



**The 7<sup>th</sup> PERSILAT Congress  
Jakarta, December 16, 2010**

# **PROCEEDING**

## **Summary of Comments and Suggestions**



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**Host Speech**  
(President of IPSI – Mr. Prabowo Subianto)



Your excellency The Minister of Sports and Youth of the Republic of Indonesia DR. H. Andi Alfian Malarangeng,

The excellency President of PERSILAT H. Eddie Nalapraya,

Distinguished representative of the member countries of PERSILAT,

On behalf of The Indonesian Pencak Silat Association – Ikatan Pencak Silat Indonesia (IPSI) allow me to welcome the Minister of Sports and Youth of Indonesia representing the President of the Republic of Indonesia to the Opening of Congress of PERSILAT which is being held here in Jakarta. And as the host Committee I would like to express a few words.

First of all our deepest appreciation for the Minister to come here and open this Congress. Second, I would like to once again express our deep appreciation to the 29 countries who came to Jakarta from very far to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> world championships of pencak silat and also the 7<sup>th</sup> congress which will be opened in the next few minutes.

Some remark that I would like to take in this opportunity to express first of all very proud and very happy that this year is historic times we have the largest number of participants. This year 30 countries participating and as you see in front of you we have new participants as well as original participants which have been with us for so many years. Today we have with us<sup>1</sup> Malaysia, Vietnam, Philippines, UK, Spain, New Zealand, Suriname, Belgium, Republic of Korea, Pakistan, South Africa, Islamic Republic of Iran, Uzbekistan, India, Azerbaijan, Russia, Germany, Singapore, Switzerland, Netherlands, Thailand, Japan, Brunei, and Singapore.

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<sup>1</sup> Countries were called by the Chairman according to the U-shape chair, flag and delegate's position in the Congress that were arranged by the Organizing Committee.



This is high tight of pencak silat internationally and we are very optimistic that in the coming years more and more participants will be coming.

The problems of pencak silat is of course in the promotion of pencak silat. As we are all know, first of all is the difficulty in gaining financial support because the training of referees, instructors, jurors, all need concentration and needs finance.

In the coming years we must get more sponsorship, more corporate backing and also more helping from governments of the originators of PERSILAT Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore. That is the challenge of PERSILAT to gain more financial support that we can enlarge the professional and the athletics professionalism and performance of pencak silat that can be attractive to the young generation of the whole world.

I would like to report to your excellency that IPSI have announced to all members of PERSILAT that IPSI is planning to host the World Pencak Silat Festival in the middle of 2011 in which countries can send their members not representing the countries but the various martial arts schools, forms and aliran. And this will be more interesting in the competition or championships there are some forms that are not competed.

This plan we have announced and we hope the plan very well and we look for the countries and pencak silat federations that would like to host this event we will discussed it in the PERSILAT meeting and will open this to the form which countries would like to host.

I would like to report to your excellency also that they are already 4 Governor of Provinces who have approached us and thinking their willingness to support this event. They are Governor of Bali, East Kalimantan and Riau who are very enthusiastic in trying to host this next venue.

The future of pencak silat looks bright with those 30 active country participants. I have got report that Morocco is also very active. The Chief of Staff of Morocco Army has invited us to send trainers there. More and more countries will invite us to ask for our support in the promotion of pencak silat. That concludes my remarks.

Your excellency, again on behalf of IPSI as the host Committee of PERSILAT Congress, I would like to thank your excellency for your support in all the events you have attended. The last National Championships in Surabaya where you attended yourself showed your support for pencak silat.

And we on behalf of whole participants of PERSILAT express our gratitude and hope that you will continue to support us and to influence the Indonesian Government to provide financial support for pencak silat.

Perhaps in the coming budget you should have special allocation as pencak silat has the special place in the culture of the Malay Archipelago of the Nusantara countries. As you see yourself the anthusiasm from so many countries who come from so far away because of pencak silat.

Thank you very much and I hand over back to the committee.

**Speech of the State Minister of Youth and Sports of Republic Indonesia  
and Official Opening of the Congress**



Assalaamu 'alaikum warohmatullaahi wabarakaatuhu.

Peace be upon you.

Your excellency Bapak Eddie Nalapraya, President of PERSILAT

Your excellency Bapak Prabowo Subianto President of IPSI

Distinguished guests from all over the world,

Welcome to Jakarta, Indonesia. I hope that you have sometimes to go around and watching the world championships and then also see around Jakarta. And if you have some more times you go to regions to see how pencak silat is being played or being used in many other culture events in Indonesia.

One thing that I am very glad is to see that pencak silat has already been an international sports and to see you from all over different part of the world still together to promote pencak silat. This is something wonderful because for us pencak silat is part of our national heritage as well as many countries also like Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and even Thailand and Philippines.

But we would like to share this wonderful sport to anybody in the world who would like to enjoy playing artistic but also powerful sport.

I would like to see the PERSILAT been able to promote this wonderful sport to all over the world to make sure that pencak silat is really becoming truly international sports that is enjoyed in any other culture as well as martial arts events.

The government of Indonesia of course could support PERSILAT and also IPSI in the promotion of this sport to many other countries in capacity that we have including our embassies, consulate all over



the world would be glad to support any activities in term of promoting silat in many countries in the world. Again we would really like to see pencak silat is becoming something.

