

# Rugby bikers



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## Headed for the World Cup

**IF YOU THINK** this couple look vaguely familiar then perhaps it's because you saw them sometime yesterday (Friday) on the current edition of the program *Total Rugby* which went out on ESPN AND Star Sports.

Tom Hudson from London and Jodie Burton from Essex are on their way to the Rugby World Cup kicking off in New Zealand on 9 September. But they are making the journey by bicycle and taking the long way round at that.

Over this weekend they are having a well earned R & R break at Smiling Hill before taking the ferry to Jakarta early next week.

Then it will be on to Bali, Darwin, Mt Isa and the East Coast of Oz all the way to Melbourne before embarking on the final crossing to the Land of the Long White Cloud.

Tom and Jodie set out from Twickenham Stadium on 1 May last year and have so far travelled around 21,000 kilometres, most of it by pedal power and with each bike loaded with about 100kg of luggage and equipment. They still have 9,000 kilometres to go.

So far they have travelled through France, Belgium, Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, UAE, Pakistan, China, South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore.

No wonder Tom lost 25kg in weight over the first four weeks (around 10kg since recovered, presumably as muscle).

The pair had money stolen in Pakistan and experienced their most testing challenges as they followed the Old Silk Road through the vast Western desert regions of China.

They travelled this stage in the depths of winter, experiencing icy

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**SURPRISE FINDING**

# Indonesia "Best place to start a business"

By Andrew Walker - BBC World Service Economics Correspondent

**INDONESIA** is the best place for entrepreneurs to start a business, a BBC survey has suggested.

The US, Canada, India and Australia are seen as among the next best countries at supporting new businesses.

At the other extreme, Colombia, Egypt, Turkey, Italy and Russia are among the least entrepreneur-friendly.

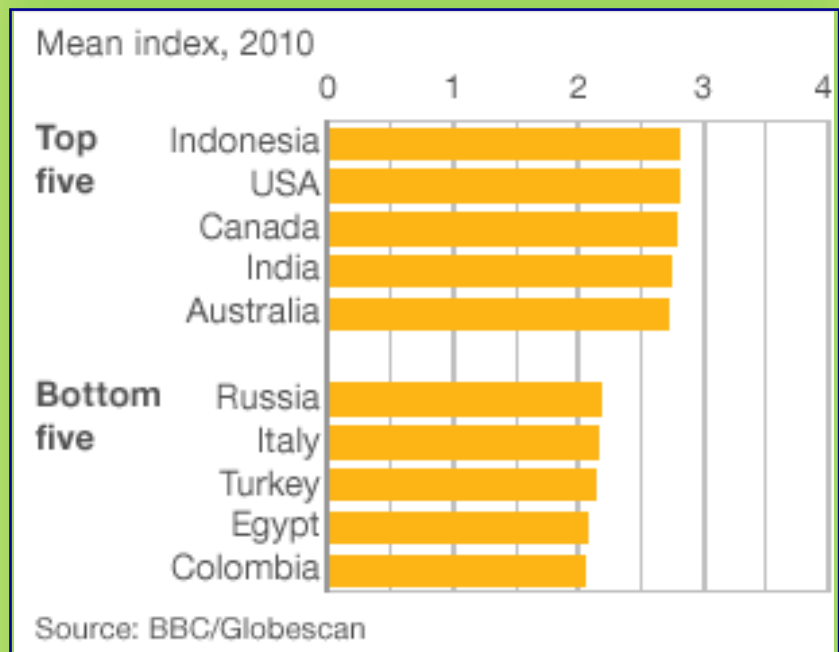
The survey for the BBC's Extreme World series found wide variations in perceptions of the support different cultures offer to start-ups.

Extreme World is a new season of coverage on TV, Radio and Online, examining global differences with BBC News correspondents exploring eight key themes illustrating the divisions around the world.

The results are from a survey of more than 24,000 people across 24 countries. They were asked whether innovation was highly valued in

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## Entrepreneurship-friendly culture



Index derived from the mean scores (on a scale from 1 to 4) of four questions:

- valuation of creativity/innovation in own country
- difficulty to start own business in country
- valuation of people who start own business
- ease of putting ideas into practice

# Happy Birthday to us - TWICE!



**A PARTY FOR** our employees, suppliers, neighbours and the community on Saturday and then another on Sunday for our customers, guests, tenants and expat and wider community friends. No wonder we were feeling a little jaded come Monday. Our thanks to all who joined with us.

