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Dear Friends,

As the global pandemic is still on going, even though we all hope that life will get back to normal soon, most of the Embassy's activities have been moved into online format. Besides being active in social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube we would like to introduce to



the Indonesian audience more updates about Russia-Indonesia relations. Therefore, I am happy to announce that from now on the Embassy starts publishing its quarterly Newsletters. By reading these bulletins you, esteemed readers, may find some interesting information related to our bilateral cooperation in various spheres, such as political dialogue, trade and economy, military and military-technical cooperation, humanitarian ties, cultural events and many more.

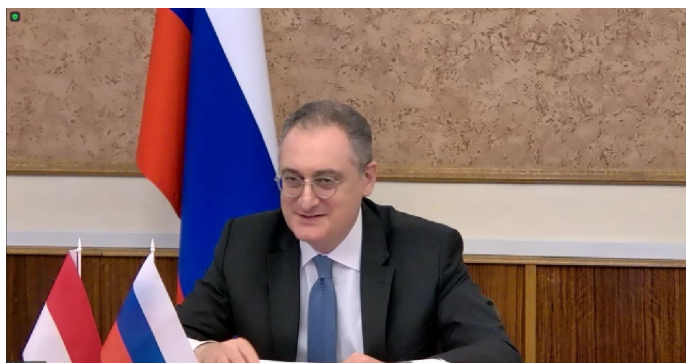
Today both our countries remain determined to further promote bilateral relation, which turned 70 years in 2020, towards the Strategic Partnership. I am convinced that given such positive spirit Russia-Indonesia cooperation will further develop year by year.

Taking this opportunity, let me wish you good health, happiness, success and prosperity.

Ambassador Lyudmila Vorobieva

• POLITICAL DIALOGUE

On March 3 the Bilateral Consultation meeting between Mr Igor Morgulov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, and Mr I Gede Ngurah Swajaya, Director General for American and European Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, was held in online format. The meeting discussed a wide range of issues, among them political and security cooperation, including follow up on the 70th Anniversary of diplomatic relations, inter-parliamentary cooperation, economic cooperation, fighting COVID-19, cultural and people-to-people contacts.



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On March 29, Ambassador Lyudmila Vorobieva met with I Gede Ngurah Swajaya, Director General for American and European Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia to discuss the outcome of the Bilateral Consultation held on March 3, 2021.

On March 31, Foreign Ministers of Russia and Indonesia Mr Sergey Lavrov and Mrs Retno Marsudi had a telephone conversation on current topics of Russia-Indonesia relations, including cooperation in the countering COVID-19 as well as the developments in Myanmar.



• TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION

On March 9 Ambassador Lyudmila Vorobieva met with Mr Muhammad Lutfi, Minister of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia. Discussed were actual issues of bilateral trade and economic cooperation, including joint projects in various fields, Indonesian palm oil access to the Russian market and negotiations between Eurasian Economic Commission and Indonesia on the joint feasibility study for EAEU-Indonesia FTA.



• TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION

On March 10 Eurasian Economic Commission and Indonesian Ministry of Trade held 2nd Meeting of joint feasibility study Group EAEU-Indonesia FTA.



On March 15 Trade Representative of Russia in Indonesia Mr Sergey Rossomakhov visited West Nusa Tenggara Province and paid a courtesy call to its Governor H. Zulkieflimansyah. During The parties discussed proposed cooperation between organizations and companies of West Nusa Tenggara and Russia in the field of renewable energy, infrastructure, pharmaceutical industry and medicine, agriculture and fisheries, shipbuilding, education and tourism.



• TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Russian-Indonesian online business forum "Digital Economy and Investment Opportunities in Tourism" organized by the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia and the Embassy of Indonesia in Russia was held on March 16. More than 100 companies and organizations took part in the event.

Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation Vladimir Ilichyov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Indonesia Lyudmila Vorobieva, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus Jose Tavares addressed the participants with their welcoming remarks.

During the forum, Trade Representative of Russia in Indonesia Sergei Rossomakhov delivered a report on the prospects for cooperation between Russia and Indonesia in the field of information technology.