Now pencak silat is being played in ASEAN Indoor Games, ASEAN Beach Games in Bali. But we still have catch up to other martial arts sports that are now becoming popular. Pencak silat has all potential, silat can be enjoyed by anybody who love martial arts sports and in the years to come we support the role of PERSILAT and you all to promote and to make sure that pencak silat is truly becoming international sports

I welcome you all and I hope the Congress will be a successful Congress to formulate ideas or actions that we can support also together with other countries and governments in South East Asia or even with many other countries in the world to promote pencak silat and make sure that silat also becoming truly international sports.

And I hereby open the 7<sup>th</sup> Congress of PERSILAT in Jakarta.

Thank you very much.

## Plenary Session I


### A. Report on PERSILAT Activities





Mr. Eddie M. Nalapraya reported activities of PERSILAT since 2004 until 2010 chronologically using overhead presentation. Report covers founders meetings, central board meetings, pencak silat championships, single events (world pencak silat championships, pencak silat open), multi events (SEA Games, University Games, Beach Games), exhibitions, training local as well international, conduct referee-jury courses, seminars, and appreciations. The report was unanimously accepted by the Congress.

**Plenary Session I**  
**B. Report from Country Members**



 Chairman: "We now go to the next point of the sessions which are reports, suggestions, recommendations and discussions from all countries. I propose that we start from Malaysia, because I am still chairing this Congress. May be I later will give the leadership of the meeting to another Chairman of IPSI. We start from Malaysia and continue down the table to Vietnam, Philippines, UK and so forth. I would like to give the floor to the distinguished representative from Malaysia to provide general explanation, report of pencak silat and recommendation and comments for the future. Please, Sir."

 Malaysia: "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Dear President Bapak Eddie Marzuki Nalapraya, Dear Vice Presidents, ladies and gentlemen. Malaysia would like to report that last year we have new election of President. The new President now is YAB Dato Seri Haji Mohd. Ali bin Mohmd. Rustam as a new President of PESAKA. Hopefully he can serve around 10 years. There is announcement from the State Government of Melaka that by year end of 2011 we will have the biggest arena of pencak silat in the world supported by State Government of Melaka and Federal Government of Malaysia. This arena requires about 25 million ringgit involvement of money which has been spent. Hopefully by having the biggest arena for pencak silat it will be more promoting pencak silat in Malaysia. Obviously we will also need help of PERSILAT in order to enhance the mixed silat as one of the most popular sport and culture in the next future to come. At the same time PESAKA are ready at anytime to organize any meeting or championship. The new President is very committed person in bringing silat to Malaysia."

 Philippines: "In the Philippines pencak silat is growing bigger especially in the 2 big islands Pesaya and Mindanao which is Moslem dominated area. And we are now have the pencak silat goes to school program where at every school we have demonstration of pencak silat. Not only that, we have also out of school program for pencak silat. We are trying to promote pencak silat as a mass basis sport that we like to include the out of school program. And we have developed pencak silat so much for generations. Yearly we have martial art sport championship in order to choose the best



of the best in Philippines of pencak silat. Year 2008, 2009 until the middle of 2010 was the good years for pencak silat since political struggle."



United Kingdom: "The national championships in UK was a great success consists of 9 countries taken part. The opening was attended by the Director of Sport Government Department Culture and Sports and receive media coverage in UK and in Indonesia. On national activities we have now large perguruan in UK including Merpati Putih, Cimande, Silat Kuntau Macan and Mustika Kita. Youth development program continues to be very successful PESILAT co ass is being taken part in school to help developed the Youth for future generation to include. The most attendance in junior championship were Belgium and Paris were very well. With help of PERSILAT a great number of youth take training for several month in Indonesia in Padepokan in 2008. We also hope to send it again in the future to develop and wasit juri. For the future we would like to improve youth development program and have gold medal from world championship. We have 5 years strategy to develop school of persilat. We also would like to implement



Uzbekistan: "Our federation is the only one in Central Asia on pencak silat and we will try to involve neighbor countries like Kazakhstan, Kirzygistan, Tazikistan, Turkmenistan to the international federation of pencak silat."



Azerbaijan: "The states is the main promoter of pencak silat. Therefore pencak silat is being developed in Azerbaijan on the highest level. It is my personal opinion that for the better and stronger development of pencak silat, the countries who are the primary development of pencak silat need to be strong and need to be supported by the government. At the end I would like to personally thank Mr Eddie Nalapraya because he had done great work on his own. At the end I would like also to suggest that the annual activities commander is playing in the internet or send to the participants to allow for preparation the championship in time. I would like to thank you for your attention."



Russia: "Now in Russia pencak silat is official sport and we do everything that pencak silat is become more and more popular. Now we have more than 300 hundred athletes. Pencak silat is supported by the Federal Government. We hope soon we can awake all country open pencak silat. Thank you, terima kasih."



Switzerland: "Dear President of PERSILAT, report from Switzerland, a small country, since last period from 2004 until we had 3 Swiss Open, we were host for European Championship in 2008 and at the moment we are concentrating working on the youth for the next generation of pencak silat. And also for event in the future we are planning to have something like cup system something like Euro Cup. We work together with all schools also with business schools so that we can work together among friends and develop silat in more advances in the future. I would thank you also to the OC for this championship and t hank you for the congress we have here hope we can proceed with good and in friendly way and things that happen in this tournament won't happen again in the future. Thank you."



