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INTERFAITH DIALOGUE TOUR TO DENMARK

The Embassy of Denmark in Indonesia is in partnership with Wahid Foundation organising an Interfaith Dialogue Tour to Denmark on 20-24 March 2017. The tour aims to strengthen the bilateral and people-to-people relationship between Indonesia and Denmark, and to promote pluralism, inter-religious dialogue and tolerance.

The delegation consists of religious leaders, academics and grass roots representatives: Mrs. Yenny Wahid (Director of Wahid Foundation), Prof. Dr. Nasaruddin Umar (Grand Imam of Istiqlal Mosque), Dr Frans Magnis Suseno (Priest and Director of Driyarkara School of Philosophy), Mr. Yahya Cholil Staquf (General Secretary of the Nahdlatul Ulama Supreme Council), Dr. Abdul Mu'ti (Muhammadiyah Central Board Secretary), and Mrs. Sakdiyah Ma'ruf (stand-up comedian).

Director of Wahid Foundation, Ibu Yenny Wahid, says:

“I am very pleased that Denmark has suggested a partnership with us on interreligious dialogue. The purpose of the tour to Denmark is to facilitate dialogue and the building of understanding between countries, religions and cultures. The Wahid foundation was established to advance the development of a tolerant, multicultural society in Indonesia, and to expand values of democracy, peace and non-violence in Indonesia and throughout the world. I am personally highly committed to conduct interreligious dialogue between Indonesia and Denmark, and it is my expectation that we will both be able to learn from each other’s experiences and to build lasting friendships between our countries.”

Ambassador Casper Klynge says:

“Indonesia is an increasingly important partner for Denmark and our ambition is to strengthen and deepen our relationship across a wide range of areas. In a world where religion is unfortunately often used to fuel conflict, Indonesia is also an important voice on pluralism, religious tolerance and interfaith dialogue. I am therefore pleased that the upcoming visit to Denmark by a very prominent group of Indonesian representatives will facilitate people-to-people conversations through an exchange of viewpoints and experiences. The dialogue between individuals, groups and institutions will hopefully serve as inspiration for both the Danish and Indonesian stakeholders.”

Elements of the programme include public lectures at the Universities of Copenhagen and Aarhus; meetings with mayors, ministers and Members of Parliament, dialogue meetings with religious representatives from Denmark and academia; and visits to mosques and churches, including Denmark’s first mosque for women.

You can sign up for the public lecture at University of Aarhus on 20 March at 14:00 [here](#).

You can sign up for the public lecture at the University of Copenhagen on 23 March at 14:00 [here](#).



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