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Press Release

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF TAGORE'S VISIT TO INDONESIA

To mark the 90th anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore's visit to Indonesia, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi; Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia; University of Sarjanawiyata Tamansiswa, Yogyakarta; Puri Agung Maskerdam, Bali; and Embassy of Indonesia in New Delhi, are organizing a three day event on 16-18 September 2017 in Yogyakarta and Bali in Indonesia.

A seven member delegation, comprising scholars on Indian culture and on the life and works of Rabindranath Tagore led by Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Member of Parliament and former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, India, is in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, for participating in the event. The other member of Indian delegation are Ms. Supriya Roy, Mr. Sushobhan Adhikary, Ms. Bhaswati Bhattacharya, Ms. Srilekha Chatterjee, Dr. Bratindranath Chattopadhyaya, Prof. Sabujkoli Sen from Vishwabharati Shantiniketan and Tagore Research Centre India. From Indonesia, Prof. Iwan Pranoto, Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of Indonesia in India; Prof. H A R Tilaar a noted Historian; Prof. Ki Priyo Triasmo, an expert from University of Sarjanawiyata Tamansiswa and representatives of various other educational institutions participated in the event.

The International Colloquium on "Ideas of Tagore and Dewantara on Education, Culture and Nationalism" was held at University of Sarjanawiyata Tamansiswa, Yogyakarta. In his opening remarks, Mr. Hilmar Farid, Director General for Culture said that it is time for India and Indonesia to look at each other rather than looking at West in search of their identities. While delivering his

keynote address Dr. Nishank invited Indonesian side to Uttarakhand, India, for the next such event. Tagore envisioned the concept of 'Shantiniketan' and 'Gitanjali', his noble prize winning literary masterpiece, during his stay in Uttarakhand.

Mr. Makrand Shukla, Director of Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural Centre, Jakarta, who represented the Embassy of India in Jakarta, presented a special copy of "TAGORE - DAN MASA KANAK" a book by well known Indonesian author Ayu Utami, published with the support of ICCR, to the Indonesian delegation. The Bali segment of the event, which is scheduled for 18 September 2017, will showcase the cultural and literary traditions shared by India and Indonesia.

Rabindranath Tagore visited Surakarta, Yogyakarta, Bandung and Bali in Indonesia in 1927. His experiences of travel to these Indonesian cities are recounted in '*Java Jatrir Patra*'.



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