DECORATION CEREMONY OF
THE FIRST CLASS STAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AND
THE FIRST CLASS STAR OF SERVICES
AWARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA

12TH DECEMBER 1995

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THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
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NEW DELHI
INDONESIAN NATIONAL HONOURS
AWARDED TO:

1. PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU,
TO BE RECEIVED BY
SHRIMATI SONIA GANDHI

2. SHRI BIJU PATNAIK

3. SHRI MUHAMMAD YUNUS

4. SHRI P.R.S. MANI

PROGRAMME
DECORATION CEREMONY

11.00  - Cocktail
11.25  - Proceed to Ceremonial Hall
11.30  - Opening
11.32  - Reading of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Indonesia No.: 075/TK/TAHUN 1995 on Conferment of “BINTANG REPUBLIK INDONESIA ADIPURNA”, FIRST CLASS STAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA to PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA.
11.40  - Investiture of BINTANG REPUBLIK INDONESIA ADIPURNA, FIRST CLASS STAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, to PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, received by SHRIMATI SONIA GANDHI.
11.48  - Reading of the Decree of the President of Indonesia No.: 076/TK/TAHUN 1995 on Conferment of "BINTANG JASA UTAMA", FIRST CLASS STAR OF SERVICE to SHRI BIJU PATNAIK, SHRI MUHAMMAD YUNUS AND SHRI P.R.S. MANI.
11.53  - Investiture of BINTANG JASA UTAMA, FIRST CLASS STAR OF SERVICE, to:
- SHRI BIJU PATNAIK
- SHRI MUHAMMAD YUNUS
- SHRI P.R.S. MANI
12.00  - Speech by H.E. ADOLF SAHALA RAJAGUKGUK, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA TO INDIA.
12.10  - A few words by SMT. SONIA GANDHI to represent the Recipients of Indonesian National Honours.
12.20  - Felicitation to the Recipients of Indonesian National Honours by the Ambassador to be followed by the invitees.
12.30  - Luncheon
MERITORIOUS ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY PROMINENT INDIAN LEADERS TO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AFTER THE PROCLAMATION OF ITS INDEPENDENCE IN 1945

PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

In the critical years after the Proclamation of Indonesia’s Independence on August 17, 1945, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, as a prominent and outstanding Indian Leader, had provided full moral and diplomatic support to newly born Republic of Indonesia. This crucial support had strengthened the Indonesian national struggle to successfully thwart attempts by the Dutch Government to regain control over Indonesia.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru convened international conferences in support of Indonesia in April 1947 and in 1949 in New Delhi.

Under his leadership, India along with Burma and other newly independent countries persuaded the UN Security Council to intervene and resolve the conflict between Indonesia and the colonial Dutch Government.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK

Shri Biju Patnaik, a trained pilot, acted as an emissary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and flew several missions to Indonesia without caring for the Dutch military blockade.

One of his most notable missions was to fly Indonesia’s Vice-President, Dr. Mohammad Hatta, to New Delhi from Bukit Tinggi in West Sumatra. He also kept the Indonesia fighters in Yogyakatra supplied with medicines and other essential items. His VT-CLA aircraft was shot down by Dutch forces in Yogyakarta on July 29, 1948.

SHRI MUHAMMAD YUNUS

The veteran Indian Freedom fighter and a close associate of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Shri Muhammad Yunus was appointed to the post of first Indian Representative to Indonesia. Above all, he became a vital link of communications between President Soekarno, vice-President Mohammad Hatta and Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in supporting Indonesian national struggle to defend its independence during a very sensitive and crucial period of Indonesia.

SHRI P. R. S. MANI

Shri P. R. S. Mani, a war journalist, had actively covered and broadcast news of Indonesian struggle against the Dutch military forces to the international community.

Later, Shri P. R. S. Mani was appointed to be Indian Representative to Indonesia as successor to Shri Muhammad Yunus. He took part in the Afro-Asian Conference in New Delhi 1949 in support of Indonesian independence, and endeavoured to consolidate and deepen ties between India and Indonesia to their mutual benefit.
Indonesian National Motto:

Bhineka Tunggal Ika (Unity in Diversity)

Indonesian Youth Pledge of 28th October, 1928 in Jakarta:

Satu Nusa, Satu Bangsa, Satu Bahasa, Indonesia

"One Country, One Nation and One Language, Indonesia"

Message of General Soedirman, Indonesian National Hero:

"Bahwa kemerdekaan suatu negara yang didirikan diatas timbunan / runtuhan ribuan jiwa, harta benda dari rakyat dan bangsanya, tidak akan dapat dilenyapkan oleh siapapun."

(The independence of a country attained through the supreme sacrifice of blood, life and belongings of its people cannot be obliterated by anyone)