

CHIEF OF THE INDONESIAN NAVY

**REMARKS BY CHIEF OF THE INDONESIAN NAVY
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ON THE OPENING CEREMONY OF
THE ASIA PACIFIC SUBMARINE CONFERENCE 2017
OCTOBER 25TH, 2017 IN SURABAYA**

- **CHIEFS OF APSC NAVY AND SUBMARINE RESCUE AND SAFETY ORGANISATION OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES,**
- **ALL DELEGATIONS OF THE APSC 2017,**
- **DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE,**
- **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.**

GOOD MORNING,

FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU ALL TO JOIN ME IN EXPRESSING OUR THANKS TO GOD ALMIGHTY FOR BLESSING US WITH THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY, SO WE CAN GATHER HERE TO ATTEND

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THE OPENING OF ASIA PACIFIC SUBMARINE CONFERENCE (APSC) 2017.

IN THIS OPPORTUNITY, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONVEY MY WARMEST WELCOME TO ALL DELEGATES. IT IS INDEED AN HONOR FOR ME TO OPEN THIS CONFERENCE. THESE THREE DAYS WILL BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY TO SHARE PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE REGARDING SUBMARINE RELATED MATTERS, BUT ALSO TO ENHANCE AND STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG US.

DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE,

THIS CONFERENCE IS HELD TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

FOSTERING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NAVIES OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE SUBMARINER BROTHERHOOD IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION.

ENHANCING COORDINATION AND COOPERATION, AT THE OPERATIONAL AND TACTICAL LEVEL IN SUBMARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION. THIS AIM IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT

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DEVELOPMENTS OF SUBMARINE EQUIPMENTS, EXERCISES, EVACUATION AND SAFETY PROCEDURES. LASTLY, THIS CONFERENCE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING, DEVELOPMENT, AGREEMENT, COOPERATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN SUBMARINE RESCUE AS A HUMANITARIAN ACT.

LOOKING BACK TO ITS BEGINNING, THE ASIA PACIFIC SUBMARINE CONFERENCE IS AN ANNUAL AGENDA TO UNITE SUBMARINE OFFICERS FROM ASIA-PACIFIC AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE FIRST APSC WAS HOSTED IN 2011 BY THE US NAVY. INITIALLY, THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AS A FORM OF DEEP CONCERNS OVER THE SUBMARINE ACCIDENTS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

THE CONCERN FOR SUBMARINE SAFETY REMAINS AS OUR COMMON INTEREST. THEREFORE, A DISCUSSION FORUM WILL ALSO BE HELD IN ORDER TO SHARE IDEAS, INFORMATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE REGARDING SUBMARINE RESCUE AND SAFETY ASPECTS TO ACHIEVE ZERO CASUALTY OR EVEN ZERO ACCIDENT IN ALL SUBMARINE OPERATIONS IN ASIA PACIFIC REGION.

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THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE, WE WILL BE ENGAGED IN IMPORTANT PRESENTATIONS, AND DISCUSSIONS ON TOPICS THAT ARE CURRENT, PERTINENT AND VITAL TO OUR COMMON INTEREST ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF SUBMARINE RESCUE AND SAFETY. I INVITE ALL OF US TO MAKE THE MOST OF THIS OPPORTUNITY, TO OPEN OUR MINDS, EXCHANGE AND WELCOME IDEAS AND VIEWPOINTS, SO THAT WE WILL COME TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON THE WAY FORWARD FOR APSC.

I HOPE THE RESULT OF THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL FOR US IN DEVELOPING OUR MULTILATERAL RELATIONS, ALSO IN ENHANCING RELATIONSHIP AMONG SUBMARINER.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ALL PARTICIPANTS,

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS CONFERENCE.

ALLOW ME TO NOW OFFICIALLY OPEN THE ASIA PACIFIC SUBMARINE CONFERENCE (APSC) 2017.

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**LET US PRAY THAT GOD ALMIGHTY WILL ALWAYS
BLESS US WITH HIS GUIDANCE IN SERVING OUR
COUNTRIES.**

THANK YOU.

**SURABAYA, 25 OCTOBER 2017
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