



GUBERNUR SUMATERA SELATAN

**SPEECH OF
GOVERNOR OF SOUTH SUMATRA
IN THE 5th GOVERNORS AND CHIEF MINISTERS' FORUM OF THE
INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-THAILAND-GROWTH TRIANGLE (IMT- GT)**

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Assalamu'alaikum Wr. Wb.

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen....



The Honorable Mr. Dejrat Simsiri
Vice Governor of Yala Province



The Honorable Mr. Vitaya Panichpong
Vice Governor of Songkhla Province.



The Honorable Mr. Drs. H. Wan Abubakar.
Governor of Riau Province.



The Honorable H. Abdul Malik Kassim
Vice Chief Minister of Penang.



All delegates of the 5th Governors and Chief Ministers' Forum of
IMT-GT.



Distinguish guest ladies and gentlemen.

First of all, on behalf of The Government and the South Sumatra people I would like to extend my gratitude and warm welcome to all the Delegations of the 5th Governors and Chief Ministers' Forum and guest for coming at Arya Duta Hotel of Palembang. I hope you will enjoy your staying in Palembang.

Ladies and Gentlemen.....

I'm proud and very happy that South Sumatera has been trusted to be host of the fifth Governors and Chief Ministers' Forum.

As you may be aware, South Sumatera is one of the main tourism destination in Indonesia. It is safe to visit and a good place for national and international events.

Ladies and gentlemen...

Talking about Governors and Chief Ministers' forum of IMT-GT, if we look back the development of this Forum began in Pekanbaru, the Province of Riau, in 2005. The second time was conducted in Selangor-Malaysia, the third forum was taken place in Terang-

Thailand and the fourth forum was in Songkhla – Thailand.

From this four meetings of Governor and Chief Minister Forum of IMT-GT, some agreements on joint activities and cooperation among three countries and provinces of each countries. I hope we can use this opportunity to review the progress of those agreements.

I wish this forum would result in a better cooperation in the future which would contribute to the development and the growth of each country and region. Besides, I also hope that this forum will strengthen the relationship among Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me use this opportunity to introduce Mr. Ir. Alex Noerdin, SH the Governor elect of South Sumatera.

(Mr. Alex Noerdin, please introduce your self to the forum).

Ladies and gentlemen,

That is all I have to say. Thank you for the organizing committee for making this meeting successful. Thank you.

Wassalamu'alaikum Wr Wb.

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