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**Excellences,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatallahi wa barakatuh !

It is a great honor for me to participate in this dear ceremony, the 40th Anniversary of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). This historic event is very much dear to my heart and I am sure to many hearts all over the world, particularly in my country Indonesia.

Forty years have passed since the inception of the Bank, and here I want to salute the place of the Two Holy Mosques, kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the host country, for its historic role in establishing the Bank and in continuously supporting it, and also for encouraging other Islamic countries to support the Bank.

IDB had started with a humble but very determined beginning. It has supported the social and economic development of its member countries, and it has walked hand-in-hand with its membership countries in hard and good times on the road toward prosperity and growth. IDB has supported their economic growth and facilitated the building of sound and reliable social fabrics for the benefit of all societal sectors and communities, particularly in pluralistic societies.

40 years passed but they were full of achievements by IDB. 40 years through which IDB has evolved to become a major player and strong advocate for the development of its member countries and Muslim communities around the world. It has become therefore a trusted and reliable partner of other international financial institutions and the UN agencies. What a great success story for the Muslim Ummah, a success story that we are all proud to tell and boast about. A success story that demonstrates its achievements and contributions to humanity, so convincingly despite the prevailing negativity and phobia.

Because of its impressive record and achievements, IDB became more relevant to its membership countries. I therefore salute and congratulate the leadership and staff of IDB, particularly our beloved and dear brother Dr. Ahmed Muhammed Ali for his un-matched dedication and devotion and his visionary leadership. Congratulations to all of us on this happy moment of the 40th anniversary of our institution- the IDB - which we are all proud of.

Thank you and

Wssalamu alaikum wa rahmatallahi wa barakatuh !