### The 19<sup>th</sup> Joint Economic Cooperation Conference between Taiwan and Indonesia

# Enhancing Trade and Investment between Indonesia and Taiwan

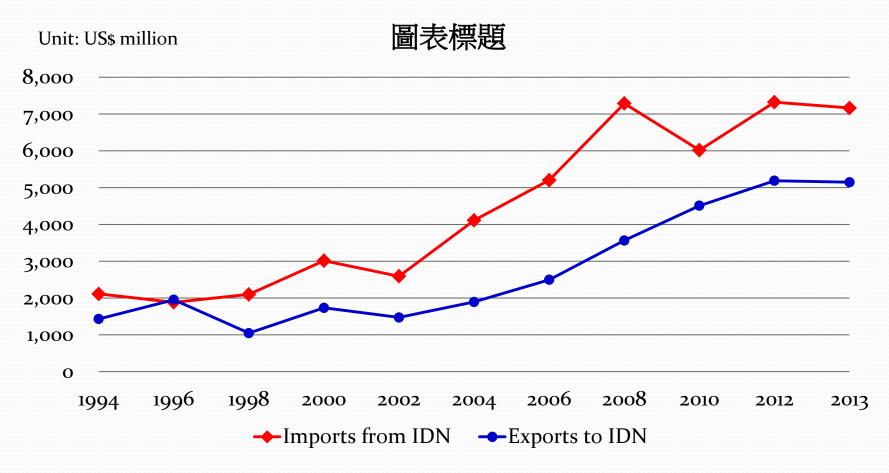
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### **Outlines**

- Bilateral trade and investment at a glance
- Opportunities and challenges for strengthening bilateral trade and investment
- Ways toward a closer economic partnership

## Indonesia's exports to Taiwan triples from US\$ 2.1 billion to US\$7.1 Billion (1/5)

• Bilateral trade in goods (1994 – 2013)



Source: Taiwan Customs

## Taiwan imports energy, minerals, precious metals and natural rubber from Indonesia (2/5)

### Taiwan's Major imports from Indonesia

- Coals
- Liquefied natural gas
- Petroleum oil, fuel oil
- Nickel oxide sinters
- Waste and scrap gold
- Unwrought, unalloyed tin
- Wood (construction material)
- Chemicals (liquified ammonia)
- Natural rubber
- Copper waste and scrap

Source: Taiwan Customs, data period: 2013

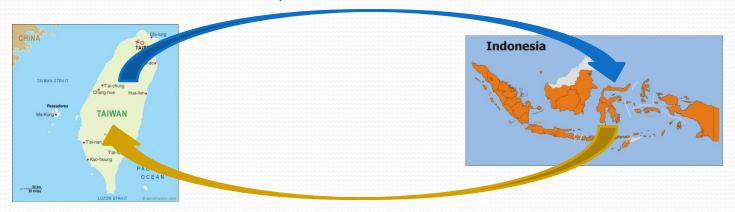
## Indonesia imports intermediate goods from Taiwan (3/5)

#### Taiwan's major exports to Indonesia

- Gasoline, diesel fuel and fuel oil
- Chemicals (Ethylene)
- Knitted or crocheted fabrics of synthetic fibers
- Product of iron or non-alloy steel
- Electronic integrated circuits
- Plastics (polypropylene)
- Parts and accessories of vehicles

## Taiwan is Indonesia's 9<sup>th</sup> largest Foreign Direct Investor accumulatively (4/5)

- Bilateral investment (as of December 2013)
- ➤ Amount: US\$15.36 billion
- ➤ Covering agriculture, fishery, clothing, footwear, electronics, ICT products, paper, metal and auto parts; catering, logistics, finance and consultancy services.
- ➤ More than 1,000,000 jobs created.



**Amount: US\$114 million** 

## Bilateral Cooperation in varied Trade in Good and Service Sectors (5/5)

- Bilateral agreements / MOUs:
  - ➤ Investment promotion and protection (1990)-9<sup>th</sup> largest FDI to Indonesia
  - ➤ Double taxation avoidance (1995)-1,600 Taiwanese Investments in Indonesia
  - ➤ Agricultural cooperation-OVOP
  - Marine and fishery cooperation-More investments and trade
  - ➤ Labor recruitment-200,000 Indonesian friends work in nursing service and industrial sectors.
  - > Financial securities cooperation-China Trust Bank
  - Higher education-More students from ASEAN

## Opportunities and challenges for strengthening bilateral trade and investment (1/2)

### Opportunities

- Indonesia's large domestic consumer base
- The vast natural resources of Indonesia
- The relatively low cost production in Indonesia
- Indonesia's strong economic growth rate at 6.2% in 2014
- Taiwanese investors diversify and relocate production facilities
- Successful Taiwanese small and medium enterprises looking outward

## Opportunities and challenges for strengthening bilateral trade and investment (2/2)

### Challenges

- Indonesia's <u>foreign ownership restrictions</u> in a number of sectors, such as Banking, franchising restaurant
- Legal and regulatory uncertainty in Indonesia
- Deficient infrastructure in Indonesia
- Rising wages and cost of utilities in Indonesia
- Indonesia's <u>high tariffs on intermediate goods, semi products</u> and machine tool
- <u>ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement makes</u> Taiwanese investors suffer less favorable treatment
- The existing bilateral investment promotion and protection agreement is <u>obsolete</u>, <u>nonbinding and unenforceable</u>.