**THIS GROUP** of long-term investors in the Smiling Hill project (right) shared the cutting of the cake to mark our important five-year milestone on Sunday - Brian Sutherland, Bruce Cutting, Trevor McGuinness (and Anna), Mike Hopkins, Marcus Knight and Doug Cole.



**OUR** RT Bapak Nazaruddin and Batu Ampar Polsek Bapak Irawan joined us to present appreciation certificates to key long serving staff. The RT has been a strong supporter of our project from its beginnings.



Doug and Yohana did the cake honours Saturday



**WHAT** would a party be without a little silliness



**GOOD** food, good friends and the footie on TV ..

**SOEKARNO-HATTA** International Airport in Jakarta will get increased capacity and two rail lines as part of development plans now being drafted.

A spokesman for Vice President Boediono said last week: "The development of Soekarno-Hatta should be a national priority. The longer we delay the work, the more difficult it becomes."

The airport was built to handle around 22 million passengers a year. However, in 2010 it served 44.2 million passenger movements.

"The target is to increase Soekarno-Hatta's capacity to 62 million passengers per year by 2014. That will mean increasing the apron capacity from the current 125 aircraft to 174 aircraft," said Yopie Hidayat, Boediono's spokesman.

Part of the plan includes completing the development of Terminal 3 by 2013, renovating

# Upgrade for Jakarta Airport

Terminals 1 and 2, building a new cargo terminal by 2013 and completing the integration of all terminals with supporting facilities by 2014.

Yopie said another major development for the airport would be the construction of two commuter rail lines, one connecting the airport to Tangerang and the other to Pluit in North Jakarta.

A state enterprise and a private company are expected to share the work in the construction of the railway links with the state enterprise to work on the railway passing through Tangerang, while the private business constructs the track through Pluit in North Jakarta, deputy transportation minister

Bambang Susantono said. A number of state and private enterprises were currently drafting designs.

The longer Pluit line had more commercial potential, with the value of the construction project cost estimated at about Rp 10 trillion (US\$1.17 billion), Bambang said.

The Tangerang line will be shorter, with the project cost estimated at Rp 2 trillion.

Meanwhile, to address over-capacity at Soekarno-Hatta in the short term, the government says it is considering moving some airlines to Halim Perdana Kusuma Airport in East Jakarta or to Pondok Cabe Airport in South Tangerang for those serving only domestic flights.

# Indonesian "Best Place for Business"

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their country; whether it was hard for people like them to start a business; whether people who do were highly valued; and whether people with good ideas could usually put them into practice.

Taking all the answers together as a single index, Indonesia came out as the most favourable place for entrepreneurs.

Also near the top were the US, Canada and Australia. All the developed economies surveyed were above the average score, with the exception of Italy, which was far below.

But there were also plenty of developing economies that came out as pro-entrepreneur - India, China and Nigeria were also perceived by their own people as relatively favourable places for new businesses.

In terms of regions, the four countries of East Asia and the Pacific surveyed all received high scores. All the three countries in Sub-Saharan Africa also scored above average.

But other regions were more varied. In Latin America, Mexico and Peru scored relatively highly, but Brazil and Colombia were well below average. In Western Europe, low scores in Italy and Spain

were balanced by perceptions of a more favourable environment for entrepreneurs in Germany, France and the UK.

The poll does not provide evidence on why people took the views they did, and in some respects the results are consistent with widely-held perceptions of the country concerned.

For example, the US has a particularly pro-private sector culture and a smaller state sector than many western European countries. It is seen as a good place for entrepreneurs.

Russia, which received a low score in this poll, is seen internationally as a place where the state is too prone to intervene in economic life.

But there are some surprises. Labour laws in France are relatively tough, yet in this poll the country was seen as a good place for a new business.

Nigeria's problem with corruption did not stop it doing better than most countries in this survey.

