

Presentation of Honorary Award '*Bintang Jasa Utama*' (First Class Medal of Honour) to the Auditor-General for Australia, Mr Ian McPhee, by the Indonesian Ambassador, His Excellency, Primo Alui Joelianto Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia Friday 26 February 2010

The Award is to recognise the Auditor-General's contribution, and that of the Australian National Audit Office, to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in promoting the transparency and accountability of public finance, especially in the Audit of Natural Disaster Management in Aceh and Nias, and also for their contribution on best practice and capacity building in auditing.

The ANAO has been contributing to capacity building with Badan Pemeriksa Keuangan (BPK) – the Indonesian Board of Audit – over the last four years. The ANAO's activities have been focused toward both performance and financial auditing, and have included a series of long term secondees from BPK plus the delivery of Jakarta based training and pilot audit workshops.

Mr McPhee was honoured to receive the Award, recognising the level of importance the Award bestowed on his office by the Government of Indonesia.

In accepting the Award, Mr McPhee acknowledged the important work of colleagues within both the ANAO and the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, who have made the relationship a success.

The ANAO's contribution to the BPK has been strongly supported by AusAID and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade under Australian Government assistance programs.