Japan: "Bissmillahir rohmanir rohim. Ass wr wb. First of all thank you to Pak Eddie Nalapraya and Pak Prabowo Subianto for all support for this congress. I want to report what we have done from 2004 to 2010. Almost every year we send athlete to Europe since 2004 under



Singapore world championship because we could not have any competition inside our country so we need to find some tournament otherwise we send our athlete mostly to Europe. This is the first time since we establish in 1996 we could not send team to world championship. I am very sad to say that. Announcement for this championship is too short. We could not prepare in 4 months. First, we know the championship start of this year but then postpone to "someday". So most of our athletes already used their holiday and budget to another championships. That is why we could not send our athletes to this big event. For international event we could not send our athletes to South East Asia but for region things we can send to Asian Martial Arts Games and Asian Indoor Games in 2009. Because our organization is not so big we could not get official license from National Committee in Japan. Even though we are member of Japan Martial Arts Sport Federation. This federation is officialized by Japan Olympic Committee but we could not send for Asia Indoor. When I heard invitation for Asia Indoors, Japan Olympic Committee refused us because we are too small but Director of Japan Martial Arts Federation recommended us to get recommendation letter from PERSILAT. I made a phone call, email to PERSILAT but all of you were very busy with Asia Martial Arts in Thailand. So we missed Asia Indoor also. Anyway, this is big sad that we could not send team to this big event. Thank you very much."



Germany: "We have nothing to report at this time. Thank you."



The Netherlands: "Mr. Chairman, thank you for organizing this PERSILAT Congress and world championships. Thank you the President of PERSILAT Bapak Eddie Nalapraya and all President from Founding Members. Hello to my fellows Presidents. Thank you for your attention. I like to use this opportunity not to report about the development or activities of pencak silat in the Netherlands or in Europe but I would like to share my vision with you pertaining the future of PERSILAT. Some of you already could reach what I have been sending thru by emails in the last 2-3 years. In the future PERSILAT has to fulfill its mission to get pencak silat be recognized by IOC – International Olympic Committee. The main step we have to take is to reform or remodel the organization structure of PERSILAT. In order to get recognize the status practice and activity of PERSILAT must be in conformity with Olympic Charter that means that we have to reform or remodel the organizational structure of PERSILAT in view of the requirement of the IOC. To fulfill the requirement of the IOC one thing that has to be done is to start sort of democratization process with first in my opinion one most important step is more influence for all of the members of PERSILAT by giving each of them the right to vote for presidency and to have a contestant presidential election. Of course PERSILAT maintains the independence and autonomy but has to follow the democratic procedures and extending the form of social decision making. So let them all the member countries are included in the process of decision making. In my opinion the Founding Members should get the right of veto for technical and artistical issues, of course, to guarantee the purity of pencak silat and to preserve the prestigious inheritance of the Indonesian and Malayan community. I propose this meeting of PERSILAT to get a kind of transitional period in which committee can be appointed to oversee the reorganization of PERSILAT. I would like to suggest this meeting and to propose to PERSILAT to the incumbent President of PERSILAT Bapak Eddie Nalapraya to direct the process of reformation and reorganization of PERSILAT. And that should be the most important goal for the next term having good and well prepared Congress with candidate we all know for next term to reach and get direction to reorganization of PERSILAT. That is my proposal I would like to suggest to this meeting and Board of PERSILAT. I suggest to add fifth category of festival to competition: 1-tanding, 2-tunggal, 3-ganda, 4-regu and 5-festival. Last suggestion is to announce where the next championship will be held. Thank you very much."





Thailand: "Good afternoon. I am proud to say silat at thai everything is in peace. Keep in touch. Thank you.



Brunei: "Ass wr wb. Respected Chairman, respected Mr. Eddie Nalapraya President of PERSILAT, Brunei Darussalam PERSIB is a martial art organization that are superior in Brunei Darussalam. First, the appointment of 4 years overall PERSIB committee. Second, according to PERSIB law, registration of Brunei Darussalam, PERSIB a martial art is under the control of federal registration of the country and blessed by the Ministry of Culture and Sports PERSIB there. Third, join the Olympic Council PERSIB country Brunei Darussalam. PERSIB each year carry out silat championship. The first martial art was in the original pure martial art called Catak Brunei Darussalam Brunei and Kunta. Second, perform martial art competition sport, and the arts competition. PERSIB also often come to an invitation or an invitation competition martial art in the nation, and although there are things that can not be met because there is something about the business of martial art. PERSIB in the Brunei Darussalam National competition first, second, high school tournament in Brunei Darussalam, and the young martial arts competition. PERSIB God willing in the future after this congress we will make certain the program hopefully we will have a successful martial art is superior to the world and hopefully the program will be PERSIB further innovations. Thank you. Ass wr wb.



Singapore: " The only important thing that I would like to express today is we really would like to look into coordination, a well informed activities where all of us know of everything all the time. I feel that we are lacking in this stage we do not really know much about our friends. We are saying that we are related, we are friends, we know each other, we are family, but we do not know what is happening to the family of our neighbors. We really hope that PERSILAT would play very important role to link us together. Form an inspiring web that link us together. Now we have only 30-32. Should happen in one day we will have hundreds of us. How are we suppose to link each other if the main body did not do so. This is our main concern for the changes that we would like to see in the future of PERSILAT.

There is only 1 federation in Singapore. Even the government only accredited 1 federation. I really hope this to happen in some other country also. There is no double or duplication of such activities because it always create chaos to the unity. If the only one affiliated to PERSILAT then the work will go on well. I would like to request for the next term of PERSILAT for such report from all the countries all of us bring back consisting all report from all countries. May be we will be informed 1 or 2 months before the Congress to submit the report in the form. That is the best we can bring back to be presented to our youngsters, not flower or gift. That is the best way, besides posting in the website.