*The poll was undertaken for the BBC World Service by the international survey firm Globescan together with the Program on International Policy Attitudes at the University of Maryland.*

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winds blowing in from the Siberian steppes fierce enough to blow down mobile phone towers, much less the tents of a couple of intrepid English adventurers.

"It was very tough," says Jodie. "We simply could not ride the bikes and had to try to walk and push them. Even we were sometimes blown over."

They were out in the middle of nowhere while this was happening around 100 kilometres from the nearest town. It also became clear to them why the Chinese government was populating thousands of acres of this barren landscape with wind farms to generate electricity.

Best moments, according to Tom, were finally reaching the

# Cycling to the Rugby World Cup

Coast of China and then later the ride towards a majestic snow-clad Mt Fuji in Japan. They left Japan about two weeks prior to the Tsunami.

Tom and Jodie undertook their long journey mainly because they wanted a challenge and an adventure.

"We were tired of London (where both worked in the banking sector) and wanted to move long-term to Australia," Jodie says. "It was probably my fault that we decided to do the trip this way - perhaps I have read too many travel books."

Tom and Jodie are raising funds along the way for the TAG Rugby Development Trust and the charity Rays of Sunshine which

supports teenagers suffering terminal illnesses.

They are seeking out Rugby communities wherever they go and working at forging relationships between Rugby fraternities in different countries. They found their way to Batam through sometime Smiling Hill resident Robin Wilkins, a Rugby stalwart in the Singapore.

Tom and Jodie's journey is attracting the interest of newspapers and TV in the places they visit and they are doing interviews for the BBC. They also are writing a book about their adventures and maintaining a popular blog.

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**August 31** - Just got transferred with work from Leeds UK to our new home in Karratha, Western Australia. Now this is a town that knows how to live! Beautiful, sunny days and warm, balmy evenings - I watched the sunset from a deckchair by our pool yesterday. It was beautiful. I've finally found my new home. I love it here.

**September 13** - Really heating up now. It got to 31 today. No problem though. Living in air-conditioned home, driving air-conditioned car. What a pleasure to see the sun every day like this. I'm turning into a sun-worshipper - no blasted rain like back in Leeds!!

**September 30** - Had the backyard landscaped with tropical plants today - lots of palms and rocks. No more mowing lawns for me! Another scorcher today, but I love it here. It's Paradise!

**October 10** - The temperature hasn't been below 35 all week. How do people get used to this kind of heat? At least today it's windy though. Keeps the flies off a bit. Acclimatizing is taking longer than we expected.

**October 15** - Fell asleep by the pool yesterday. Got third degree burns over 60% of my body. Missed three days off work. What a dumb thing to do. Got to respect the old sun in a climate like this!

**October 20** - Didn't notice Kitty (our cat) sneaking into the car before I left for work this morning. By the time I got back to the car after work, Kitty had died and swollen up to the size of a shopping bag and stuck to the upholstery.

The car now smells like Whiskettes and cat shit. I've learned my lesson though; no more pets in this heat.

**October 25** - This wind is a bastard. It feels like a giant f\*\*king blow dryer. And it's hot as hell! The home air conditioner is on the blink and the repair man charged \$200 just to drive over and tell me he needs to order parts from f\*\*king Perth ....the wife & the kids are complaining.

**October 30** - The temperature's

**November 9** - Tried to run some errands after work, wore shorts, and sat on the black leather upholstery in my car. I thought my f\*\*king arse was on fire. I lost two layers of flesh, all the hair on the backs of my legs and off my f\*\*king arse. Now the car smells like burnt hair, fried arse and baked cat. F\*ck. F\*ck. F\*ck.

**November 10** - The Weather report might as well be a f\*\*king recording. Hot and sunny. Hot and sunny, Hot and f\*\*king sunny. It never f\*\*king changes! It's been too hot to do anything for two f\*\*king months and

the weatherman says it might really warm up next week. F\*ck!

**November 15** - Doesn't it ever rain in this damn f\*\*king place? Water restrictions will be

next, so my \$5,000 worth of palms might just dry up and blow into the f\*\*king pool. The only things that thrive in this f\*\*king hell-hole are the fucking flies. You don't dare open your mouth for fear of swallowing half a dozen of the little bastards!

