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ICCC Statement on JIS Verdict

Jakarta, Indonesia – (April 9, 2015) The Indonesia Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC), which is dedicated to supporting positive business growth for social and economic development in Indonesia through international trade and investment, is concerned that the reported lack of due process, which culminated in the guilty verdicts of Jakarta Intercultural School (JIS) teachers Ferdinand Tjong and Neil Bantleman, will have a negative impact on the country.

Said Edwin Pieroelie, volunteer ICCC Public Relations Director, "Legal certainty and due process not only attract investment, reassure international tourists, and build a national reputation but are necessary and fundamental pillars of the rule of law in Indonesia. The ICCC has been carefully monitoring the Jakarta Intercultural School criminal case since the serious allegations were first levied in the spring of 2014 against the Indonesian cleaners and later against the JIS teachers. The reported irregularities in the investigative process, lack of reliable evidence and transparency raise questions and concerns. We are troubled both in terms of the handling and outcome of these cases as a matter of justice, and the negative impact of the national and international scrutiny Indonesia is currently enduring."

We are hopeful that as these cases proceed through the Indonesian appellate process, all the relevant evidence will be given due consideration in a fair and impartial manner as guaranteed by the Indonesian Constitution in the interests of justice and Indonesia's national economic priorities of developing trade, investment and financial inclusion.

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- To promote and encourage trade, investment and other economic relations between Indonesia and Canada, particularly in the private sector;
- To represent, in an objective manner, the views, interests and concerns of members of the Chamber;
- To assist in the promotion of inter-cultural relations between the people of Indonesia and Canada;
- To provide practical assistance and information in support of new and existing business opportunities for both Canadian businesses in Indonesia and for Indonesian businesses in Canada;
- To provide value-added services to the membership in the form of publications, business meetings and trade/investment missions;
- To promote communication, mutual support and the development of business opportunities between members.

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