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Third International Day of Yoga Celebrations in Jakarta

The third International Day of Yoga (IDY) was celebrated with enthusiasm and fervour in Taman Menteng, Jakarta, Indonesia, today. Around 1500 persons of different age and professions came early in the morning to participate in the event. Despite Ramadan, yoga enthusiasts started queuing up at the venue around 5 am. The event started at 6:00 AM with Mr. Manish, Charge d'Affaires at the Embassy of India to Indonesia, thanking participants for coming in large number. He spoke briefly about Yoga, its origin, and how it can help in creating harmony between man, society and his environment. Ms. Eshila Maravanyika, Acting Director of United Nations Information Centre in Jakarta read out the message of the Secretary General of United Nations. It was followed by song on yoga rendered by music teacher and senior students of Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural Centre (JNICC), Jakarta. Thereafter, yoga instructors from JNICC and local yoga institutes, led about 1500 participants in performing a set of yoga protocol. The venue of the event wore festive look as large number of people gathered to celebrate the IDY.

Apart from large number of young Indonesians, several high ranking Indonesian officials, members of diplomatic missions and international bodies and Indian diaspora participated in the event. The Embassy partnered with local yoga groups in mobilizing participants and organizing this event. Prominent among them were Mr. Anjasmara Prasetya, Actor, Celebrity and Yoga instructor; The Art of Living Indonesia; Love Peace Yoga; Celebrity Fitness; Yoga Gembira; Gudang Gudang; Purinawa Yoga; BCA Yoga; Raga Yoga; Cibubur Yoga; and Yoga Dogether.

Mr. Manish, Charge d' Affaires, thanked all Yoga groups and their members for contributing to the success of this event. He also thanked Tata Group of Companies i.e. PT Tata Motors, Indonesia; PT Tata Consultancy Services, Indonesia; and PT Tata Power, Indonesia; who co-sponsored the event and Zee Television and Zee Bioskop, who helped in publicity of the event, for their support. Mr. Manish also expressed his gratitude to Ms. Eshila Maravanyika, Acting Director of United Nations Information Center in Jakarta for collaborating with the Embassy.

The Embassy of India granted scholarship to three Indonesian yoga enthusiasts, Ms. Mariana Sin, Ms. Ratnawati Azis and Ms. Khoirun Nisa, to undergo a 6-week Yoga Course at Swami Vivekanand Yoga Anusandhan Samsthana in Bengaluru under the aegis of ITEC, this year. All expenses on this course are borne by the Government of India.

The Embassy of India organized several pre-events during past months to create awareness about the IDY. The Embassy and its Consulates in Bali and Medan will organize Yoga events to celebrate the third International Day of Yoga in Bali at Renon Park, Denpasar, at 0600 hours on 18 June 2017; in Medan at Candrakusuma School, Cemara Boulevard at 0630 hours on 18 June 2017; and in Surabaya at Brawijaya Driving Range, Jl. Hayam Wuruk,

Surabaya, at 0530 hours on June 18, 2017. Embassy also organized a Yoga event today in Timor-Leste at 0630 hours at Cristo Rei, Dili.

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Mr. Manish, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of India, Jakarta addressing the participants of the 3rd International Day of Yoga



Ms. Eshila Maravanyika, Acting Director of United Nations Information Centre in Jakarta giving her remarks



Mr. Manish, Charge d' Affaires, Embassy of India with co-sponsors and yoga partners