**November 20** - Welcome to HELL! It got to 45 f\*\*kin' degrees today. Now the air conditioner's gone in my car. The repair man came to fix it and said, 'Hot enough for you today?' I wanted to shove the f\*\*king car up his f\*\*king arse. Anyway, had to spend the \$2,500 mortgage payment to bail me out of jail for assaulting the stupid prick. F\*\*king Karratha! What kind of sick, demented f\*\*king idiot would want to live here!

**December 1** - WHAT!!!! The FIRST day of Summer!!!! You are f\*\*king kidding me!

*NOTE FOR GORGON CREWS - Karratha is quite close to Barrow Island*

## Diary of a Newcomer

up around 40 and the parts still haven't arrived for the f\*\*king air conditioner. House is an oven so we've all been sleeping outside by the pool for three nights now. Bloody \$600,000 house and we can't even go inside. Why the hell did I ever come here?

**November 4** - Finally got the f\*\*king air-conditioner fixed. It cost \$1,500 and gets the temperature down to around 25 degrees, but the humidity makes it feel about 35. Stupid repairman. F\*\*king thief.

**November 8** - If one more smart bastard says 'Hot enough for you today?' I'm going to f\*\*king throttle him. F\*\*king heat! By the time I get to work, the car radiator is boiling over, my f\*\*king clothes are soaking f\*\*king wet and I smell like baked cat. F\*\*king place is the end of the Earth.

# Rupiah to be ONLY legal tender

**ALL FINANCIAL** transactions in Indonesia must in future be conducted in rupiah, including transactions conducted in border areas.

This follows the passing into law of a new currency bill at a plenary session of the House of Representatives earlier this week.

"Starting today, if you live in border areas such as Batam, Bintan, Nunukan and Atambua, you must to use rupiah for transactions. Currently, many transactions in those areas are conducted by using neighboring countries' currencies," Finance Minister Agus Martowardojo told reporters after the plenary session.

Although the bill was passed without major changes, provisions proposing to redenominate the rupiah were excluded with promises made to revisit the issue under a different law.

The new currency law contains stipulations covering general regulations; detailed descriptions of the type and value of rupiah

## NEW CURRENCY LAW PASSES

banknotes; the characteristics, design and materials to be used in producing rupiah banknotes; management of rupiah; the use of money; rules for exchanging money; prohibitions; the eradication of counterfeit money; and the investigation of and penalties for currency related crimes.

The government and the House agreed on eight substantial points in the law, including the formulation of a separate law to regulate Bank Indonesia's (BI) plan to redenominate the rupiah by cutting several zeros from the currency.

Under the terms of the bill:

- The government, together with Bank Indonesia, will sign banknotes that will be printed and circulated starting 17 August, 2014.
- The central bank and the government will coordinate planning and the determination of the amount of money in circulation.
- The central bank and the government will co-

perate on withdrawing currency from circulation.

- State-owned enterprises are given the right to print rupiah banknotes. In the event no state-owned enterprises are able to perform the job, they will be allowed to collaborate with other parties through clear, transparent and accountable processes.
- An agency will be tasked with eradicating counterfeit money.
- There will be periodic audits of the printing, issuance and withdrawal of currency by the Supreme Audit Agency [BPK].
- All transactions in Indonesia must be conducted in rupiah, including transactions conducted in border areas.

There is also a stipulation that the government and the central bank must deliberate on a new law to realise the government's plan to redenominate the rupiah.

Minister Agus said the law was crucial since previously the regulations governing currency were contained in several laws, such as the 2009 Bank Indonesia Law and the 2003 State Finance Law. An integrated law would allow the central bank and the government to better manage the rupiah

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The new properties will expand Accor's Indonesian portfolio to 74 hotels, including 40 existing hotels and 13 previously announced properties which are currently in various stages of construction.

During 2011, Accor will open seven additional hotels, taking the network to 47 hotels by year end. An additional 10 hotels will open in 2012. Properties included are the 316-room Pullman Jakarta Central Park (opening in 2011), 230-room Novotel Jakarta Gajah Mada (2012), 151-room Kuta Bach Heritage (an MGallery hotel, 2012), 604-room ibis Bandung Supermal (2012), and 200-room all seasons Bali Nusa Dua (2012).



