fact, there are already several Indonesians living across Norway and also Norwegians who live in Indonesia. At this point, they are asset for both countries in promoting and voicing the interest of both countries. Most of them have

emotional closeness that see the importance of bilateral cooperation between Indonesia and Norway that gives great hope in strengthening the cooperation. However without institutionalised organisation, their contribution has become limited due to lack of regular meeting and their could not be able to build up connection in wider scope especially people to people.

With no longer explanation, it is necessary to establish institutionalised organisation (association) that can cooperate with the well-established diplomacy of both of the government will have an expected outcome none else but strengthened cooperation between Indonesia and Norway.

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VISION

"Creating the work and sharing the visions among Indonesian-Norwegian civil society in strengthening bilateral cooperation by connecting people to people."

MISSION

- To promote and maintain the interest of Indonesian-Norwegian civil society in strengthening bilateral relations between Indonesia and Norway within in line of the governments' diplomacy.
- To become a centre for transfer of knowledge and sharing ideas in connecting people to people.
- To facilitate Indonesian-Norwegian civil society in giving inputs, sharing thoughts and suggestions to improve the governments' policy in strengthening the bilateral relations between Indonesia and Norway.
- To create programs and activities as the main forum for the development of Indonesian-Norwegian relations in business and trade, investment, academic, education, tourism, health, social service, and humanity.

EXPECTED RESULTS



The establishment of Indonesian-Norwegian Society will perhaps cooperate with the governments, especially in:

- Connecting the people in strengthening business and trade, investment, academic, education, tourism, health, social service, and humanity, between Indonesia and Norway.
- Creating program and activities in promoting entrepreneurship, encouraging business and trade from people to people and business to business, which includes annual meeting that may discuss thematic topics of discussion.
- Calling for seminars, discussions, exhibitions, and cultural performances that in the near future may create stronger bonds between Indonesians and Norwegians as it has similarities of being 'blue' (ocean economic and tourism) and being 'green' (green economy and its concern about the environment)



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GOAL

"The Indonesian-Norwegian Society is a non-profit and independent organisation voicing the interest of Indonesian-Norwegian Civil Society aimed to connect people to people that in the near future may cooperate with the governments to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two countries by creating programs, activities along with annual meeting and by giving suggestions and recommendations."

BLUE PRINT

- **Identification** of the board of supervisors and the executive boards.
- **Sharing views and ideas** of the body of the association.
- General discussion on **programs and activities**.
- **Establishment** of the *Indonesian Norwegian Society*.

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Thus it is expected that support from various parties, especially the government of both countries,
for the establishment of the Indonesian-Norwegian Society.

THANK YOU