



**SPEECH BY MR BENEDICT CHEONG, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AT THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES CEREMONY OF THE TEMASEK FOUNDATION - ITE EDUCATION SERVICES TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME IN SHIP BUILDING, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BATAM POLYTECHNIC, HELD ON 28 JULY 2015 AT THE ISTANA, SINGAPORE**

Your Excellency Joko Widodo,  
President of the Republic of Indonesia,  
and Mrs Iriana Joko Widodo

Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam,  
President of the Republic of Singapore,  
and Mrs Mary Tan

Our partners from the:

- Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs, Indonesia;
- Batam Polytechnic, Indonesia;
- Economic Development Board, Singapore, and
- Institute of Technical Education and ITE Education Services, Singapore;

Honoured Guests,

A very good evening to all of you.

We are honoured to have the presence of Your Excellency Joko Widodo and Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam this evening as we commemorate the partnership between Batam Polytechnic, ITE Education Services and Temasek Foundation on a capability-building programme in technical and vocational education and training (TVET for short). Thank you very much for gracing this occasion with your presence.

2            Responding to community needs, Temasek Foundation has supported **59** TVET capability-building programmes across Asia in the past **9** years. We have partnered with government agencies and technical institutes to foster knowledge-sharing on frameworks, curriculum and pedagogy.

3            Today, we commemorate one such partnership in a programme that focuses on Ship Building and Design, that was initiated by the Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs of Indonesia and the Economic Development Board of Singapore, and run by Batam Polytechnic and ITE Education Services, with support from Temasek Foundation. With the knowledge-sharing and exchange for training instructors for the maritime industry in the Batam, Bintan and Karimun region, the training courses for students in Ship Building and Design will be enhanced. I would like to especially thank the leaders and participants of Batam Polytechnic and ITE Education Services, for working hard to make this programme a success.

4            This evening, we acknowledge **3** leaders from Batam Polytechnic who are playing key roles in this programme. Mr Bambang Hendrawan leads the academic administration work to ensure the new Ship Building and Design course is rolled out. Mr Cahyo Budi Nugroho heads the Mechanical Engineering faculty where the course will be offered. Ms Nidia Yuniarsih, currently a lecturer in Mechanical Engineering, will lead the soon-to-be established department of Ship Building. We wish them continued success in their work.

5            Over the past **9** years, Temasek Foundation has supported **281** programmes across Asia, primarily in the areas of health care, education, public administration and urban management. Of these, **36** programmes are in Indonesia. Through our collaborations, we have built strong ties of friendships with education and health care institutions, government agencies, and non-government organisations in cities across Indonesia. We look forward to more of these meaningful and enriching opportunities for exchange and cooperation in the future.

6            Thank you.