



Ikatan Akuntan Indonesia (IAI) hosted the *Kongres XIII IAI* (Kongres), a three-day event (11-13 December 2018) consisted of a two-day international seminar and the Institute's four-yearly general meeting, including election of IAI's President and members of the National Council for the period of 2018-2022. The event is also a celebration of the Institute's 61st anniversary.



Supported by AFA, the event was officially opened by the President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Ir. Joko Widodo (Jokowi), at the Presidential Palace in Jakarta. Jokowi in his speech highlighted the important role of accountants in supporting Government's aspiration and initiative to establish an efficient, economic, agile, and accountable reporting system. He also recognised the

need for professional certification for the profession, as a mean of standardisation and preparation of Indonesian accountants in competing regionally and globally.

The Kongres took the theme of inclusive role of the accountancy profession towards SDGs 2030, highlighting the profession's vision to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs in 2030. Further acknowledging the importance for the profession to adapt to changes, the seminar focused on the theme of beyond 2030, embracing revolutionary changes of global environment.

Continuing with the trend of IFAC President participating in major event of the Institute (Rachel Grimes in 2017 and Olivia Kirtley in 2015), newly appointed President, Dr In-Ki Joo, participated in the seminar and shared his thoughts in front of more than 1,500 accountants from all over Indonesia, in addition to guests from the ASEAN region

and global accountancy bodies. Dr Joo and Russell Guthrie (Executive Director, External Affairs and Chief Financial Officer) also participated in IAI Aspiring Professional Accountants (APA) Event, aspiring more than 250 accounting students from universities all over Indonesia.



Among the key speakers participating in and contributing to the seminar were:

- 1) Ignasius Jonan (Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Republic of Indonesia);
- 2) Prof M. Nasir (Minister of Research, Technology, and Higher Education of the Republic of Indonesia);
- 3) Agus Joko Pramono (Member, The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia); and
- 4) Robert Pakpahan (Director General of Taxes, Directorate General of Tax of the Republic of Indonesia).



Representatives of ICAEW, CIMA, ACCA, CPA Australia, World Bank Group, state-owned enterprises, and major private entities were also in attendance.

The speakers discussed topics such as the role of accountants in the era of business disruptions, contemporary issues of IFRS-based Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards, protecting public interest and building prosperity, and ethics and professional integrity in building the nation.

At the IAI general meeting, more than 1,000 IAI members casted their vote to elect the President and member of the IAI National Council, for the period of 2018-2022. Prof Mardiasmo has been re-elected as the President of the National Council, with 15 accountants representing academicians, public sector, practicing accountants, and Government institutions forming the new IAI National Council.

AFA is looking forward to strengthening our cooperation with IAI.
