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Collaboration and Transformation, Keys to Economic Growth Amid Global Economic Downturn

Jakarta, February 13, 2024 – Indonesia's economy remains resilient amid global and local uncertainties. Collaboration and synergy between the banking sector, business community, and the government will be key in maintaining the momentum of economic growth in 2024.

During a recent Economic Outlook organized by Bloomberg Technoz entitled 'Indonesian Economy in the midst of Global Downturn', Chief Executive Officer of Citibank, N.A. (Citi Indonesia) Batara Sianturi, stated that Indonesia is among the nine G20 member countries holding elections this year. Despite the headwinds, Indonesia continued to demonstrate resilience.

“Our current account remains well-maintained at around -0.5% to -1% of GDP throughout 2023, which bodes well for the bond market. Further to this, our foreign exchange reserves are still highly robust, reaching \$146.4 billion USD by the end of December 2023. This allows Bank Indonesia the flexibility to intervene in the market. Not to mention, from a fiscal perspective, we have an estimated fiscal buffer of about 2.15% of GDP for FY2024. Lastly, the current real-yield of 10Y Indonesian Government Bond is quite favourable, estimated to exceed 3.5%, compared to other Asian peers (including India) which are estimated to be less than 3%. Therefore, we are now awaiting a potential interest rate cut from The Fed to realize a conducive condition for the domestic bond market.”

Addressing the impact of the elections, Batara mentioned that investment loans may experience a delay of 1-2 quarters as corporates await the the unfolding political landscape. Bank Indonesia projected that credit will grow 10-12% in 2024.

During the same occasion, Senior Deputy Governor of Bank Indonesia, Destry Damayanti, is optimistic that Indonesia's economy in 2024 will continue to grow within the range of 4.7-5.5%. Indonesia stands out as one of the few countries experiencing growth above 5%. We are fortunate to have a robust consumption, improving investments, and a positive net export performance.”

In an effort to maintain national financial stability, Destry emphasized that Bank Indonesia will employ a mix of monetary policy, macroprudential policy, and payment system policy. BI continues to synergize, working alongside the government in our National Inflation Control Movement. “Despite the ongoing global uncertainty, we have a resilient economy which provide us with ample room for growth in 2024 and 2025. Collaboration across ministries, other institutions, and the private sector are pivotal. Let's continue to invest, consume, and engage in business activities, as part of our collective efforts to develop our economy,” added Destry



In the banking sector, Bank Indonesia records a double-digit credit distribution at the end of 2023, with credit growth reaching approximately 10.4%. When examining the types of credit, investment credit and working capital credit dominate. This indicates that these two types of credit reflect economic activities that are still on the rise.

Other speakers present during the event include CEO of Schroders Indonesia Michael Tjoajadi, Senior Economist at the World Bank Indira Maulani Hapsari, Executive Director of JP Morgan Indonesia Henry Wibowo, President Director of BTN Nixon Napitupulu, Senior Economist at INDEF Faisal Basri, CEO & President Director of Manulife Asset Management Indonesia (MAMI) Afifa, Head of Indonesia Corporates at Fitch Ratings Olly Prayudi, Senior Researcher at BRIN Lili Romli, Senior Economist at UOB Indonesia Enrico Tanuwidjaja, Acting Chairman of Kadin Indonesia Yukki Nugrahawan, and Chairman of HIPMI Akbar Himawan Buchari.

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