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Connie is an Executive Director of IODAS (Institute of Defense and Security Studies), together with Ambassador Hasyim Djalal and Admiral Kent Sondakh she also sat as Board of Trustee at IMS (Indonesian Maritime Studies) after earlier she established the Indonesia Maritime Institute (IMI). She involves on strategic levels meetings at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence and Menkopolhukam (Coordinating Ministry of Politic and Security) Wantanas (National Security Council), and BIN (Badan Intelijen Negara). Connie is one of the 23 others chosen by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Boston, USA where she is graduated for Future Leadership Programme Batch III. She also graduated from APCSS (Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies) in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Fu Xi Kang War academy, ROC. She is also joined the Chevening Executive Program for Democracy and Security subjects at Birmingham University, England. Her latest activities is into ASEAN Political and Security Community, Maritime Security, Regional Security Architecture and the important aspects of securing the SLOC/T (sea lanes of communications/trades), emphasizing on the importance and strategic aspects of the regional equilibrium. She is one of the daring who initiate openly to public through Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Foreign Affairs on how Indonesia and China together need to project maritime powers to balance the Indian Ocean and at the same time balancing Pacific Ocean with Australia. She is concentrating her speech lately on developments of Sea Power and Air Power on facing the 21st Century regional challenges.