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## **Welcome Address by Mrs. Titik Suparwati**

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Distinguished Guests, Speakers, and Participants, Good Morning!

Assalam. Wr.Wb.,

First of all, I'd like to welcome you all to the Exotic Island of Bali, the Island of Gods, many people say, and of course to this third Plenary Meeting on Regional Committee of United Nation Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific 2014. On behalf of Indonesian government, I'd like thank you all for giving us such important opportunity to host this meeting. Today's meeting is very important to us because since October 20th, 2014 we have our new government that will rule for the next five years. This is one of our commitments to all nations that Indonesia is one of countries that will always be active and neutral in any regional or international events that support peaceful activities of all kinds.

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Geospatial Information Agency (BIG) as the only agency authorized in managing basic geospatial information in Indonesia has put many efforts to other national or local government institutions to be aware that geospatial information is now not just tools for decision makings, but a soft infrastructure and a basis for any decision makings. The one map policy that was announced by Mr. Yudhoyono, our previous President, will be continued by our new President, Mr. Joko Widodo. Many efforts had been made for the last decade, and Indonesian government has also introduced the one map policy concept through many regional and international activities. It was and is still a challenge for us to understand and implement such policy. This policy requires every geospatial information produced by related institutions to fulfill one geo-reference system, one version, one standard, and one owner. This has produced such an important product where everyone has been waiting for "Ina-Geoportal". One of Indonesian representatives will demonstrate about this geoportal later.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I believe that we have all come here to view and to feel the same way as part of an international community, that geospatial information, like other issues such as disasters, science, sports, can create a language that can be understood by everyone, no matter where they come from and who they are. Accurate and reliable geospatial information can change our view about environment, society, and about how we manage our natural

resources, disasters, environment, and how we can plan our activities today's for our future generations. BIG offers a solution through a geospatial approach that includes integration of reference system and as a connecting node for exchanging geospatial data. Those will become a foundation for problem solving and also increasing the nation's economic growth.

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Indonesian disaster management has been utilizing geospatial information; and everyone agrees that this is not just a local or national issue, but often regional or international issues. Therefore, data sharing for disaster management amongst countries or nations is very important and should be raised up in this kind of activity for the sake of humanity.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank to UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat, VIP guests, International Organizations, and Participating Countries for making this event possible. I hope this meeting may increase our collaboration that is not only limited for disaster management, but further to other geospatial related activities, as part of the efforts to increase regional prosperity. Finally, again like sports, science, and disasters, this activity is expected to be able to unite nations for the sake of humanity, generating range of commitments and policies for all nations to build positive synergy in order to support and bring out peace, stability, cooperation, and collaboration in the region.

Thank you and have a nice stay in Bali.

Wass.Wr. Wb.