



# Christian Conference of Asia

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## Message of Greeting to the Communion of Churches in Indonesia (PGI) on its Diamond Jubilee

Esteemed church and ecumenical leaders in Indonesia,

It is with profound joy and a thankful heart that I greet you all and extend warmest greetings on this solemn occasion of the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Communion of Churches in Indonesia. The 99 member churches and 17 member councils of CCA spread across Asia rejoice with you at this time of commemoration and thanksgiving.

Celebrating the anniversary of the founding of a national ecumenical body, the PGI, and its life and witness during the last 75 years is meaningful and remarkable. It is indeed a rare opportunity to commemorate this historical milestone in the journey of faith, witness, and service to humanity by God's grace and to give thanks to God Almighty who has enabled the PGI and its member churches. The CCA also rejoices with you in gratitude and gives thanks for God's abundant blessings to PGI and its members all over Indonesia.

The PGI has been a vibrant and committed member of the CCA ever since the founding of CCA in 1957, which was facilitated and hosted by the PGI and its member churches. We deeply value the commitment and active engagement of Indonesian churches in the Asian and the global ecumenical movement. The significant contributions rendered by Indonesian churches through the PGI in nurturing the Asian ecumenical movement have been profound inspirations for working towards vibrant ecumenism in Asia. On many occasions, the Asian churches were privileged to receive the warm hospitality and gracious support to organise programmes and major events of CCA in different parts of Indonesia.

As you renew and reaffirm your commitments to journeying together with all PGI members, we wish and pray that the PGI will continue to steadfastly promote unity among its member churches and contribute to the advancement of God's mission. The theme of the Diamond Jubilee you have chosen, "The United Body of Christ: Resilient and Relevant," is a clear call to pursue unity in the face of persistent challenges and to respond with unwavering faith.

May the commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of the PGI be a blessed occasion to renew your commitment and determination to strengthen the communion of Indonesian churches, that they may be a beacon of hope, justice, and transformation towards the fullness of life for all.

May you all be strengthened in your ecumenical journey as St. Paul reminded the Corinthians: "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Wishing you all God's richest blessings.

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