As my President says, we are looking forward to your support from all the countries for the event 2011 and 2012. We have traveled to more than 19 countries in Asia we really want this nearby friends to help us in include silat to the ASIA Games in 2014. I would like also to have PERSILAT concern to looking to warming up for this Asia federations and I would like to inform you all that Singapore is willing to hold responsibility to make sure that silat come to Asia Games 2014. We really need your support for this. Thank you very much.



INDONESIA: "IPSI has continued to maintain, develop and promote pencak silat in Indonesia. IPSI has 10 historical schools or perguruan that established IPSI in 1948 but 4 or 5 are nearly extinct and at least 1 perguruan that we can not find its address. The teachers, the masters have died and many of the students have not continued the activities. IPSI still recognizes them since some of



them still send representative to our National Congress. IPSI has 6 (six) perguruan besar or big national schools which have been borned after 1948 but have developed into quite big schools with thousands of athletes. They are 1-Merpati Putih, 2-Kalimasada, 3-ASAD, 4-Satria Muda Indonesia, 5-PSTD, and 6-Pagar Nusa. Those are actually now quite prevalence in most of areas in Indonesia in national bases and therefore the 10 historical schools and the 6 national large schools are now basically the main drive of Pencak Silat in Indonesia. IPSI has hundreds and hundreds of perguruan, local and regional on their own developing, practicing, carrying out their aliran and their forms. The focus of IPSI is how to prevent those hundreds of schools from become extinct. They are carrying out their tradition in their traditional ways. They do not have documentations, they teach by 'word of mouth' by example from master to student. When the great master dies some of that school get extinct. IPSI's main focus now is to capture before they become extinct by the modernization, by the urbanization of our country, and by modern influence that make Pencak Silat in Indonesia less and less popular. Youth or young generations do not want to go to formal traditional way of learning pencak silat where 1 master have 2 or 4 students who live with him and teach the student. This is also make pencak silat not very popular for young generation who want very fast result, more competition, and more recognition. This is classic in Indonesian pencak silat between the traditional pencak silat and modern championship oriented pencak silat. IPSI has to adjust to olympic standard vis-a-vis the traditional way of teaching pencak silat. This is aside for the future and we are trying to save some of this school to propagate and to develop. The good development in Indonesia is that some political leaders realize the importance of pencak silat. Two or 3 governors are very positive. The governor of E. Java is pencak silat member for many many years. He was the chairman of IPSI of E. Java and he became governor and is promoting pencak silat very strongly in E. Java. He has built very big padepokan pencak silat that will officiated be opened in few months. This is going to be the second biggest in Indonesia. Since Malaysia will have the biggest in the world, it will push and motivate the other political leader in Indonesia to promote and to support pencak silat. The governor of Riau, the Regent of Siak and some other regent of Indonesia have also on their own build padepokan, arenas to promote pencak silat. IPSI has seen movement realization that this heritage must be saved and must be defended. In few years to come we will see the result like in Malaysia. We hope also Brunei and Singapore as the promotor of the original founders of pencak silat can support our friends in other countries. I as Chairman of IPSI have intended to increase our support for pencak silat. I will observe to refer to the founding members and senior members of PERSILAT.

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#### Summary of Comments and Suggestions.

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support from Brunei federation for us to call upon the Government of Brunei. Hopefully received by the Sultan of Brunei himself because Sultan is also Prime Minister. We would like to get the support from Authorities from Singapore. We accept fully this recommendation and have discussed even before your recommendation.

2. **Shortcoming of Committees.** There was also critics and correction and on behalf of the host I apologize with the shortcoming. Last night there were some incidents in the execution during the game. I take full responsibility and I apologize for this discourses and I hope this will not spill over into something more serious. We will overcome that. Also if there was a mistake from our committee who doesn't understand which way of the flag must be presented, I would like to apologize as the responsible chairman. I will call my subordinate in the committee and will give a bit of my opinion. This is very small but very sensitive. I also do not like to see my flag upside down because that is the flag of Poland and not Indonesia. I accept the critics.
3. **Request for Training.** IPSI has already plan next year to open clinics and workshops. The concern is that visa for more than 1 month. We have to negotiate with the government and I think this can be easily done. The clinic will be tailored to the requirement of many of the countries and we will open to all countries wishing to send for the clinics. We will announce several months ahead where and when it will be opened and how many slots we can allocate to each member of federation. We will provide at least 5 slots for each federation but if there are more request we will consider it. I have gotten already promises support from several governors that this activities can be sponsored and supported by them in the various reagents because they want to promote pencak silat also. We can help the countries and will take responsibility for the training, the food and the accommodation. With regard to the transport we will negotiate with the sponsors so that they can also sponsor the tickets. Now GARUDA INDONESIA has already opened flights back to Europe and to US after stopped due to 1998 crisis. Previously we can get sponsorship from GARUDA whereas for every 5 tickets we can get 1 free. This could support various federations.
4. **Reform the Organization of PERSILAT.** We should address very seriously the recommendation from The Netherlands to adjust or reform PERSILAT. I personally have not been involved in PERSILAT but I will refer this suggestion to the Founding Members. This is something that we should seriously consider. I personally support the reformation or remodeling that PERSILAT will become more democratic, more 'in tune' to adjust ourselves to the Olympic Committees. But also I remind all of us that in present development of pencak silat, the difference on the development of different countries must be taken into consideration. Also certain aspects of pencak silat requires certain handling or consideration. I do agree we must adjust with the time. We must have full participation from all the members. I will refer this to the Founding Members of PERSILAT. In this occasion, as Chair of the the congress, I summarize and the summary will be referred to the Founding Members. And after we adjourn for lunch we will re-continue and during the adjournment the Founding Members will have discussion on how we will address the recommendation.
5. **Next World Championships.** Four countries have offered to voluntarily host the next world championships:
  - a. Saudi Arabia, the first country offering the host of next championship of 2012 or 2014
  - b. Suriname, the second country offering the host of 2012 or 2014
  - c. Malaysia, the third country offering the host of 2012 or 2014
  - d. Vietnam, the forth country offering the host of 2012 or 2014
6. **Correction from IPSI.** As the last member to give comment and suggestion in this Congress, I am as President of IPSI would like to give corrections to PERSILAT Organizing Committee on the



