The rise of a regional leader for Southeast Asia

In 2015, Indonesia celebrates 70 years since it took independence from the Netherlands. Yet many of the country’s young people currently think of this date as a distant past, as their education has downplayed the struggle for independence. To many of Indonesia’s youth, the country’s history has little connection to their own lives. However, it is important to recognize that Indonesia’s independence was a significant milestone in the country’s development. The struggle for independence was led by a strong and united people who were willing to fight for their rights and freedoms.

Indonesia’s independence was not only a political achievement, but also a symbol of the nation’s identity. The country’s flag, the Garuda Pancasila, was adopted as a symbol of the nation’s unity and freedom. The country’s national anthem, “Indonesia Raya,” expresses the nation’s aspiration for a prosperous and united society.

Today, Indonesia is a major player in the global economy. The country’s rapid economic growth has attracted significant foreign investment. Indonesia’s strategic location between the Asian and Pacific regions has made it a hub for trade and investment. The country’s diverse economy includes sectors such as agriculture, mining, and manufacturing.

Indonesia’s success in the global economy has led to a significant improvement in the standard of living for its citizens. The country’s poverty rate has decreased significantly in recent years, and the country is on track to achieve the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. Indonesia’s government has also made significant investments in education and healthcare, which have improved the quality of life for its citizens.

However, Indonesia still faces significant challenges. The country’s political landscape is complex, and corruption remains a major issue. The government also needs to address income inequality and ensure that the benefits of economic growth are distributed more equitably.

In conclusion, Indonesia’s history is a source of pride for its citizens, and it should be celebrated and remembered. The country’s achievements in recent years are a testament to the strength and resilience of its people. As Indonesia enters the next chapter of its development, it is important to build on its successes and address the challenges that lie ahead. With a strong spirit of unity and hard work, Indonesia can continue to be a regional leader and a beacon of hope for other nations in the region.
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Bridging the gap, building a nation and banking on international benchmarks

T he Asian financial cities of the 1990s and Indonesian mining cities of 2000 have lessons for Bank Mandiri’s transformation into Indonesia’s most advanced and pro-
gressive financial institution. Today, Bank Mandiri is Indonesia’s largest financial in-
stitution terms of assets, loans and deposits. “We wanted to be a more diverse bank,” said Budi Sadikin, Bank Mandiri’s group CEO. “Corporate banking can be very vola-
tile, so we focused on retail to improve sta-
ability despite economic downturns,” he added.
Bank Mandiri has set itself up for long-term partnerships with clients from the
Netherlands, Germany, the U.K., and Japan. After opening its Japanese branch in 2006 to
lead the development of the then underdeveloped seaside to retail banking dis-
tribution, and took the helm as CEO in 2014. The bank currently has 2,200 micro-
branch banking branches across the country, and a diverse income and lifetime growth that
was up over 50% between corporate and retail.
Indonesia has a very large population, and GDP per capita is low,” said Basuki
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Planting seeds of trust across the planet

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provides everything. It started its Dutch operation in 1960, the company established

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we had to produce with a sense of pride in our participation in the development of the Indonesian garment sector. I have always been proud of my country, and believed in the Indonesian nation’s

our vision is very clear: Contributing to global economic growth, delivering results that matter for the
people access to financial services within five years.”
— BUDI SADIKIN

Shakeup business forms basis of global expansion

P erfected beginning in the garment indus-
ty, its president and director, Lukas Lek-
tan Widjaja, took the helm in 1989 and the
company started supplying hospital uniforms to Japan. “In those forums, we always emphasize these main topics we need to develop in the country to grow toward our middle-income goal: financial inclusion, deepening the in-

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