• CULTURAL COOPERATION

On March 10 a grand ceremony of opening Yuri Gagarin's monument was held in Taman Mataram, South Jakarta. Russian Ambassador Lyudmila Vorobieva, Governor of Jakarta Special Capital Region Anies Rasyid Baswedan, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia Mahendra Siregar and Director General for American and European Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia I Gede Ngurah Swajaya attended the event. Sergey Cheremin, Moscow Government Minister, Head of the Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow, delivered by video his welcoming speech to the guest of the event.

This special occasion is a part of the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of establishment of the diplomatic relations between Russia and Indonesia, which was commemorated in 2020, as well as a sign of strengthening relations between Moscow and Jakarta, which since the year of 2006 are Sister Cities.

It is symbolic that this year we also commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the first human space flight. On April 12, 1961 Yuri Gagarin orbited the planet in the spacecraft "Vostok 1" and after 108 minutes of flight successfully returned back to the Earth.

In 1961, two months after the historical flight, President Soekarno during his visit to Moscow decorated Yuri Gagarin with one of Indonesia's highest orders of merits – the Order of the Star, 2nd class (Bintang Mahaputera Adipradana). Following this, the words "Sputnik", "Gagarin" as well as the name "Yury" became extremely popular in Indonesia.



• ENERGY COOPERATION

On February 5, Ambassador Lyudmila Vorobieva met with Mr Sugeng Suparwoto, Chairman of the VII Commission of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia. Among discussed issues were enhancing cooperation in the sphere of energy, including atomic and renewable. Chief of Mission informed Mr Sugeng about the results of Joint Russian-Indonesian Coordinating Committee on Atomic Energy that was held on December 14, 2020 as well as expressed interest in cooperation of Russian companies with Indonesian partners in the sphere of renewable energy.



• DEFENCE AND SECURITY COOPERATION

On March 25, Deputy Minister of Defence of the Russian Federation - Head of the Main Military-Political Directorate of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, Colonel-General Andrei Kartapolov, met with the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia Prabowo Subianto.

Colonel General Andrei Kartapolov noted positive trends in the development of mutually beneficial contacts between the military departments of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Indonesia.

During the conversation, the parties discussed the prospects for the development of military and military-technical cooperation and expressed a mutual disposition to further strengthen bilateral contacts in the defence sphere. They also noted the need to build up multilateral cooperation in the format of the Meeting of the Ministers of Defence of the ASEAN member states and dialogue partners (ADMM-Plus).



On March 18, Ambassador Lyudmila Vorobieva together with representative of the Ministry of Interior of the Russian Federation (Police) Dmitry Trushkin presented the Certificate on the accomplishment of the Training Course organized by the Ministry of Interior “Investigation of Drug-Related Crimes” to Investigator of Indonesia National Narcotics Board.



• TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY

On February 22, Russian Ambassador Lyudmila Vorobieva together with Military, Naval and Air Attache to the Embassy Sergey Zhevnovatyy visited Aceh Province to conduct a commemoration ceremony on the Russian sailor's grave Sergey Khokhlov in the cemetery in Sabang (Weh island).

During the event the opening ceremony of the Orthodox cross that had been installed before on the grave took place. Father Ilya Melnichenko also led a service.

Historical background: lieutenant of the battleship "Poltava" Sergey Khokhlov died due to the fatal accident on February 27, 1901 during the squadron passage of the Russian Empire's ship from Kronstadt to the Pacific Ocean.



• INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

On March 22, Russian Ambassador Lyudmila Vorobieva met with Bambang Soesatyo, Chairman of the People's Consultative Assembly of the Republic of Indonesia, to discuss issues related to fighting against COVID-19 and possibility of Sputnik V supplies to Indonesia.



On March 24, Russian Ambassador Lyudmila Vorobieva met with Adies Kadir, Chairman of Russian-Indonesian Parliamentary Friendship Group in the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia.

The meeting discussed issues of enhancing interparliamentary cooperation as well as strategic partnership between two countries in different spheres.


Ambassador Vorobieva appreciated the creation of Indonesian Parliamentary Friendship Group and expressed hope for convening virtual meeting between Russian and Indonesian colleagues during pandemic time and in person after the epidemiological situation is better.


Speaking about pandemic COVID-19 both sides agreed that all countries should have equal access to the vaccines.








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