Agenda of an international congress. The Agenda now is to hear the opinions questions and recommendations from the participants and next the appointment or the election of the new president. However, in my opinion, during this opportunity for congress should be a session or sessions that the congress should be divided into committees and commissions to discuss the different aspects. First, how to reform or change the constitution, if will be. Two, how to change the program or programs, if need be. Three, how to improve technics, promotions, etc. This is my understanding. However, as I said, I am here just to carry out as the Chairman who has no authority on the Agenda. May be the consideration of Organizing Committee is time factor, or finance, or congress may be too long, etc. As of now, timing is not so bad, because even though the opening was delayed but we are not running too behind schedule. This is my correction.

### CONCLUSION

All recommendation that we have been received today are very positive that PERSILAT will also accept the recommendations and the corrections. We will also convey the recommendations and corrections to whoever will be entrusted leading PERSILAT in the future.

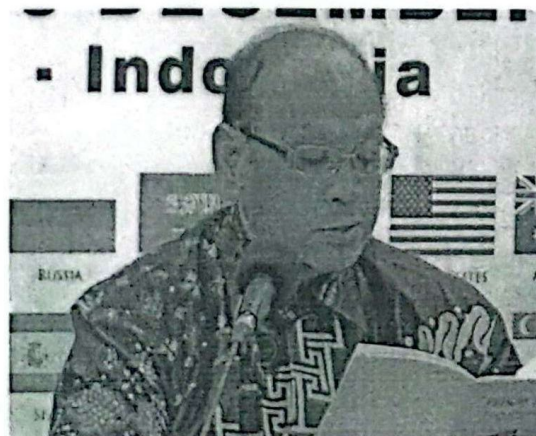
Can be re-convinced at another time or we could do it now if the participating members decide to stay in Jakarta either tonight or to stay for few more days. Or we can also re-convince in 1 month time or 2 months time for this special working committee to carry out the remodeling or reform. I will support we should do

1<sup>st</sup> PLENARY MEETING OF CONGRESS IS ADJOURNED AT 13:06 JAKARTA TIME.

Break 60 Minutes for lunch.

## Plenary session II

### A. Appointment of President of PERSILAT



Decision of Founding Members announced by President of PESAKA, Malaysia: "Thank you for your cooperation and your opinion for our goodness.

Firstly, the founding members of PERSILAT as the highest decision making body according to the

PERSILAT constitution accept the recommendation of the 7<sup>th</sup> PERSILAT to review the current organization structure and regulation pertaining to PERSILAT and hereby decide to form the special committee consisting of 4 members nominated by the Founding Members plus 1 represents from Europe. We propose The Netherlands. 1 representative from Asia we suggest Vietnam, 1 representative from the Pacific we suggest Australia to report the findings of the Committee within 6 months to discuss for the constitution.

Secondly, according to PERSILAT constitution Article 10 paragraph 1.2. "The President shall be nominated by the Founding Members in the meeting of Founding Members and Congress of PERSILAT. The nominated shall then be discussed and resolved by the Founding Members and announce in the Plenary Meeting of PERSILAT Congress for 4 years.

The Founding Members hereby announce the anonymous consensus of the Founding Members to appoint **Mr. Prabowo Subianto** President of IPSI to be the next President of PERSILAT for the term 2010 to 2014 and to appoint Haji Eddie Marzuki Nalapraya of the Chairman of Dewan Sesepeuh or Counsel of Elders of PERSILAT.

On behalf of:


- IPSI
- PESAKA
- PESISI, and,
- PERSIB.

That's all I want to announce to you.

## Plenary session II

### B. Speech and Closing by the Newly Appointed President of PERSILAT



 Chairman - New President of PERSILAT Mr. Prabowo Subianto: "First of all I would like to thanks to the member representative of the Congress and also the Founding Members that I have been given the appointment to be the next President of PERSILAT. We have discussed this at our



within and we have decided that under the current constitution and we will carry out to review the organization and restructuring by special committee and we will convince special conference to discuss restructuring and review the PERSILAT organization. That was the decision of the Founding Members. I would like to use this opportunity to ask. We will accommodate any questions or comments."