## Geo-political, Geo-economic and Energy Security Implications (7/)

- GVCs in the north
  - Mainland China

- GVCs in the south
  - ASEAN countries:
    Vietnam
  - Thailand
  - **Indonesia**
  - Malaysia
  - Philippines



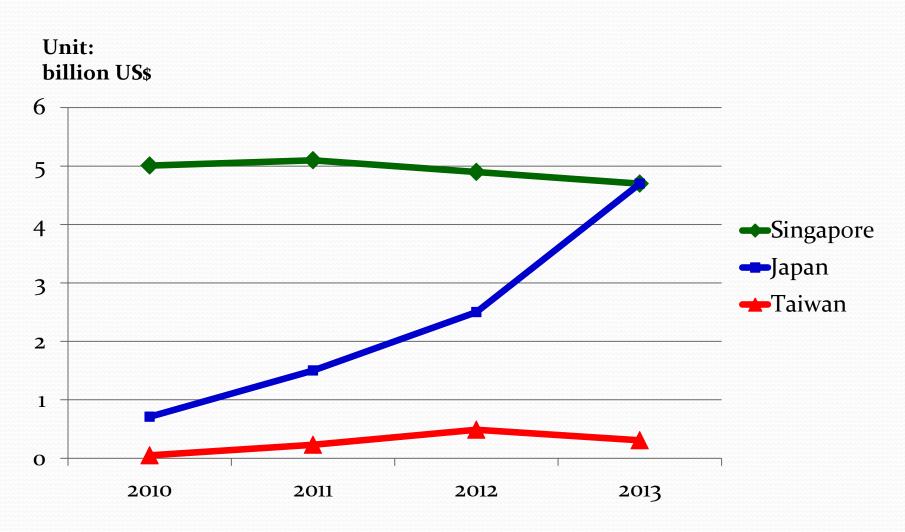
### Ways toward a closer economic partnership

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- A comprehensive economic cooperation agreement
  - Broader scope and coverage –Greater gains, due to the complementary nature of bilateral trade and investment.
  - Guarantee the commercial operations of Taiwan businesses in Indonesia and attract greater investment flows through institutional arrangements in areas of ICT, Automotive, Agriculture, Energy and renewable energy
  - Minimize the negative impacts on sensitive sectors and products
  - Regulatory cooperation in customs procedures and trade facilitation
  - Capacity building and technical assistance in vocation education and training, agricultural projects (OVOP) as well as best SME practices.

Alternatives progressively ...

## Japanese investment in Indonesia soured after signing the EPA with Indonesia (4/)



### Ways toward a closer economic partnership (2/)

- Building-Turbo Engines approach
  - 1. Bilateral investment agreement (BIA)

#### Why a BIA is a must?

- Addressing investors' needs regarding transparency in laws and regulation, non-backward policy, eliminating performance requirements, free fund transfer, etc.
- Legal protection, commitment and enforcement by the government-enforceable life and properties protection
- Strengthen investors' confidence and investment willingness

### Ways toward a closer economic partnership (3/)

- Building Turbo-engines approach
  - 1. Bilateral investment agreement (BIA)

#### How?

➤ Updating the 1990 bilateral investment promotion and protection agreement

#### What elements should be covered?

➤ Investment promotion, *protection*, facilitation and liberalization (ASEAN Investment Agreement Model?)

#### Who?

➤ Signed by authorized institutions and responsible persons

### Ways toward a closer economic partnership (4/)

- Building Engines approach
  - 2. Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)

#### What is an PTA?

> Eliminating or reducing tariffs on **selected** goods

#### How is a PTA workable?

- > Pursuant to the WTO's Enabling Clause
- > Examples:
  - ✓ PTAs signed by ASEAN with China, South Korea, and India
  - ✓ Indonesia Pakistan PTA

### Ways toward a closer economic partnership (5/)

- Building Turbo Engines approach
  - 2. Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)
    - > Benefits to both sides
      - ✓ Import more Indonesia's products to Taiwan's market
      - Avoid negative impacts on sensitive sectors
      - ✓ Increase the number of Taiwanese investors in Indonesia (Supply Chains and Value Chains Effects)
      - ✓ Enhance Indonesia's key role in regional value chains

## Indonesia is Taiwan's Top Priority Trade Partner and Investment Destination in the Region (6/)

- Bayu Krisnamurthi, Vice Minister of Trade
   Taiwan's GNI (PPP)-one of the highest in Asia
  - > Exports to Taiwan: US\$10 billion (US\$7 billion, 2013)
  - > Trade surplus: US\$ 4 billion (US\$ 2 billion, 2013)

Muhammad Lutfi, of Trade Minister More Taiwan's Investment in Indonesia

- Taiwan's plan to enhancing trade and investment in South-Eastern Asia (2014~2016)
  - > Action plan:
    - ✓ Indonesia is Taiwan's top priority investment destination in the region.
    - ✓ Join regional integration

## Terima kasi! Thank you!



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