



**ARF SECURITY POLICY CONFERENCE (ASPC)  
SURABAYA, 8 JUNE 2011**

**Opening Remarks  
by Chairman of the ASPC by Secretary General of  
the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia**

**Distinguished Heads of the Delegations from ASPC  
member states,  
The Representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Assalamu'alaikum Wr. Wb,**

**Good morning and peace be upon us.**

**First and for most I would like to convey my  
warmest welcome and sincere gratitude to all  
delegates of the ARF and the Representatives of the  
ASEAN Secretariat who are attending the ASEAN  
Regional Forum Security Policy Conference (ASPC)  
today.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Since the seventh ASPC conducted in Viet Nam in 2010, we have seen a number of significant strategic developments in the world. In the field of security, we have witnessed the death of Al Qaeda leader, Osama bin Laden, the most wanted terrorist. His death has demonstrated the success of the war against terror and stricken the heart of the terrorist network**

**On the other hand, we have also noticed a political turmoil in North Africa and the Middle East. The political situation in the region has brought major security implications, not only in the region but also in a wider global scope.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Other equally important issues in the field of security are natural disasters which include the tsunami and earthquake taking place in Japan and the Tornado in the United States. Another relevant security issue which attracts the global attention is the increasing intensity of piracies and armed robbery at sea in the Somali Waters and the Gulf of Aden.**

**These issues have reaffirmed the need for a closer international cooperation in the field of security. In addition to the need for dialogues on the security issues, we also need to harmonise our perceptions and efforts to encounter these challenges.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Against this background, the ASPC would be an important forum for us to exchange views and discuss security issues that will become challenges for the ARF in the future.**

**I am fully convinced that your active participation and the full support of the ASEAN Secretariat, the APSC meeting will meet its objective.**

**To conclude my remarks, I hereby declare the official commencement of this ASPC..**

**Wassalamuallaikum Wr Wb.**