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Assalamu'alaikum Wr.Wb.

The Indonesian State Minister of Living Environment
The Ministers of Living Environment of the Neighboring
Countries
The Commander of the Territorial Military VI Tanjung
Pura.

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

First of all, on behalf of the government and the people of East Kalimantan, I welcome you all to Kota Beriman Balikpapan, and in this good opportunity I also

would like to extend my highest appreciation and gratitude ~~to the~~ and welcome to the Indonesian State Minister of Living Environment of The Republic of Indonesia with all Ministers of Neighboring Countries for their visiting to Kota Beriman Balikpapan East Kalimantan.

I would also like to take this opportunity to give the information to the excellency ^{we} about general picture of East Kalimantan as follow :

1. The Province of East Kalimantan is one of the relative new province comparing with those provinces in Java and Sumatera islands.
2. With total population which relative small , that is about 2,4 millions from the total number of the Indonesian population 185 millions, so this Province become one of the major object of the transmigration program in Indonesia.
3. Although the total population is small ,but as a part of the Indonesia in general this province is very active in implementing of the Family Planning Program until the remote villages.

Praise be to God (Alhamdulillah) this province has got special award from Mr. President Republic Of Indonesia as a success province in conducting the Family Planning Program.

4. Looking at economic potency, thus East Kalimantan is considered as a Province wich has the biggest natural resources and its natural resources just partly used for economic development for the welfare of the Indonesian society in general and particularly for the East Kalimantan society.
5. This province covers about 21 million hectares where about 17 million hectares (80 %) consists of forest either as a productive forest or the conservation forest like ; protected forest, forest within Bontang National Park.
6. For the guorantce of the continuation and the sustainable of the forestry , the Local Government has conducted various of program among others ;

- The program of Living Environment through the activity of training and education, followed by both the government employees and private from the regencies and municipalities within East Kalimantan.

This Program is one of the program which has got aid from the Government of the Germany (GTZ) in the form of cooperation.

- The project of clean river (Prokasi) is conducted through the observation and monitoring both to Industrial cesspool and the river itself.
- The rehabilitaion program of soil forest and water through the activity of reforestation dan planting with the HTI (Industrial Planting Forest)
- The integrated management of fund is conducted in the framework of effort to maintain the quality and the quantity and the age of water resources which is considered as an ecosystem of the fresh water.

7. Many of the international media from western got wrong and negative information about the forest management in Indonesia.

After they come and see by themselves the condition and the way of the forestry management implementing in East Kalimantan, then they changed their point of view to the positive perception.

8. In long dry season usually happen the forest fire in Kalimantan and Sumatera islands, I apologized if the smoke from the forest fire in East Kalimantan, make you in - neighboring countries in ASEAN region feel inconvenien.

Actually there is no one country in this world want part of its territorial damaged or destroyed like forest fire.

I want to call out or appeal for whether we could make cooperation for solving this forest fire as a part of our efforts toward environment problem.

9. Besides having the biggest forest potency with all the wood industries manufacture like plywood, veneer, Pulp and paper, MDf, Sawn Timber, and others wood products, East Kalimantan also own the richest natural resources in the field of : oil, coal, natural gas, gold and others. These natural resources partly has been exploited by the foreign enterprises (firms) from USA, France, Australia, South Korea, etcetera.
10. We certainly hope if the investors invest their capital in East Kalimantan also come from your country.
11. We realize that besides having good bureaucraction services, then the infrastructures among others like : electricity, clean water, telecommunication, transportation, hotels, hospital constitute as major elements for attracting the investors.

Therefore, the above infrastructures constitute as the first priority program for both the central government and local government in East Kalimantan.

Finally, on behalf of the provincial government and all the people in East Kalimantan I would like to apologize you for any inconveniences during your visiting in this region.

Wabillahittaufiq Walhidayah Wassalamu alaikum WR.Wb.

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