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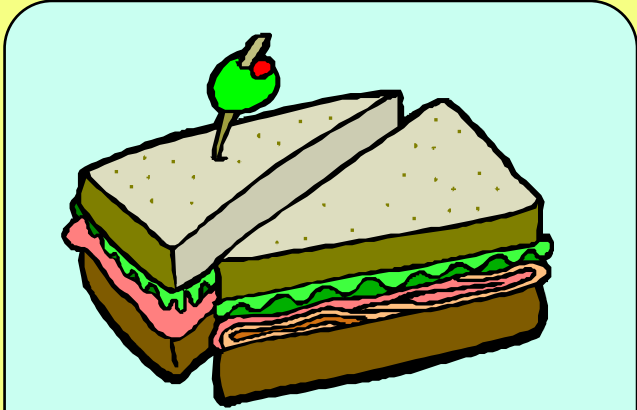
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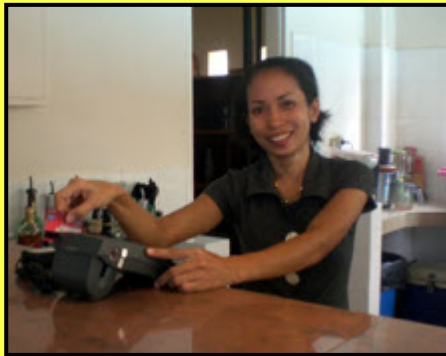
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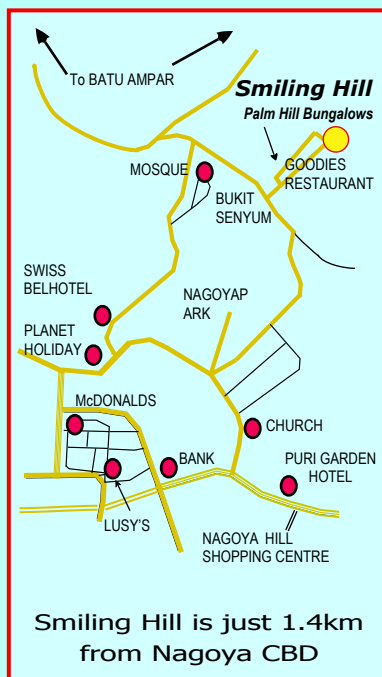
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### FRIDAY June 3

- 8.00 am (AGC) **Golf** : Wales Open (Celtic Manor) Day 1 (Replay)
- 9.50 am (A817) **NBA Finals** : Dallas Mavericks v Miami Heat
- 11.00 am (ESPN) **Baseball** : Tampa Bay v Seattle
- 2.30 pm (A811) **Super 15s Rugby** : Highlanders v Force (Live)
- 5.30 pm (I350) **Aust Football** : Essendon v Melbourne
- 5.30 pm (A811) **Super 15s Rugby** : Rebels v Stormers (Live)
- 7.00 pm (A816) **Tennis** : French Open - Men's Semi-finals
- 8.00 pm (AGC) **Golf** : Wales Open (Celtic Manor) Day 2 (Live)

### SATURDAY June 4

- 8.00 am (AGC) **Golf** : Wales Open (Celtic Manor) Day 2 (Replay)
- 8.00 am (ESPN) **Baseball** : LA Dodgers v Cincinnati
- 10.00 am (A817) **WNBA Basketball** : Minnesota v L A
- 10.00 am (A811) **Major League Soccer** : L A Galaxy v DC United
- 12 Noon (I350) **Aust Football** : Geelong v Bulldogs
- 12 Noon (Star) **Golf** : China Masters Day 3
- 2.30 pm (A811) **Super 15s Rugby** : Blues v Chiefs (Live)
- 3.00 pm (I350) **Aust Football** : West Coast v Gold Coast
- 4.35 pm (A811) **Super 15s Rugby** : Reds v Brumbies (Live)
- 6.00 pm (I350) **Aust Football** : Collingwood v St Kilda
- 6.55 pm (Star) **MotoGP** : Qualifying Catalan Grand Prix (Live)
- 7.00 pm (AGC) **Golf** : Wales Open (Celtic Manor) Day 3 (Live)
- 8.00 pm (A816) **Tennis** : French Open - Women's Final (Live)
- 9.00 pm (I350) **Aust Football** : Brisbane Lions v Sydney Swans
- 10.00 pm (A811) **Super 15s Rugby** : Cheetahs v Sharks (Live)
- 10.30 pm (AStar) **EUAFA Football** : England v Switzerland (Live)

