

## **IMPRESSION ON WINDS “KIZUNA” SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP**

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Prof Sugihartono, Mr. Basuki Suhardiman and I are very grateful and feel honored being in this prestigious symposium and workshop. We really have the feeling as in a big reunion among friends and colleagues, a big family of Asia – Pacific nation in a spirit of solidarity to face the future.

Recently ITB has not started to do experiment on WINDS yet, but since we were involved in the panel discussion and workshop, we have learned about many aspects, exchange of ideas, sharing of problem solutions and the need of collaboration in the utility of ICT for our well-being of mankind.

And therefore we do have some expectations on this WINDS, particularly in the field of narrowing the digital divide, as e-Health, e-Learning, e-Community, also for Disaster Mitigation / Emergency Relief services, etc. And it is necessary to master the technological aspect, e.g. the propagation characteristics of Ka-Band satellite communication in tropical atmospheric environment, how to mitigate the rain attenuation, the software and hardware, etc.

We are aware that it is very important and a must to understand the impact of such new technology to our culture, to our socio-economy; we expect wise and right response of the academic and professional society, and of the communication regulator as well. Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

**GOOD LUCK**