



Declaration of the Austronesian Forum on Cooperation

AFFIRMING that Austronesian peoples are the original inhabitants of the Pacific region, share a common cultural heritage, and have, based on the universal values of international human rights, the right to self-determination and the means to advance internationally,

RECOGNIZING the importance of bringing the Austronesian communities of the Pacific region together to promote democracy, good governance, human rights and sustainable development, we, members of the Executive Council of the Austronesian Forum, at the 1st Executive Council Meeting, agree to:

1. Hold conferences and programs to deepen exchange and cooperation among Austronesian communities, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations;
2. Conduct educational, human resources development training and capacity building;
3. Promote exchange and cooperation for Austronesian development;
4. Demonstrate mutual commitment to Austronesian development;
5. Promote social, cultural and economic ties, and the protection and conservation of environment; and
6. Enhance Austronesian participation in Asia-Pacific and international organizations.

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