

Appendix 1. Joko Widodo's English Translated Version of Inauguration Speech

“Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Peace be upon us.

Om Swastiastu,

Namo Buddhaya

Honorable Chairman and all members of the People Consultative Assembly
(MPR),

Your Excellency Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia,
Your Excellency Prof. Dr. BJ Habibie, the 3rd President of the Republic Indonesia,
Madame Megawati Soekarnoputri, the 5th President of the Republic Indonesia,
Mr. Try Sutrisno, the 6th Vice President of the Republic Indonesia, Mr. Hamzah

Haz, the 9th Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia,

Your Excellency Prof. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the 6th President of the
Republic of Indonesia, Prof. Dr. Boediono, the 11th Vice President of the
Republic of Indonesia,

Your Excellency head of states and governments as well as special envoys of
friendly countries,
Distinguished guests,
Fellow citizens,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have just been sworn under oath that has deep spiritual meaning, stressing a
commitment to work hard in achieving our common will as a big nation.

Now it is the time for us to unite our heart and hand. It is the time we continue the
next historical trials, which is absolutely hard, that is to achieve and realize
Indonesia's sovereignty in politics, self-reliance in economy and characterization
in culture.

I believe we could bear this historical task together with unity, mutual assistance
and hard work. Unity and mutual assistance are the prerequisite for us to become
a big nation. We will never become a big nation if we are trapped in disunity and
segregation. In addition, we will not be truly independent unless we work hard.

The government that I lead will work to assure everyone throughout the nation to
feel the presence of the public service. I also call for all the State Institutions to

work with the same spirit in carrying out their respective tasks and functions. I am convinced the State will be stronger and dignified if all state institutions work bearing the mandate as given by the Constitution.

I call for fishermen, laborers, farmers, meatballs traders, hawkers, drivers, academicians, teachers, Indonesian armed forces, the police, businessmen and professional circles to work hard, shoulder-to-shoulder and work in mutual assistance. This is a historical moment for us to move on and work.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We also want to be present among nations with respect, dignity and esteem. We want to be a nation that is able to work out its own civilization. A big nation which is creative and able to contribute its nobility to global civilization.

We have to do our utmost to regain Indonesia's status as a maritime state. Oceans, seas, straits and peninsulas are the future of our civilization. We have long been neglecting the sea, ocean, strait and peninsula.

Now it is the time for us to regain all so that the motto of our predecessors *Jalesveva Jayamahe, that in Sea we will be inglorious will echo again.*

My fellow citizens,

The great work to build our nation is impossible to be solely done by either the president, the vice president, or the government officials that I lead, but needs a collective supporting power, which derives from the unity of our nation.

The following 5 years to come will become a momentum to venture ourselves as an independent nation. Therefore work, work, and work is the most important aspect. I have faith that with hard work and mutual assistance, we shall be able to protect the whole people of Indonesia and the entire homeland of Indonesia, to advance general prosperity, to develop the nation's intellectual life, and to contribute to the implementation of a world order based on freedom, lasting peace and social justice.

My fellow citizens,

On behalf of the people and government of Indonesia, I would like to thank you and express my highest appreciation to Your Excellency head of states and governments as well as to special envoys from friendly countries.

I would like to reiterate that under the government that I lead, Indonesia, as the 3rd largest democratic country with the most populated number of Muslims in the world, as an archipelagic country, and also as the largest country in South-East Asia, will always carry out its independent and active foreign policy, which is devoted for our national interest, and contribute to the implementation of a world order based on freedom, lasting peace and social justice.

In this historic opportunity, allow me, on behalf of myself, on behalf of the Vice President Muhammad Jusuf Kalla and on behalf of the citizens of Indonesia to convey our gratitude and appreciation to Prof. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Prof. Dr. Boediono who have led the government for the past 5 years.

Distinguished guests,

To conclude this speech, I would like to call upon you all as fellow countrymen to recall what was expressed by the first president of the Republic of Indonesia, Bung Karno – that in order to build Indonesia as a big country, a powerful country, a prosperous country, a peaceful country – we must possess the spirit of a brave sailor who dares to sail the ocean and tidal waves.

As the Captain entrusted by the people, I would like to invite every citizen to board the ship of The Republic of Indonesia and sail towards the Great Indonesia. We will develop a sturdy sail. We will face all the storms and tidal waves in the oceans with our own powers. I will stand firm under the people's will and Constitution. May God always be willing to give His blessings upon all our efforts.

Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

God bless us

Om Shanti Shanti Shanti

Nammo Bhudaya

Merdeka !!!”