

**MESSAGE BY MR SETYADI ONGKOWIDJAJA, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF ADVISORS, IBC AT THE IBC 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE , 19 MAY 2007, AT RAFFLES TOWN CLUB, SINGAPORE**

Looking back over the last seven years, there has been much for the Indonesian Business Centre (IBC) to celebrate. Today, the Centre has more than 3,500 names in its database. It has grown tremendously from a mere 100 business contacts when it started in 2000.

The success of the Indonesian Business Centre, currently with membership which includes CEOs, diplomats, professionals, businessmen and representatives from various business associations in both Singapore and Indonesia, can be seen by the variety and quality of the activities organised in fulfilling its objectives.

In pursuit of this ideal, IBC has incorporated programs which encourage participation of Indonesians residing in Singapore in business networking, the arts, music, literature and education with their Singaporean counterparts. In addition to various business forums and business luncheons, IBC has organised regular cultural shows where we bring in cultural troupes from various Indonesian provinces to Singapore. Locally, we promote collaborations with other Indonesian organisations. As a result of our trade visit to Bandung in December last year, today we will witness the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between West Java Centre Board of Indonesian SME (KUKMI-Jabar) with IBC in bringing SMEs from both West Java and Singapore closer together.

We are delighted to welcome our distinguished guests from various Embassies, Chambers of Commerce and Business Associations to the IBC 7th Anniversary Ball this evening. To companies which have purchased dinner tables and booked table displays, thank you for your support. I am equally grateful to HE Mr Wardana for providing the message and advice.

Finally, my greatest appreciation goes to our co-sponsors who have contributed their time, effort, prizes and donations, in particular Lufthansa German Airlines, House of Indocafe, Frasers Hospitality Pte Ltd, Parkway Group Healthcare Pte Ltd, HelioAsia Pte Ltd, Expressions International (S) Pte Ltd, Indosat Singapore Pte Ltd, P T Bank Negara Indonesia (Persero) Tbk, CYC Shanghai Shirt Co Pte Ltd, Appetite-Asia, Saung Angklung Udjo Bandung, Batik Paoman Indramayu-Jabar, KUKMI-Jabar, Yayasan Radio Mara and Women Entrepreneur Association (IPPI). To Ibu Tetty Kadi, Bapak Bawono, Ibu Ernie Djohan, Mr Ali Alavi, Ms Tay Guek Peng, Bapak Osman, Ms Mabel Wong, as well as Lily Abraham, Maria Intan and Irena Josoeb, my special thanks to all of you for your untiring effort in assisting IBC. To all performers and musicians, thank you for your wonderful entertainment, so that all of us can enjoy our evening today.