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Indian Mission to ASEAN and Embassy of India, Jakarta, in association with KADIN(Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and Invest India organised a panel discussion on **‘Digital Transformation and Digital Public Infrastructure for Enabling Economic Growth’** in Jakarta on 05 September 2023 as a part of the ASEAN-Indo-Pacific Forum(AIPF).

During its chairship of ASEAN, Indonesia convened the AIPF during 04-06 September 2023. Being a Comprehensive Strategic Partner of ASEAN, India supported the initiative as a Community Partner.

The event began with the keynote address by H.E. Mr. Jayant N. Khobragade, Ambassador of India to ASEAN, in which the Ambassador highlighted India’s achievements in creating Digital Public Infrastructure in India and dwelt upon possible cooperation between India and ASEAN. H.E. Mr. Sandeep Chakravorty, Ambassador of India to Indonesia and Timor-Leste, also spoke on the occasion.

This was followed by an engaging panel discussion with distinguished speakers from the field Mr. Debabrata Nayak, Chief Technology Officer, Digital India Corporation; Mr. Hazremi Hamid, ASEAN Secretariat; Amb. Gurjit Singh, Former Ambassador of India to various countries including Indonesia; Bpk Setiaji, Chief Digital Transformation Office of Ministry of Health, Government of Indonesia; and Mr. Rohit Sethi, Senior Principal, Kearney. The session was moderated by Ms. Sai Sudha Chandrasekaran, Vice President, Invest India.

The speakers highlighted India’s digital transformation by focussing upon Digital Public Infrastructure(DPI) which has not only empowered its citizens but also reshaped the nation's economic landscape. Some of these initiatives include Aadhar, Unified Payment Interface(UPI), Open Network for Digital Commerce(ONDC) and Digilocker which are collectively called ‘India Stack’. While highlighting similar initiatives in some ASEAN Member States, speakers emphasised that the

uniqueness of India's initiatives are affordability, interoperability and in-built aspects of privacy. The panel discussion concluded that more cooperation on DPI is a way forward for a better digital future for ASEAN and India which can ensure seamless cross-border digital connectivity and bring business and employment opportunities for the youth.

Ms. Sunaina Khanna, Assistant Vice President, Invest India presented on economic opportunities for businesses in India.

The event was highly appreciated by the attendees including representatives from various ASEAN Member States, apex commerce and industry bodies, business owners, start-ups and academia.

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