The Netherlands/Europe: "Congratulated the appointment of Mr. Prabowo Subianto. Suggested Mr. Prabowo to be fast student to master the constitution. Suggested Pak Eddie to guide the remodeling of PERSILAT. Expecting not only announcing the new President but also how will you reform the PERSILAT




Chairman - New PERSILAT President: "Founding Members accept your recommendation to restructure and reform PERSILAT. For that we form the Committee consisted of Founding Members plus representative from Europe (The Netherlands), Asia (Vietnam) and Pacific (Australia). We ask Vietnam to represent Asia because de facto that Vietnam is one of the strongest as world champion of pencak silat several times. The second question is to ask Pak Eddie to oversee and review and we have decided to appoint Pak Eddie to be the Chairman of the Counsel of the Elder that is Dewan Sesepeuh a very senior and respected body in the traditional pencak silat the sesepeuh is the master, the teacher, is the one who is guiding us, but he is not involve in day to day executive functions. So we will ask him as the part of restructuring of this committee. And the committee will be very flexible committee. If the representative would like to appoint a task force of experts, we are open to the discussion. So, this committee will be the deliberate committee but to carry out the study we could have a task force of experts which can be more members from different countries. We have accommodated both of your suggestions. We have discussed between us I offered to the founding members but Malaysia declined, Singapore decline wants to concentrate on their own program but they asked to be given the chance to form the Asian Federation which not been formed yet and also the Founding Members agreed to give the honor to Singapore to form Pencak Silat Federation. Brunei also decline and they asked me on behalf of IPSI and I consider it my honor my duty to promote pencak silat and therefore I accepted. And that was the decision of our Founding Members. And we will be opened for the reformation, the review of the constitution and that's why we give the task to committee for 6 months. And if committee for the 6 months recommend again to us, we will convince. We will looking for the constitution for special extra-ordinary congress. But it's not in the constitution. This will be the task of special committee and we will re-convince the special session of the 7<sup>th</sup> congress to amend the constitution. That is the most efficient and the most wise alternative thought otherwise we were thinking continuing this congress but it will take several hours or days to conclude. We have basically accepted all of your recommendation. We will ask Pak Eddie to agree to be Chairman of Elder which now is empty and many of sesepeuh is not active or have died. We give privilege and honor to Pak Eddie to form this council from member countries with recommendations from member of participants. That is what we are proposing to you.



Suriname: "We have discuss that the current constitution is in discretion. It is already announced that the decision has been made. All decision should be made according to rules and regulations who will be the running candidate. Travel so long spend so much money to take part for this persilat. That is why we rely on person who can lead this with charisma, management skills, peaceful heart and diplomatic politics. I do not know who is he. But now the decision has been made. We do hope the new president that already elected think also about condition of PERSILAT at Suriname and also in the world. As part of satisfaction it should be better if we know before hot it would be gone so we feel also as one big family that will be happy all the time that we have good inspiration. How it would be and how it




should be in the future."

 Chairman - New PERSILAT President: "Really I need to comment that during the proceeding of Founding Members. In the beginning I understood that Malaysia would put forth for candidate which their President. I asked Malaysia, but the President of Malaysian Federation PESAKA who was the running candidate but officially withdrew his candidature. We offered Singapore but declined. We offered Brunei but declined. Then they asked me. If I also declined then we do not have any decision. Under the present constitution we have to have decision then I accepted for the shake of PERSILAT. But I personally support the desire to modernize and to review the structure of the PERSILAT. But we have decided that for efficiency and reality we can not do this overnight. We need time and therefore special committee has been formed and we accept representative from all regions so we appoint 7 members representing various regions and this will have the deliberaty power and authority from Founding Members to carry out review of the structure. So we will delivery cooly quietly for the shake of pencak silat to the best interest of everybody.



Switzerland: "Is there any changes in the near future? And do you have already vision where do we go for the federations?"


 Chairman - New PERSILAT President: "The plan or the path or the roadmap is very clear that we want to re-energize pencak silat and therefore the special committee will have very important task and as a new President of PERSILAT that would be my mission is to re-energize, modernize the structure for the promotion and popularization internationally in the world stage and for that we have benchmark where aiming is the world festival of pencak silat we have to be in the middle of 2011 and we are discussion with Malaysia and Brunei to host this world festival. The 4 of us has decided to go on a road show to lobby the President of Indonesia, PM of Malaysia, the Government of Singapore and the Government of Brunei to increase the real support and sponsorship of pencak silat. Therefore basically the road map is very clear. I do not think there will be a big changes except the changes that we want to gather by special committee. Basically the vision is we want to achieve higher performance of and better acceptance of pencak silat. Strategy will be of course countries at Central Asia, countries of Middle East. We have now breach head in Saudi Arabia, in Morocco, in Jordan. So maybe we can easily add 10 countries from the Middle East and of course Africa. And t hen we have to go to Latin America, Caribbean, North America, we have breach head in Suriname. I personally determine to this—I was concentrating in IPSI. And basically I was the one who raise the money and built Padepokan in Taman Mini 18 years ago. Of course now bit needs renovations. But by have Padepokan we have always support PERSILAT. Now of course we want to do better because in 1998 we got hit by the crisis and as you know sport pencak silat also means money. We are very enthusiastic. Malaysia has built the world biggest arena. We are very happy. Before we were the biggest. Now Malaysia has overtaken us. So, the vision coming forward basically is how to promote and to push pencak silat. That is my concern. That's why the Founding Members in trust in me and because all the others decline I accepted and I took the challenge I took the responsibility. I am very confident that we can do very good job to push pencak silat.




