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## PRESS RELEASE

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### ***PRESIDENT SBY BEING CONFERRED AN HONORARY DEGREE***

The President of the Republic of Indonesia, ***Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono***, popularly known as ***President SBY***, will accept an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 12, 2005.

The ceremonial event will take place at the Loretto-Hilton Centre, St. Louis at 09.45 in the morning and will be attended by officials from the state of Missouri, corporate leaders and faculty, students; Indonesian delegation as well as officials from the Indonesian Missions in Washington DC and Chicago.

President SBY began his association with Webster University, when he pursued a degree in management while he was at the Military Academy at Fort Leavenworth, and trained at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. He graduated from Webster University in 1991 earning a Master Degree in Management.

In his statement, Webster University President, Mr. Richard S. Meyers, said that President SBY is in a remarkable position to change the world. His strong believe in the value of higher education is a message we definitely have in common, while the Dean of Webster University's School of Business and Technology, Mr. Benjamin Ola Akande, said that President SBY is seen as gradually translating the hope of the people of Indonesia into reality. He is a leader for all people who believe in the power of trust and accountability.

As the sixth President of the Republic of Indonesia, President SBY will be the second President of Indonesia who will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from one of many prestigious universities in the United States of America. The first was Indonesia's first President, Soekarno, who accepted honorary doctor of Laws degrees from University of Columbia and University of Michigan in May 1956.

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