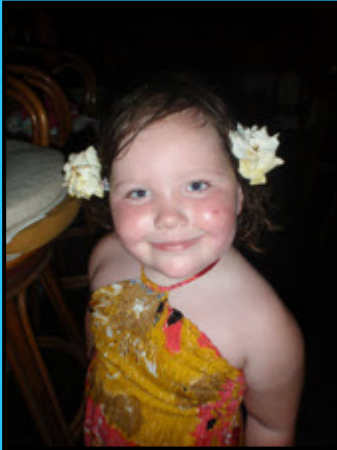
### SUNDAY June 5

- 7.00 am (AGC) **Golf** : Wales Open (Celtic Manor) Day 3 (Replay)
- 8.00 am (ESPN) **Baseball** : NY Yankees v LA Angels (Live)
- 11.30 am (ESPN) **Touch Rugby** : Australasian Championships
- 11.30 am (I350) **Aust Football** : Hawthorne v Fremantle
- 2.30 pm (I350) **Aust Football** : Port Adelaide v Carlton
- 6.00 pm (Star) **MotoGP** : Catalan Grand Prix (Live)
- 7.00 pm (AGC) **Golf** : Wales Open (Celtic Manor) Day 4 (Live)
- 8.00 pm (A816) **Tennis** : French Open - Men's Final (Live)

### MONDAY June 6

- 9.55 am (A811) **Rugby League** : Eels v Dragons (Replay)
- 3.55 pm (A811) **Rugby League** : Wests Tigers v Knights (Live)

## *Party time for Ella Rose*



*ELLA ROSE is turning 4 and  
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# Master Plan launch

**PRESIDENT** Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has officially launched his administration's ambitious Rp4,000 trillion (US\$468 billion) economic master plan for 2011 to 2025, but some of the announced "ground-breaking projects" have been criticized as overlapping with the existing ones.

The so-called "Master Plan for the Acceleration and Expansion of Indonesian Economic Growth" (MP3EI) kicked off with Yudhoyono announcing 17 new infrastructure projects in four regions worth Rp 190 trillion.

"It all goes to show that the MP3EI is not a blank page, but there are proofs and implementations that will support the achievement and goals of this plan," the President told hundreds of high-ranking officials and business executives at the master plan launch event at the Jakarta Convention Center.

The projects include nationwide Internet broadband access, hydropower and solar power plants, a modern steel mill, a palm oil industry zone, access roads, toll roads, airports, dams, reservoirs, as well as nickel, cobalt and aluminium facilities throughout the four economic corridors of Sumatra, Java, West Nusa Tenggara—Bali and Maluku—Papua.

But, Faisal Basri, a senior economist at the University of Indonesia, said that even without the MP3EI program, some of the projects had been in the pipeline under similar programs initiated by the private sector and state-owned enterprises.

Under the new master plan, the government expects to generate billions of dollars in investment to boost the country's gross domestic product (GDP) to about \$4.5 trillion by 2025, which would make the country among the world's 10 largest economies.

The investment will be needed to realize eight development programs to be carried out in six economic corridors, National Development Planning Minister Armida Alisjahbana said.

The six corridors are Sumatra for energy-related development, Java for industry and services, Kalimantan for mining, Sulawesi and North Maluku for agriculture, forestry and fisheries, Bali and Nusa Tenggara for tourism and food, and Papua and Maluku for natural and human resources.

Suryo Bambang Sulisto, chairman of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin), said the business community had committed to provide \$150 billion in new investment for the MP3EI programs.

"This is the first time that the business community has been asked to be involved in the laying out of the mid- and long-term economic development — sending a strong signal, especially for foreign investors, that the government is really serious and will go all out with this master plan," Suryo said at the launch ceremony.

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