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2017 EODB Survey: Indonesia Takes Over the Uppermost List of Top Reformers

Jakarta, 26 October 2016 – The toils of Indonesia’s government in boosting the rank of Ease of Doing Business (EODB) has finally filled the bill. The World Bank announced the result of the 2017 EODB survey (26/10) and released Indonesia as the uppermost country on Top Reformer list based on improvements made in starting a business, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, paying taxes, trading across borders and enforcing contracts.

The country’s ranking on the ease-of-doing-business index in the World Bank’s flagship annual report has jumped 15 places to 91st position, from the previous rank of 106. The survey’s result put Indonesia on the top – position country with seven indicators of reform that fixes at once. Kazakhstan, along with Indonesia which fixes the seven indicators, while other countries such as the United Arab Emirates, Kenya and Georgia, reform in five indicators, a position subsequently filled by Pakistan, Serbia and Bahrain which fix three indicators.

The Chairman of Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) Thomas Lembong (Tom) appreciated the positive results achieved from the deregulation carried out by the Government. "According to information obtained from colleagues at the World Bank, the significant jump within one year is by far the largest in the history of World Bank EODB rating spike," as he said in remarks to the official media, Wednesday (27/10).

Earlier, on a 2015 EODB survey that were announced in October 2014, Indonesia ranked at 114, moved up 8 places from a previous position of 122, then on 2016 EODB survey, Indonesia ranked at 106.

As stated by Tom, President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo’s concern towards the importance of the government to continue to pursue improvements and keep seeking the ease of doing business that is included in the XII economic policy package, is in a greater need of harder endeavours to make it succeed. "The commitment to provide the easiness will be carried out through a variety of deregulation policies," he continued.

According to Tom, the economic policy package volumes I-XIII which aims to deregulate and debureaucratize by simplifying procedures, accelerating time service licensing and cost reduction, arranging licenses through the establishment of an One – Door Integrated Service (PTSP) and licensing services through electronic systems (online), as well as law enforcement and business certainty to become an effective instrument in encouraging increase in the rankings. "Nowadays, the Government has issued 13 packages of policies and created a task force to implement these policy packages," he added.
Furthermore, BKPM Deputy of Investment Climate Development, Farah Ratnadewi Indriani added that Indonesia’s position as top reformers is a result of cooperation throughout the Ministries and Agencies, hence generated the positive impact on the rise of the rankings in seven indicators, "she said.

Farah added that for the future progress, she expects all the Ministries and Agencies can further enhance the coordination on improving all the indicators, as well socializing those advancements to the eye of the international world. "Closer coordination with all related Ministries and agencies including the local government is indeed a crucial factor."

Previously, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Darmin Nasution on 2 years of achievement Jokowi – JK Press Briefing, Tuesday (8/10) stated that the announcement of Indonesia EODB rank increase would be released on Wednesday (10/25). According to Darmin, the Government will prepare a package of economic policies vol. 14, and pursued the process of deregulation policies to continue improving the ease of doing business in Indonesia.

The Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs dedicated a specific website [http://eodb.ekon.go.id/](http://eodb.ekon.go.id/) to facilitate various ministries with deregulation task to convey all information related to improvements carried out by the Government. BKPM has consistenly continued to support every initiative undertaken by The Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, by socializing the policies to numerous stakeholders in Jakarta and Surabaya, which became the locus of the EODB survey conducted by the World Bank.

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