



The Holy See

APOSTOLIC PILGRIMAGE
OF HIS HOLINESS PAUL VI
TO WEST ASIA, OCEANIA AND AUSTRALIA

DEPARTURE CEREMONY

ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER PAUL VI

Djakarta, Indonesia
Friday, 4 December 1970

The hour of Our departure from Indonesian soil has come. Allow Us to say to you in these few words all the appreciation which fills Our heart at the thought of the wonderful reception you have given Us. Once again the traditional hospitality of Asia has been proved true.

We extend Our respectful greeting to the authorities of the country. They have shown Us so much courtesy. We will not cease to pray for the prosperity, concord and happiness of the Indonesian people; notwithstanding our differences in civilization and religion this will be the best way to be united. For when hearts have succeeded in drawing close to each other to address the Almighty, men begin straightway to set up bonds of brotherhood-and that is a condition for the happy fulfilment of a shared task.

We thank all who have welcomed Us, and those who have taken part in organizing this swift encounter.

Terima kasih. Selamat tinggal. Sampai berdjumpa lagi.

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