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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Assalamu'alaikum warrahmatullahi wabarakaatuh

Selamat pagi

Salam sejahtera untuk kita semuanya

Yang saya hormati

Bapak Ketua Komisi Yudisial,

Bapak Din Syamsuddin,

Bapak Bahtiar, serta Ketua Pemuda Muhammadiyah,

Para hadirin-hadirat yang saya hormati.

I welcome all of you here in Jakarta. We hope that your visit and conference of youth can be useful for everybody.

If we say interfaith, it means we are talking about all of religions, for they have similiairites. Muslims start it with "Assalamu'alaikum", meaning pray for peace for all of you, "Shalom" for christian, "Om swastiyastu" for hindus, and everybody at all religions. All religions pray for peace, but why the wars still come from conflicts and the others.

Today everywhere, you will see demonstration about Yerusalem. Everywhere in the world, Yerusalem is the place of many religions, especially Jewish and Christian there. But there are conflicts around Yerusalem, too. This is dilemma for us, very important to understand and I thank you for your coming here to discuss about peace and climate change.

If you see now on, I think that there are extreme cold in Europe, in US, but there are fire in a California. The climate extremely changes in many countries. The problem is the human themselves. Indonesia had one hundred fifteen million hectare of forests. Because there are three big tropical forests here in Indonesia and who destroyed the forest? The destroyers are not Indonesian, they come from Amerika, Japan, and Korea's companies who take our woods very cheaply and make great lose in the forests.

Beside tropical forests, there are problems in climate change related to emissions everywhere and everything. That's why you are here and hold this conference with many people. Many of your friends here in Indonesia hope that you will succeed. Succeed to implement our prayers, about peace. We hope that because many countries are now in conflict and conflict, bombing and bombing everywhere. The only thing, even there are intra-religions or between religions, there are problems in the world.

Jadi tentu, saya sekali lagi juga menyampaikan ucapan terima kasih kepada Anda semua yang hadir dari berbagai negara. Karena semua pertemuan itu tentu harus ditindaklanjuti dengan suatu tindakan.

There are many things that we can discuss. We can discuss intra values, we can discuss between religions, we can discuss climate change as you mention at the conference, but we do hope that the results can be implemented. If the world can be peaceful by seminar and conference the world will be full of so many conferences, so many meetings, so many discussions. Yet, implementation is the ultimate, that's why one says "how good your speech about what important depends on you say what you do". This is one thing which is so important to be implemented in what we discuss, to be implemented in our planning and togetherness.

That's why we hope in Indonesia, somehow we implement it. We have many cultures and religion, but we cooperate. I usually say the that from sixteen holidays here are religions day that turn into national holiday. Even for Buddhist which are less than one percent of population in Indonesia, we give one national holiday. Hindus and Chinese, too, Christian of course, and Muslim of course, but we unite in this system to make no discrimination among religions.

That's why I again thank you especially for you, but I say again, our conference is not important, unless we get what we will implement. There are big hope in the conference between the people to people. You as the young generation will replace the old one, it's important to be understood.

Thank you very much for your coming here, we hope that the conference will be successful.

Thank you.

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