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Welcome Remarks

Governor of Bali I. Made Mangku Pastika

Your Excellency Minister for Manpower and Transmigration of the Republic of Indonesia,
The Honorable Secretary-General of the Asian Productivity Organization,
Honorable Heads of Delegations,
Distinguished Delegates, Ladies, and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the people of Bali as well as the Government of Bali, I would like to extend the warmest welcome to the “Island of Paradise” to His Excellency the Minister for Manpower and Transmigration of the Republic of Indonesia, heads of delegations, and all distinguished participants. I would like to thank sincerely the Organizing Committee and participants who have chosen Bali for the venue of this important meeting. I hope the beautiful nuance, peace, natural spirituality, and Balinese hospitality will give positive support to you to lead to a fruitful meeting.

I am very pleased that today we had a very constructive and enlightening meeting. We were honored to hear the views and thoughts from important experts who are going to establish experience sharing and networking with 80 delegates from 20 APO members and advisers/observers around the world. This meeting surely will have a good impact on Bali to enhance Balinese productivity since Bali is a world tourist destination and provides many occupations for job seekers. The Bali provincial government is very concerned about increasing the productivity of local human resources. Many programs have been implemented to enhance human resources in Bali, for the reason that Bali does not have any natural resources like other regions in Indonesia. We have to be able to develop a Balinese community that is innovative, creative, productive, and has a globally competitive character.

As an open island, Bali really needs a comprehensive development concept, including human resources, especially in the tourism sector. Bali does not have only local human resources, but also those from other provinces in Indonesia and even foreign human resources. On the

other hand, Bali's human resources also have the chance to work in companies abroad, especially on cruises. Certainly this will benefit the development of Bali and can be managed to create people's welfare.

In closing. I would like to welcome our guests to spend time in Bali and to enjoy its special charms, such as very interesting sightseeing on the "Island of the Gods." You can see festivals, dances, and enjoy Balinese music. Please enjoy the beautiful scenery in Bali and many unique cultural forms during you stay, and do not forget to look for Balinese handicrafts. This is a chance for you to see Bali as the Julia Roberts movie *Eat, Pray, Love* portrayed. I am convinced that the spectacular natural beauty, tradition, rich culture, and Balinese hospitality will make this event unforgettable. I wish you a successful meeting. Thank you very much.