

Distinguished Participants, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

SelamatPagi/Good morning

On behalf of Mare Forum, I would like to welcome and thank you for participating in the 5th Maritime Indonesia conference titled again the next maritime Eldorado of the east.

This year the record of participation has again been broken as we are with around 200 registered top executives from Indonesia and abroad.

Leading Indonesian and international shipowners, CEOs from shipping, trading and brokerage companies, bankers, consultants and entrepreneurs, classification societies and journalists will all take an active part at this conference, in order to examine the opportunities and challenges which we may face over the future business prospect in Indonesia, and how to make the most of Indonesia's Maritime potential beneficial for all of us.

In our midst we have also Pak Edy Putra Irawady, Deputy Coordinator of Economic Ministries and I would especially like to thank Pak Edy Putra for his attendance at the very last minute.

This year we will concentrate on two main sessions which will be analyzed and discussed during the morning and afternoon:

In the morning we will discuss and try to give the answers to the following questions:

Looking five years back vs. five year ahead what has happened and what should be done?

What is the future of Maritime Indonesia?

In the afternoon we will discuss and try to give answers to the following questions:

Where are our banks? Are they still in shipfinance business?

Which foreign banks will stick with shipping?

Will we see new sources of finance?

Where will wise investors be putting their money?

What are the Investment Opportunities in Indonesia?

Should we see opportunities where others see problems?

Have your questions, comments and answers ready.
A very good selection of wise and smart speakers and discussion panelists will help to find and formulate the answers.

The audience participants are asked to participate actively too. Just to inform the new guests and remind the old: The Mare Forum formula is to stimulate discussion, provide constructive dialogue, and exchange ideas and visions about the future of our shipping industry.

Now I would like to thank our valuable sponsors and supporters of the conference:

RINA – ABS–T&T Salvage, Lloyd's Register, Germanischer Lloyd, Seafin, Orecoal, Blueship, Willis, ArpeniPratama, and the National Indonesian Shipowners' Association.

I would like to thank in particular the INSA for the very good cooperation with Mare Forum in order to make this conference again a great success.

The papers and presentations will be published during the next days on the Mare Forum internet site, from where they can be downloaded.

The conclusions and results will also be published on the Mare Forum site but will be also disseminated world wide to thousands all around the globe.

And finally,
I wish to all of you a very pleasant and constructive day.

I would like now to give the floor to the Chairman of the conference and chairman of the Indonesian National Shipowners Association and President Director of Andhika lines: Ms Carmelita Hartoto who will give the openings Keynote speech.

Ms Carmelita, thank you again for your support, the floor is yours.