Azerbaijan: "We have 4 Founding Members making decision regarding the choosing of the President but I think it would be better if all countries participating in making the decision. But since the decision has been made but I would like you to know M. Eddie Nalapraya has done a lot for the development of pencak silat and the stand of pencak silat today is the result of his work. I can not take to other countries but my country very much respected for Mr. Eddie Nalapraya. I respect the decision




which has been made very much. And therefore I would like to suggest that Mr. Eddie Nalapraya can be chosen as Honorable President. And the work for reformation of PERSILAT to we need to oversee. And this will be very profitable for the development of pencak silat."

 Chairman – The New PERSILAT President: "The recommendation has been answered because we have appointed and we are asking Pak Eddie to accept that he will be the Chairman of the Council of Elders, the Dewan Sesepuh and by that he will guide us and will be with us. I always acknowledge the tremendous and great dedication of Pak Eddie and we will continue to ask his guidance and one of my first action after forming the board which I will form together with founding members I will suggest to them that we have special position as special representative of PERSILAT as ambassador of PERSILAT and we will ask Pak Eddie Nalapraya to be in that position so that he will continue to work for PERSILAT to push and represent PERSILAT in the international world. I do not see any conflict between our ideas.

We want to be in the spirit of family we will acknowledge and accommodate any ideas, recommendations that are prevalence. The tradition of pencak silat actually we are non-political, we do not want to go by conventional politics we want to deliberate we want to do it in familiar. If there is anything we are willing to sit down and talk. But in our opinion after our deliberation we have accommodated most of the recommendations, opinions of the congress and we have decided that this is the road path to go forward that one we want to promote pencak silat, push it. Target ASEAN GAMES but also popularize it to make it the real sport that people can be proud of. We have very rich, we have so many schools and aliran that we have many things that we can offer to the future generation of the world."

 Spain: "Congratulation because you are the President of global federation. For me that is important question because in Europe it is very difficult to understand how is possible that 4 founder countries decide about the future of thousands of students around the world. Because our constitution is like this. Only 1 personal opinion especially last 5-10 years I felt lock-out situation for the international federations. I would like to ask you or pledge with you about the internationalization of PERSILAT including internal restructure because Pak Eddie ask me 15 years ago to go out of sun because President of CIO Mr Samarand also Spanish. PERSILAT? Who is PERSILAT? Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei. No more? No more? This is only reflection. Good reflection. Because lot of people here ask about Olympics. On Olympics are 5 continents, 15 countries minimum per continent and 1 global sponsor with 100 million US\$. Normally that is not questions of perguruan or aliran but money. First of all money. Congratulation but I hope in a short time that we go worldwide international federations.

 Chairman – New PERSILAT President: "I completely agree with you, 100%. As I said, I have never been involved with PERSILAT. I was not in the committee that form the constitution, I am just carrying out the constitution that has been given to us. I am the first one to agree to reform the constitution. Because even in the constitution I found some mistakes even in the language. Even in the PERSILAT PLEDGE I was the one who corrected. I asked to be corrected. As I was not a member of PERSILAT Board, I was just representing IPSI. I am 100% agree with you and that is why we form special committee and whatever the special committee will recommend we will come that convince all the Founding Members. But also we will work very open with you but let us be very realistic. For instance, if we want to carrying out real democratic vision one man one vote one nation one vote then we have also consider certain realities. For instance one new member with only maybe 30 athletes they will decide the future of pencak silat where there have member countries with hundreds of thousands of members. This has to be discussed by the special committee of people who are given the mandate and also the wise man



we have to go to the Elders from Malaysia, Brunei, Philippines, Indonesia, Spain, as to sit down as the wise man to give us how to go forward. We have to choose is this real one federation one vote as we discussed may be 1 country as a new member who has been only with us for 2 or 3 years do they have the same right or do we have certain categories. This all must be discussed. So, I completely agree and fully support. In fact that is what I have tried to do in Indonesia IPSI. We give the 10 historical perguruan, they have 1 vote in the national congress even though some of them are nearly extinct. But there were the founder of IPSI. So as long as they send representative we ... afford? But we have 10 new ones, and we have 33 regional bodies who have each 1 vote. Perhaps this can also part of deliberation. Do not think I am not support. I am in full support of the desire to renovate and reform and remodel PERSILAT in the coming years. And we will accommodate all of your recommendation even in to the form of competition. We are thinking of how to improve the competition to be really objective. This is how we always look forward for improvement. And even I as Chairman of IPSI, I send my athletes to China to study Shaolin to be taught by the Chinese because I tell my pesilat I said to be a pendekar is a never ending process of learning and you must learn from every school, from every aliran to enrich pencak silat. At one time I was oppose but at the end they show me that it only enrich pencak silat. So maybe we have to send to Thailand to learn more Thai. Or to Brazil to learn Capuera. This is my thinking how to revitalize and to energize pencak silat. So I fully support you, Sir. And we hope that you always continue to give us input and through special committee we hope we will create a new roadmap more clear what we have to do in the next 4 years.



