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# Foreword

# Dafri Agussalim

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On 23 October 2019, we celebrate the 10th the of **ASEAN** Anniversary Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR). It was a historic milestone, when ASEAN agrees to establish a Commission that carries the mandate of human rights promotion and the protection of fundamental freedoms, in conformity with the objectives and purposes of the ASEAN Charter. The AICHR's role in setting the stage for human rights cooperation in ASEAN was, is, and will always be vital. Notably, the Commission was successful in lending its expertise throughout the process of the adoption of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration in 2012. Moreover, through the work of its Commissioners, the process of human rights standard setting continues to be an important endeavour for the region.

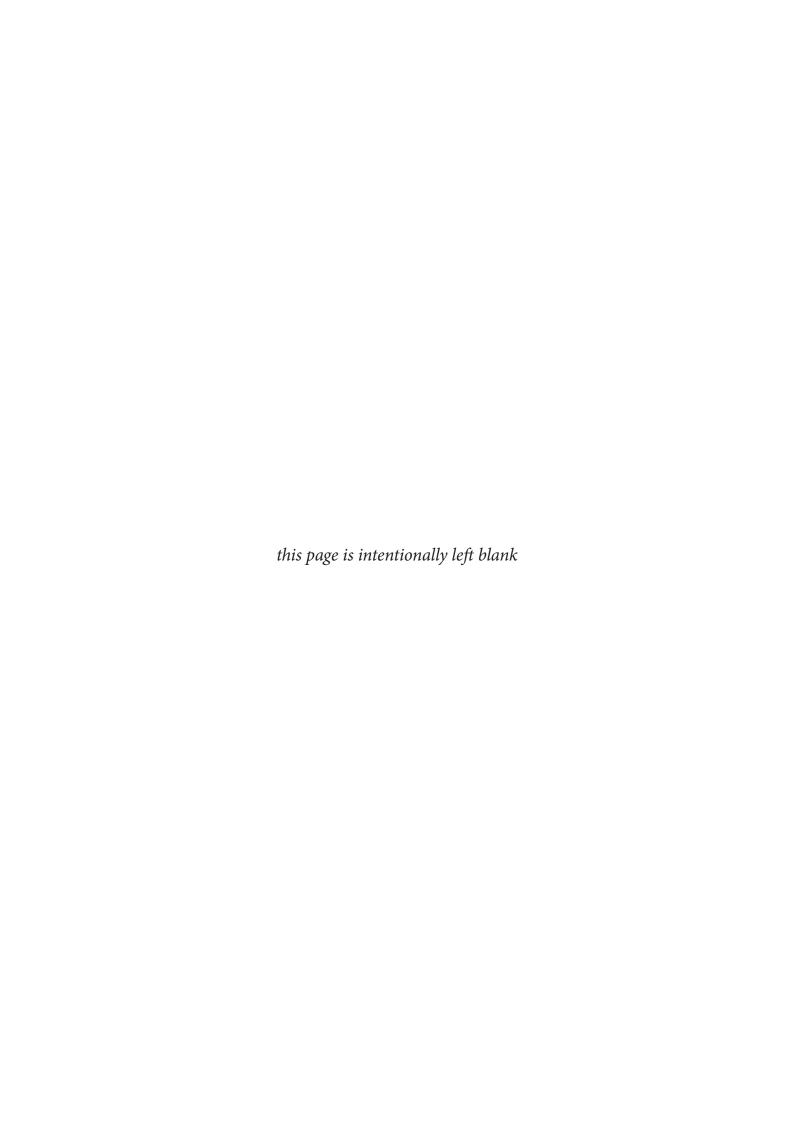
Indonesia continues to encourage for strengthening of the AICHR's role in safeguarding human rights and fundamental freedoms in the region. Indonesia's commitment to human rights in ASEAN is demonstrated primarily through the open and transparent selection of the country's representative to the AICHR. Commissioned by

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the government selects the most credible person to represent Indonesia in advancing human rights promotion in ASEAN. In the international fora, Indonesia also contributes to the promotion and protection of human rights through the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Indonesia will continue to work innovatively with other ASEAN Member States and its partners to spearhead the region in moving forward towards a fully people-oriented and people-centered ASEAN. This book is one of the many pieces of evidence that the Indonesia is supportive in working together with the academia in informing the public to enhance regional human rights cooperation, which is vital in strengthening the ASEAN Community.

Finally, I thank the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to ASEAN, and the Representative of Indonesia to the AICHR, the Editors; Dr Randy, Mas Dio, and Shah, and all Contributors for having been an excellent partner throughout the drafting of this book. I wish all of you more successes in all your future endeavours.

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