

PRESS RELEASE

Indonesia Eligible for Large-scale Grant Funding under the United States Millennium Challenge Corporation Program

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After a closed-door meeting of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Board of Directors, Indonesia was selected as eligible for large-scale grant funding under the United States MCC foreign assistance program.

The MCC Chief Executive Director, Ambassador John Danilovich conveyed his congratulations to Indonesia on its selection. He added: “Your commitment to good governance and dedication to promoting economic freedom and investing in your people has placed you among a select group of countries working diligently to reduce global poverty through sustainable economic solutions.”

“The people of Indonesia are thankful to the generosity of the people of the United States” added Ambassador Sudjadnan Parnohadiningrat. “The selection is another vote of confidence for Indonesia’s endeavor towards good governance, robust and dynamic democratic system and her coherent programs in reducing poverty, spurring economic growth and making business and investment climate friendlier,” said Ambassador Parnohadiningrat. There are many challenges ahead in Indonesia’s quest for reform; however, Ambassador Parnohadiningrat assures that the mechanisms are in place and working to ensure that economic policies are geared towards those goals and addressing the remaining challenges.

Currently Indonesia is working with the MCC to implement the \$55 million Threshold Program that aims to immunize at least 80 percent of children under the age of one for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis and 90 percent of all children for measles. In addition this program assists in Indonesia’s ongoing judiciary sector reform.

The MCC Board of Directors is composed of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Treasury, the U.S. Trade Representative, the Administrator of USAID, the CEO of MCC, and four private sector members appointed by the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate.

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