

## **RI will continue promoting 'green economy'**

**BANDUNG:** Environment Minister Gusti Muhammad Hatta said that Indonesia, as the chair nation of ASEAN 2011, would continue promoting both green economic and green energy concepts in the region.

"As a country that has repeatedly become the ASEAN leader, we will always make new initiatives, including in the field of the environment," Gusti told a press conference on the sidelines of the Tunza International Conference held at the Merdeka Building in Bandung, West Java, on Saturday.

Gusti said that together with other ASEAN leaders, the Indonesian government had prepared a joint statement on climate change, aiming to show a common commitment of ASEAN member countries toward the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

"We have prepared a 'joint statement' for the ASEAN leaders that will be presented in the next UNFCCC meeting. We are going to send the draft to the ASEAN environment ministers. We will send the draft to President Yudhoyono once it is agreed by the ASEAN member countries," said Gusti as quoted by Antara news agency.

More than 1,200 children and youths from 108 countries attended the Tunza conference.