PRSP Open Seminar (by Otsubo Seminar)

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Topic: Poverty Reduction in Indonesia:

The Main Policies and Its Impacts

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Contents of Presentation:

Part 1. Learning from the Past Poverty Reduction Policies in Indonesia

In this part, I will explain the issues and problems, main policies and impacts of policy to the poor starating from the pre-independece until the current policiy. From this part, it can be learned that poverty reduction policy should be balanced between macroeconomic policy and human development, moving from income approach to the right-based approach, considering decentralized governance, and supporting by global partnership.

Part 2. National Strategy for Poverty Reduction 2005-2009

In this part, I will explain about the process and the content of National Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Part 3. Action Plan for Poverty Reduction 2005-2009

I will briefly explain about the action plan of poverty reduction.

Part 4. Requirement for the Implementation of Action Plan

In this part, I will explain the requirements that are needed to support the implementation of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Part 5 The Next Challenges

I will explain what will be the next challenges for the implementation of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy.

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Self Introduction and Background for Indonesian PRSP:

Since 1999 (after finishing my Mater Degree in GSID), I had been assigned to prepare the Policy Brief on Poverty Reduction Strategy in response to the impacts of economic crises. During two years (from 1999-until December 2000), we finished the Policy Brief on Poverty Reduction Strategy and then was known as the Strategic Plan for Poverty Reduction. We invited stakeholders from universities and NGO's to discuss and consult about the Strategic Plan for Poverty Reduction. From the public consultations, there was agreement that the Strategic Plan for Poverty Reduction should be revised to capture the reality of poverty at grass-root level.

In February 2001, I went to the University of Tokyo for attending Ph.D. programs with the JICA Scholarship.

From March 2001-March 2004, the Government of Indonesia took several policies: including the establishment of Poverty Reduction Committee, and the preparation of Interim-Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (continuing from the Main Policies on Poverty Reduction). The Working Group under the Coordinating Ministry of Social Welfare was assigned to prepare the full document of Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper. The Working Group finished the full document of PRSP and submitted to the Poverty Reduction Committee in May 2004. However, this document was rejected by the NGOs, universities and donors.

After returning to Indonesia on March 2004, I was assigned again on poverty reduction issues. After the Poverty Reduction Committee rejected the document prepared by the Working Group under the Coordinating Ministry of Social Welfare, then, the Committee asked Bappenas to finalize the document by considering inputs from stakeholders and to incorporate into the Medium-term Development Plan (2005-2009).

In July 2004, the Ministry of National Development Planning assigned me as the coordinator with the members from the line ministries, universities, NGOs and Trade and Industry Commerce. After conducting Participatory Poverty Assessment, serial public consultations, workshop and seminars, then, we finished the National Strategy for Poverty Reduction in October, 2004. Then, the National Strategy for Poverty Reduction was launched on October 2005.

Best regards,
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