Dear Sir/Madam,

The Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia has once again been recognized as one of the world’s top think tanks according to the Global Go To Think Tank Index, published by the University of Pennsylvania in February 2018.

There were 7,815 think tanks being reviewed in The Global Go To Think Tank Index report (data collected per December 2017). The report has benefited from constructive inputs of nearly 4,000 policy makers, journalists, academic faculty and administrators, think tank scholars and executives as well as professionals from donor agencies around the world.

Based on the report, CSIS has consistently steadied our course as Indonesia’s highest ranked think tank in the overall Top Think Tanks Worldwide category. In the Top Think Tanks in Southeast Asia and the Pacific category, CSIS has remained within the Top 5.

Furthermore, in the two specific categories, namely: Top Foreign Policy and International Affairs Think Tanks and Top Defense and National Security Think Tanks, CSIS has earned the acknowledgement as Southeast Asia’s leading Think Tank.

On behalf of CSIS, Dr. Philips Vermonte as the Executive Director extended his utmost gratitude for the trust and support that have been conferred on CSIS throughout the years. “We welcome all inputs and engagements for the years to come. Throughout the 46 years of proactively contributing to policy process, CSIS has weathered dynamic changes and transformations that have occurred not just in Indonesia, but also in the Southeast Asian regions and beyond. The proliferation of think tanks and research institutes in Indonesia after the 1998 reform and the increasing demands for policy inputs as government institutions face multidimensional challenges, have changed the landscapes of policy recommendation process. CSIS is unremitttingly committed to strive for excellence in our core research areas and is grateful for the incessant appreciations given by multifarious elements in policy and intellectual circles.”

Throughout 2017, CSIS continued to generate evidence-based policy research and rigorous public opinion surveys and expanded of our networks of think tanks and research partners, both nationally and globally.

As 2018 unfolds, Dr. Vermonte noted, “CSIS looks forward to improving our performance with our three departments: Department of Economics, Department of International Relations, and Department of Politics and Social Change. Furthermore, CSIS will continue to uphold our mission to contribute to improved policy making through policy-oriented research, dialogue, and public debates, and carry on our longstanding commitment to public education through growing diversity of avenues.”

Warmest regards,
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