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DEVELOPMENT OF A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY

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## The Foreign Investment Process in Indonesia

This presentation will cover the following topics:

• Overview of Indonesian Investment Law

• Key Investment Incentives

• The Investment Approval Process

• Key Investment Areas and Sectors

• Investment Protection and Dispute Resolution

• Summary and Next Steps

*In memory of my father*

*"I have been given authority over you  
but I am not the best of you.  
If I do well, help me,  
and if I do ill, then put me right.*

*True criticism is considered a loyalty  
and false applause is treachery."*

*Khalifah Abu Bakr\**

\* As quoted by Nafisa, *Law and Social Change in Muslim Countries: The Concept of Islamic Law Held by the Hanbali School and the Saudi Arabia Legal System*, (S.J.D. Thesis, Harvard Law School, unpublished, December 1975), pp. 45-46.

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