**Australia:** "First of all I like to congratulate you Pak Prabowo Subianto as a President. But also he said that my relationship with Pak Eddie in the past and how Pak Eddie he bring me to this point of pencak silat. I remember how we go with Pak Eddie not in a luxury bus and Pak Eddie said I enjoyed travel in the country and I still can sleep in the bus and now all of the student in Australia know Pak Eddie and still remember Pak Eddie. I am sad because we have good relationships by giving me a lot of strength. At the same time I am also proud and happy with Pak Eddie with the position of Chairman of Jenderal in Pencak Silat. Therefore I still can communicate with Pak Eddie as a mentor and as an elderly. For other things has been spoken by Europeans, Spain and Suriname and by President of PERSILAT. We try to achieve and give the vision of pencak silat and your goal for pencak silat. So I hope I can see that and thank you also to nominate Pacific to be able to support PERSILAT for further communication and can give more input. I do hope the dream of PERSILAT the dream of the members, family, the children can be fulfilled can be more democratic. I fully support your idea.



**Japan:** "First of all I want to say congratulation to Mr. Prabowo Subianto. My question is from Asia represented by Vietnam and from Asia Pacific represented by Australia. If we have opinion we go to Vietnam or to Australia."



**Chairman - New PERSILAT President:** "According to constitution does not say Asia-Pacific. It says Asia or Pacific. So Australia represents Pacific and Vietnam represents Asia. So Asia includes Japan, Iran. This also in the present constitution only recognize America, Africa, Asia Europe and Pacific. And then the question will come from North Africa and South Africa, North America and South America, Central Asia. This will be discussed by the Committee. We want Special Committee to discuss everything to fulfill the constitution and the constitution has been for so many years. Moreover, I think it is hard to fulfill. This is the task in front of us, the task for us how to convince. I want your recommendation, your advice what will represent for various region so that we can start as soon as possible. I think to be realistic let something like February if I know soon we will go for Christmas holidays and all



Europe I think main countries even in Asia will not work after the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December and we will not come in before 5 or 20<sup>th</sup> of January. You send your name by 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January we can convince the meeting ASAP. And then we can start working and then when they give the findings we will invite you to re-convince for the working session or maybe we can already start extraordinary congress which -I am sad to say- Pak Eddie, the original constitution did not plan for this. So we have to start improving for the good of the future of pencak silat.







UK: "From the UK would like to congratulate Pak Prabowo for your appointment as a new President of PERSILAT. I think we are proud to have a new President who is progressive forward moving and quite democratic in meeting. Having said that though any new President of PERSILAT will be donated by track record of Pak Eddie Nalapraya. In Europe we call Pak Eddie Nalapraya The Father of Zeropen Pencak Silat. We really love him and honor him. And I am sure Pak Prabowo you will aspire to reach the same height as Pak Eddie Nalapraya in Europe as the global ambassador for pencak silat. And to that we would like you wish a better plan and look forward to work together with you to face all the challenges for us to work together to make pencak silat really number 1 sport in the world. Big applause for Pak Eddie Nalapraya as our beloved as pencak silat President who will be very sad that he is going although we know that he will always be there with us as the in our thought in our heart. And he will be all the time behind Pak Prabowo to make sure Pak Prabowo in the track and leading us in the right way. Big applause for Pak Eddie Nalapraya. Big applause also for Pak Prabowo.

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**ATTACHMENT**  
**THE 7<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS**

No.	Country	Organization
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**PERSILAT Founding Members:**

1		Indonesia	IPSI	Ikatan Pencak Silat Indonesia
2		Singapore	PERSISI	Persekutuan Silat Singapura
3		Malaysia	PESAKA	Persekutuan Silat Kebangsaan Malaysia
4		Brunei	PERSIB	Persekutuan Silat Kebangsaan Brunei Darussalam


**The 7<sup>th</sup> PERSILAT Congress Participants (Listed Alphabetically):**

5		America		
6		Australia	APSF	Australian Pencak Silat Federation
7		Austria	PSVO	Pencak Silat Verbands Oestreeichs
8		Azerbaijan	APSF	Azerbaijan Pencak Silat Federation
9		Belgium	BPSB	Bond Pencak Silat Belgium
10		France	AFPS	Association French Pencak Silat
11		Germany	PSUD	Pencak Silat Union Deutschland
12		India	PSFI	Pencak Silat Federation of India
13		Iran	IPSA	Iran Pencak Silat Association
14		Italian	FIPS	Federazione Italiana Pencak Silat



15		Japan	JAPSA	Japan Pencak Silat Association
16		Korea	KPSF	Korea Pencak Silat Federation
17		Netherlands	NPSB	Nederlandse Pencak Silat Bond
18		Pakistan	PAKSIF	Pakistan Penak Silat Federation
19		Philippines	PHILSILAT	Philippines Pencak Silat Association
20		Russian	RPSF	Russian Pencak Silat Federation
21		South Africa	SAPSA	The South Africa Pencak Silat Association
22		Spain	PSSF	Pencak Silat Spanish Federation
23		Suriname	SPSA	Suriname Pencak Silat Association
24		Switzerland	PSVIS	Pencak Silat Switzerland
25		Thailand	PSAT	Pencak Silat Association of Thailand
26		Timor Leste	FESTIL	Federasi Pencak Silat Timor Leste
27		UK	PSF UK	The Pencak Silat Federation on the UK
28		Uzbekistan	UPSA	Uzbekistan Pencak Association
29		Vietnam	VPSF	Vietnam Pencak Silat Federation

**The 7<sup>th</sup> PERSILAT Congress Non-Participants (Listed Alphabetically):**

30		Cambodia		
31		Canada	PERKASA	Persekutuan Kanada Silat
32		Laos		
33		Myanmar		
34		Nepal		
35		Turkey		
36		Yemen	YPSF	Yemen Pencak Silat Federation

**7th PERSILAT Congress Attendance**

