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**Registration of The Bali Democracy Forum (BDF) IV is Extended  
to the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011**

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Indonesia will host the Bali Democracy Forum (BDF) IV on 8 - 9 December 2011 at Bali International Convention Center (BICC), Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia. The theme of the BDF IV is “Enhancing Democratic Participation in a Changing World: Responding to Democratic Voices”.

As the Forum was initially established and evolved since 2008, Indonesia views that it is inevitable to establish a regional forum on democracy which will contribute to the enlargement and intensification of dialogue as well as the growth of mutual understanding and appreciation among the nations of the region. In the long run, the forum will hopefully contribute to the cause of world peace and stability. The first Bali Democracy Forum in 2008 has placed democracy as a strategic agenda in the Asian region. The Second Bali Democracy Forum was held on 10 – 11 December 2009 in Nusa Dua, Bali with Japan as Co-Chair. While the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bali Democracy Forum convened on 9-10 December 2010 in Bali, Indonesia with the main theme “Democracy and the Promotion of Peace and Stability”.

As of 17 November 2011, six (6) Head of States/Governments have officially confirmed their attendance on the BDF IV: Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Sri Lanka, and East Timor. On Ministerial level, the Indonesian Government has received confirmation from 16 countries, both as participants and as observers: Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Fiji, Maldives Islands, Jordan, India, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Bahrain, Bosnia Herzegovina, Serbia, United Kingdom, Kenya, Nigeria, and Czech Republic.

The registration for participants and observers is extended to 1 December 2011. We encourage all participants and observers who have not confirmed their attendances and registered their delegations, to download the form available at <http://www.kemlu.go.id> and send the completed form to [bdf.indonesia@gmail.com](mailto:bdf.indonesia@gmail.com) no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011. Kindly enclose the completed form with Diplomatic Note listed all of Delegation members and softcopy of their photographs.

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