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INDONESIA INTERFAITH VIRTUAL VOICE (IIVV)

On April, when the “Covid - 19 Pandemic” started to rampage everywhere across Indonesia, more and more people were getting agitated, as the effects start to impact following factors: health, economy, psychology, even it has affected and shocked the religious life of many people, of all religions.

In such circumstances, there are two concrete things happened which could be the driving factor, as well as a hope. Those two things are: a) that “Covid - 19 Pandemic” does not differentiate based on religion, ethnic, social class, economy, and more. It is equal, on the same level. b) the spirit of cooperation, solidarity between religious adherents of different religions and faiths, grow and take place everywhere.

Religion and religious act were “enlightened” throughout the experience during this “pandemic,” so it should be fully interpreted as “*sunatullah*,” as “blessings” of Allah, which we should be thankful for and has been proven in the practice of living together. That mutual life among all Indonesian citizens and among nations in the world is important and meaningful. FOR A HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL COMMON FUTURE.

As the subject of learning for the future, while contemplating the MEANING of Pancasila as philosophy, the BASE of Indonesian state and nation, WHICH HAS UNITED US, therefore here several Indonesian citizens with different religion and faith, ethnic/tribe, region, profession, come together in the Indonesia Interfaith Virtual Voice (IIVV), spontaneously, enthusiastically, and optimistically.

“Orchestra” of spirit, sound, music, sophisticated IT system, with optimism and hope has turned out to be “solidly unifying” the spirit of this nation positively and constructively, so this nation will keep strong, in spirit, and full of hope.

INDONESIA CAN OVERCOME THIS “PANDEMIC” AND CONTINUE ITS JOURNEY OF LIVING IN NATIONHOOD AND STATEHOOD BETTER, IN HUMANITY AND PEACE.

Based on the background as elaborated above, Romo Fikalis Rendy Aktor Sidabutar, Pr., inspired to create the song “*Longing Indonesia*”: lyrics and mixing musical arrangements. Also, with a huge support from Riyo and friends in Interfaith Voice Yogyakarta as well. Romo Rendy, ordained as *Imam Projo* on July 31 2019 at Archdiocese of Poerwokerto on July 31st 2019 at the *Hati Kudus Yesus Parochial* in Tegal. Aside of having the skill and interest, also the experience of joining the Interfaith School of 2018 in Yogyakarta with other 29 students of USD, UKDW, and UIN-DIY which was commenced by Interfidei with other three Education Institutions mentioned, added with his experience with Interfaith Voice Yogyakarta, his deed produced what is now performed together with Indonesia Interfaith Virtual Voice (IIVV).

Emmanuel Riyo Maharsanto or commonly known as (Mas) Riyo, then arranged the notation to be more complete with the composition being sung in a choir. Riyo, born in Yogyakarta in 1970, is a Bachelor of Economic from Atma Jaya University, Yogyakarta. He developed his interest and art talents through Church Music Training, Center of Liturgical Music 1989 - 1991, joined several Master Class Vocal and Choir Clinic, Lokakarya Musik, Parahyangan University of Bandung 1994, led and conducted the music and choir group of Komunitas Tikar Pandan, Yogyakarta (1999 - 2003), trainer and conductor of several choir groups which have the award, nationally and internationally, also as an arranger, song creator, and judge of numerous singing and choir competition, creator of jingle "*titik mudik, tidak piknik*" (as what said by the Government to be done).

Iin Indra, who was born in Palembang in 1976, a good friend of Mas Riyo, with the background of hotel and tourism education, also a mentor of choir elective at TK Mater Dei Marsudini, Yogyakarta, really supportive Mas Riyo in every music, song, choir developing activities as this, including the involvement of other religions. In this team, Iin is the person responsible in data recorder and collecting video.

With the healthy, uniting, common spirit of "*Longing Indonesia*" together in strong and peaceful solidarity, Elga Sarapung, Director of Institut DIAN/Interfidei, born in Gorontalo in 1961, as well as the Institut DIAN/Interfidei itself, always presenting their support. With such spirit, as well as the interest and strong musical soul and song, also support, practice, and strengthen the role of "religions and faiths for humanity and peace," opened its way to Ryo and Romo Rendy, to expand Interfaith Voice to numbers of Interfidei's network all across Indonesia (individually and organizationally), as it is done virtually. With the hope of peace for humanity and healthy environment, flow reaching the corners of Indonesia, even the world.

The responds of friends in networks was very enthusiastic, and have the common optimism. In a short time, with limited time as well, there were more or less 150 people who signed up. However, because of technological issue 104 people (singer) and 6 people (musician), 71 women and 39 men could attend the primary performance. Because of that, it is planned a "promised" result as the result of cooperation from the team and all friends, ladies/gentlemen/brothers/sisters/etc, the primary performance of Indonesia Interfaith Virtual Voice will be published nationally and internationally in two languages: Indonesian and English.

May the HOPE for HUMANITY and PEACE for every people, for INDONESIA, for the WORLD, for the universe, for all of us, could be realized. Amen!

HAPPY PANCASILA DAY, JUNE 1st 2020!

KEEP IN SPIRIT TO SPREAD THE SPIRIT OF HUMANITY AND PEACE!

Yogyakarta, June 1st 2020

Salam Pancasila! Salam Indonesia!

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