



The Political Party Community for Dialogue (Komunitas Dialog Partai Politik, KDPP) is not a forum established by KID. Rather, it was set up by the seven parties that had seats in the DPR in 2007. The starting point was the visit of representatives of these seven political parties to the Netherlands in April 2007 at the invitation of KID's partner in The Hague, that is, The Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD), with coordination by KID. These politicians came from among the leaders of the National Mandate Party (PAN), the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P), the Democrat Party (Partai Demokrat), Golongan Karya Party (GOLKAR), the Prosperous Justice Party (PKS), the National Awakening Party (PKB) and the United Development Party (PPP).

After this visit, a need was felt for a forum where politicians could meet regularly and hold discussions. Thus establishment of the Political Party Community for Dialogue (KDPP), the members of which are the seven parties mentioned above, was announced in the office of KID in Jakarta on 14 June 2007, with KID as the permanent facilitator.

The results of KDPP's discussions and seminars have been made into books, which have been edited by Ignas Kleden and published by KID. So far, two volumes have been published in Indonesian and English. The outcomes of discussions and seminars held in 2007 were published as a small book edited by Ignas Kleden, namely, *Peran dan Tantangan Partai Politik: Refleksi Wakil Tujuh Partai Politik Indonesia*, KID, Jakarta, 2008. The title of the English version is *The Role and Challenges of Political Parties: Reflections of Representatives of Seven Indonesian Political Parties*. The results of discussions and seminars conducted in 2008 were also summarized and published in a volume edited by Ignas Kleden called *Partai Politik Indonesia: Dari Mesin Partai Hingga Voluntarisme Politik*, KID, Jakarta, 2009. The same summaries appeared in English in a volume called *Indonesian Political Parties: From Party Machinery to Political Volunteerism*.

So far KDPP has not been able to make a reality of another of its ideals, that is, the hope of becoming a forum for meetings between political parties across countries or cross-country inter-political party dialogue. Even so, the initial step has been taken. In working together with KID, KDPP has hosted visits by the leaders of the seven Dutch political parties that hold seats in the Dutch parliament. During their one-week visit to Jakarta from 25 to 31 August 2008, these leaders had the opportunity to call in at the central offices of the seven political parties that are members of KDPP, in order to meet the leaders of all the parties (except PDI-P) and to conduct a one-day seminar with members of KDPP.

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