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World Anti-Corruption Conference (WACC)

"Towards a Corrupt-Free Future: Strengthening Global Governance Together"

Jakarta, November 16, 2023 – The World Anti-Corruption Conference 2023 (WACC), held at the Royal Kuningan Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia, was a resounding success, bringing together global leaders, experts, and practitioners to deliberate on the theme "Towards a Corrupt-Free Future: Strengthening Global Governance Together."

The conference commenced with distinguished remarks from Datuk Seri Shamsun Baharin Mohd Jamil, the organizing chairman of WACC and retired Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), and opening keynote remarks by Tan. Sri. Dato' Sri. Haji Azam Bin Baki, Chief Commissioner of MACC.

Chief Commissioner Tan. Sri. Dato' Sri. Haji Azam Bin Baki delivered a keynote address announcing the upcoming launch of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2029 (NACS 2024-2029) by mid-2024. Emphasizing the need for effectiveness in preventing corruption and enhancing governance, he highlighted that 62% of the 115 initiatives under the expiring National Anti-Corruption Plan 2019-2023 (NACP 2019-2023) have been implemented, with the remaining to be considered in the new strategy. He stressed the importance of conferences like WACC, stating, "Conferences like WACC are crucial as each panel shares its experience and best practices in tackling corruption."

The conference featured four insightful panel discussions, each addressing key facets of anti-corruption efforts. In Panel Discussion 1, "Law Enforcement on Prevention and Persecution," representatives from Myanmar, South Korea, and Brunei underscored the importance of ethical conduct and interagency cooperation. Panel Discussion 2, titled "Strengthening Global Governance Mechanisms," brought together voices from Indonesia, Singapore, and Australia, examining the intricate relationship between effective global governance and national sovereignty.

Panel Discussion 3 focused on "Preventing the Misuse of Laws to Evade Accountability," where experts from Malaysia, the Philippines, and Cambodia explored the underlying causes, prevention methods, and the accountability of legal practitioners. The final panel, "Combating Government Corruption: Ensuring Accountability for Clean Governance," saw contributors from Thailand and Japan discuss the judiciary's crucial role in deterring and penalizing corruption. Each panel not only provided depth to the discourse but also highlighted diverse, global perspectives in the collective fight against corruption.

It concluded with remarks by Mr CY Cheah, Chairman of the International Strategy Institute (ISI), and closing keynote remarks by Dr Nurul Ghufon, Vice Chairman of the Republic of Indonesia's Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK). In Mr Cheah's closing speech, he mentioned, "WACC will be an annual event, and this conference will be conducted in different countries yearly to create awareness and combat corruption globally. Together, we can build a more transparent and accountable world."

WACC had a profound impact on society and relevant stakeholders. Bringing together global experts and leaders fostered a collaborative environment for sharing practical strategies and best practices in combatting corruption. The discussions and insights from the conference have strengthened the resolve of governments, legal entities, and civil organizations to enforce ethical governance and transparency. This event has not only heightened awareness about the nuances of corruption but also galvanized international cooperation, empowering participants to implement meaningful anti-corruption initiatives in their respective domains.

The one-day event witnessed active participation from nearly 200 delegates, comprising thought leaders, government officials, and experts from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of the world. The conference provided a platform for rich discussions and exchanging strategies to eradicate corruption globally.

Thanks to our supporting organization, the Anti-Bribery Anti-Corruption Center of Excellence (ABAC), and The Corruption Eradication Commission of the Republic of Indonesia (KPK) for attending this conference.

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