

## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

### 5.1 Conclusion

Globalization has led a massive movement of diaspora worldwide to be more integrated with their homelands and contribute to their countries development. Countries such as China and India have shown their capability in empowering their diasporas and turn the brain drain into brain gain. Diaspora has been one of the most fundamental actors in economic growth and that is the reason of the massive development of diaspora empowerment in global scale in the last decade which eventually drew new concern of Indonesia as well.

In fact, Indonesian diaspora has been existing since the 15<sup>th</sup> century and the phenomenon continues until today, the phenomenon is divided into 4 periods namely Colonial, Pre-colonial, Post-Independence and the New Order, and Current. Yet until 2012, there was no concrete movement of Indonesian diaspora in synergizing both among Indonesian diaspora and with Indonesian government in order to advance Indonesia's development. These circumstances triggered the initiatives of Dino Patti Djalal who was the first in noticing such situations and initiated the first Congress of Indonesian Diaspora (IDN) which resulted the Declaration of Indonesian Diaspora and the establishment of a diasporic organization named Indonesian Diaspora Network (IDN).

The 1<sup>st</sup> CID gathered over 2500 Indonesian diaspora who were mostly from United States and other countries, as well as several representatives from Indonesian government. In their visions and missions, IDN states that they are willing to assist Indonesian diaspora to integrate and ease their access to contribute to their homeland, distribute resources such as human capital, ideas, and solutions for Indonesia, and ensure the prosperity of Indonesian citizens both in Indonesia and

abroad. From 1<sup>st</sup> CID, this congress furthermore became permanent agenda of IDN in their mobilization attempts.

The establishment of IDN is the cornerstone that remarks the first concrete action of Indonesian diaspora to raise Indonesia's awareness into the surface regarding diaspora. After the 1<sup>st</sup> CID in 2012, the efforts to integrate Indonesian diaspora and mobilize them along with the discourse increased gradually. IDN scheduled series of congress and has held 5 CIDs during the past 8 years, each congress was held with different themes in accordance to the recent issue at the time.

By means of CID, IDN tries to approach Indonesian government in order to strengthen their position in Indonesia as well as open an access to contribute towards Indonesia. The dynamic of the mobilization and movement developed on the five CIDs have been held reflects the determination of IDN in raising diaspora issue in Indonesia, as one of their tremendous moves, IDN invited Obama on the 4<sup>th</sup> CID and successfully attracted 9000 attendants. CID participants also increase each year with the last CID was attended by over 10.000 participants and also several ministers which manifests the high enthusiasm towards IDN concern in fostering Indonesia's development.

Indonesian government seems to be supportive towards Indonesia, the government involved Indonesian diaspora on their agendas such as Wonderful Indonesia and Made in Indonesia Festival, they also invited them to be a keynote speakers on several event such as World Class Scholar Symposium. The emergence of IDN has stimulated several changes in the government's perspective towards diaspora and drew new concern in their policy-making process. It is reflected on several policies that are aimed at empowering Indonesian diaspora such as

Diaspora Card as the fulfillment of IDN's demand in particular regarding dual citizenship law and Diaspora Connect, the latest cooperation between IDN and Indonesian government with the purpose to create a database of Indonesian diaspora potential managed by IDN in order to assist the government in empowering Indonesian diaspora. This indicates the progressive movement of IDN in mobilizing Indonesian diaspora and raising diaspora discourse in Indonesia which is in accordance with their goals in fostering Indonesia's development.

## 5.2 Recommendations

By completing the research regarding Indonesian Diaspora Network and their attempt to mobilize Indonesian diaspora and increase the diaspora discourse in Indonesia, researcher finds several matters to be taken into account for recommendations for the next research. In the progress of bringing diaspora discourse into the table, IDN appears to have particular purpose in the form of dual citizenship, despite the release of Diaspora Card, the dual citizenship issue is still discussed for it has not covered all of the inquiries demanded in dual citizenship law and researcher finds it both interesting and quintessential to analyze the implicit purpose of this mobilization and its impact towards political and economic sectors. It is also important to highlight the possibility of Indonesian diaspora to be the agent of Indonesia's public diplomacy to their host countries and how it would be impactful to Indonesia as the part of recommendations.