

Dr. Hassan Wirajuda

Dr. Hassan Wirajuda (July 9, 1948 in Tangerang, Indonesia) was the foreign minister of Indonesia from 2001 to 2009. He was also a member of the council of presidential advisors of the republic of Indonesia from 2009 to 2014. He recently co-founded The Indonesia School of Government and Public Policy and is the editor-in chief of *Strategic Review - The Indonesian Journal of Leadership, Policy and World Affairs*.

Dr. Wirajuda currently serves as members to the International Advisory Panel of Nalanda University in India, the Asia Pacific Leadership Network for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, the Trilateral Commission Asia Pacific Group, the Aspen Ministers Forum, and a founding member of the Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council (2011). He initiated the establishment of the Bali Democratic Forum (BDF) in 2008 and its implementing agency, the Institute for Peace and Democracy (IPD), in which he is sitting as Patron. Dr. Wirajuda was member of the Global Commission on Elections, Democracy and Security (2010-2011) chaired by Kofi Annan and was also member of the High Level Informal Advisory Panel of the President of the 67th UN General Assembly.

Against the backdrop of a military dominated government, Dr. Wirajuda initiated the establishment of the Indonesian Commission of Human Rights (KOMNASHAM) in 1989-1993. In 1993-1996, he also facilitated the peace talks between Moro Liberation Front (MNLF) and the government of the Philippines that led to the signing of the Final Peace Agreement in September 1996. He was also tasked by the government of Indonesia to conduct a dialogue for peace agreement between the government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) in Geneva in 2000-2001.

Since 2012, Dr. Wirajuda was the proponent of the ASEAN Political and Security Community (of the three pillars of ASEAN Community) with core values in the promotion of democracy, respect for human rights, and good governance and the establishment of an ASEAN Human Rights body. He actively championed for a more inclusive and balanced East Asia, as reflected by the first East Asia Summit of 16 member states in 2005.

A lawyer by training and a diplomat by profession, Dr. Wirajuda held several important posts including director-general of political affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2000-2001), ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva (1998-2000), ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Egypt (1997-1998), and director of international organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1993-1997).

Dr. Wirajuda earned a Doctor of Juridical Science in international law from the University of Virginia School of Law (1988), a master of law (LL.M) from Harvard University School of Law (1985), and a master of arts in law and diplomacy (MALD) from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (1984). In 1971, he graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Indonesia and spent a year at Oxford University, Foreign Service Program in 1976.

For his meritorious service to his country, the president of Indonesia granted Dr. Wirajuda with the highest Indonesian state medal, Bintang Mahaputra Adipradana, in 2011. Earlier, in 2008, Dr. Wirajuda also received the prestigious Order of Sikatuna Award from the government of the Philippines for his work on peace in the southern Philippines. Dr. Wirajuda, along with former

foreign Minister Ben Bot, is awarded the Linggajati Award 2013 recipient from the Indonesia-Netherlands Society (INS) for his contribution and services in advancing bilateral relations of the two societies.