

PUBLIC LECTURE



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Time: 5.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Seminar Room 3-1, Level 3
Manasseh Meyer Building
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SYSTEMIC GOVERNANCE BREAKTHROUGHS

Building Aceh-Nias Back Better: The 10 Management Lessons for Host Governments Coordinating Post-disaster Reconstruction

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono appointed Pak Kuntoro, as he was popularly addressed, as the Chief Executive Officer of BRR NAD-Nias - the government agency in charge of rehabilitation and reconstruction of Aceh Province post-tsunami of December 2004 and Nias islands post-earthquake of March 2005. The 4-year mandate, from April 2005-April 2009, that Pak Kuntoro received from the President was to build back better Aceh and Nias. Pak Kuntoro brought into the job his extensive experience in corporate restructuring, emergency relief coordination, and project supervision.

He has held a number of senior management positions in Indonesia's state-enterprise sector as well as in government. He currently serves on the boards of several national and multinational companies, including PT Unilever Indonesia and PT Semen Cibinong (Holcim Group). His leadership has made BRR NAD-Nias a model for many national government agencies. Former President of United States of America Bill Clinton has sought his active participation as member to Clinton Global Initiative. He is also an advisory panel member of Asia Competitive Institute of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. His wealth of experience and knowledge as a leader of over USD 6 billion post-disaster reconstruction effort, the largest in the history, has been shared through public lectures in many countries - the most recent was in April 2009 when he addressed an audience of students and faculty of Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

In addition to a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB), Dr. Kuntoro has Master's Degrees in Industrial Engineering and Civil Engineering from Stanford University, USA, and a Doctoral Degree in Engineering Science – Decision Science from ITB. He has received several prestigious awards. In February 2006, he has been honored as the 26th Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellow by the Government of Singapore.

SYNOPSIS

The time has come to close a chapter in the history of Aceh and Nias. In 2004 and 2005, the Indian Ocean tsunami hit Aceh and an earthquake struck Nias in quick succession. It was a natural disaster that destroyed property, devastated lives, and decimated entire generations. Unfortunately, as the twin disasters of Cyclone Nargis and the Sichuan Earthquake in 2008 have shown, we have not seen the end of mega disasters. However, although we cannot prevent disaster, we can learn from one another and prepare ourselves as best as we can.

It is with this same spirit that we synthesized and now share our "10 Management Lessons for Host Governments Coordinating Post-disaster Reconstruction." This set of key lessons to governments who find themselves in similarly unfortunate circumstances focus specifically on the challenges and opportunities facing the principal coordinating agency of a large-scale disaster reconstruction program.