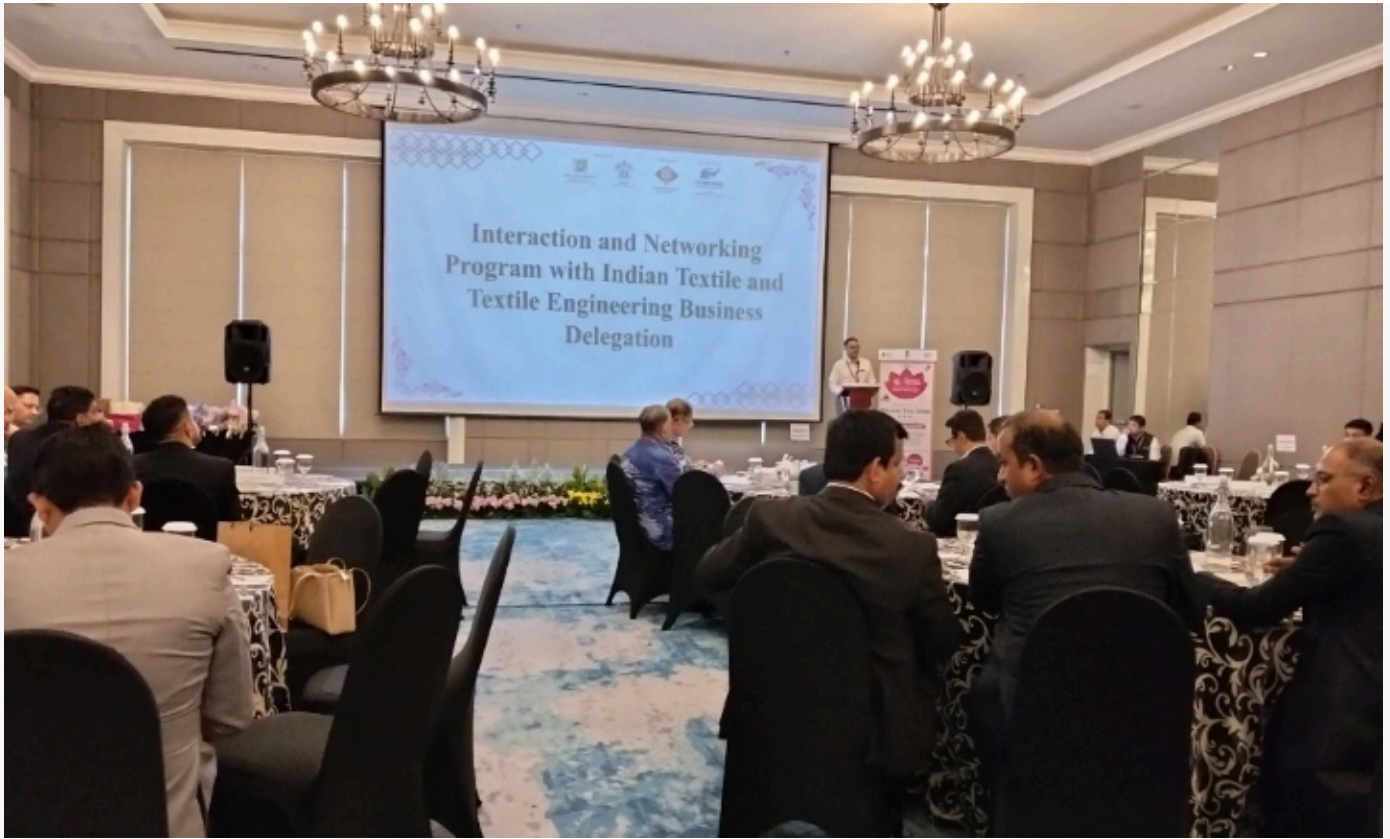




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Indonesia and India Strengthen Cooperation in Textile Industry to Face Rising Energy Prices and Global Disruption

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REPUBLIKA.CO.ID , Bandung – The Indonesian and Indian textile industries are strengthening strategic cooperation to address rising global energy costs and disruptions in the increasingly complex global textile and garment supply chain.

This collaboration emerged at a meeting between the Indonesian Textile Association (API) and the Indian ITME Society in Bandung on Monday (April 13, 2026). Around 50 textile business players from both countries attended the forum.

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The Chairman of the Indian ITME Society, Ketan Sanghvi, expressed his party's readiness to establish long-term collaboration with Indonesia, especially in textile machinery innovation and modernization.

"Our presence in Indonesia with Indian textile machinery manufacturers is for collaboration. We are ready to support the modernization of the Indonesian textile industry to make it more competitive in the global market," he said.

According to him, the partnership between Indonesia and India is key to facing global challenges, from rising energy costs to the need for energy-efficient technology.

Meanwhile, API Chairman Jemmy Kartiwa welcomed the potential for collaboration. He believes India has advantages in the textile machinery industry, which could increase national industrial productivity.

"India is quite advanced in the textile machinery industry. We hope that API members can leverage this collaboration to increase efficiency and productivity," he said.

The meeting also included an Interactive Business Session held at the Sheraton Hotel in Bandung. This event served as a strategic platform for bringing together industry players from both countries to expand investment, trade, and technology collaboration.

This collaboration is considered crucial amidst uncertain global conditions. Rising energy prices due to geopolitical conflicts, including tensions between Iran, the United States, and Israel, have directly impacted production costs in the textile and garment industry.

In addition, the failure of a number of international negotiations has exacerbated uncertainty in the global supply chain, necessitating anticipatory measures in the short and medium term.

Indonesia itself is considered a strategic destination for the development of the global textile industry. In addition to its large population and growing middle class, sustainable fashion trends and the digitalization of supply chains are also attractive factors.

Jemmy emphasized that the national textile industry will continue to implement various efficiency measures, including corporate actions focused on energy savings and increased productivity.

"Productivity is important, but labor-intensive jobs also remain a priority. Technological transformation must be balanced without sacrificing the workforce," he said.

With this collaboration, Indonesia and India are expected to strengthen their positions as key players in the global textile industry while maintaining the sustainability of the labor-intensive sector amidst global economic pressures.[R]

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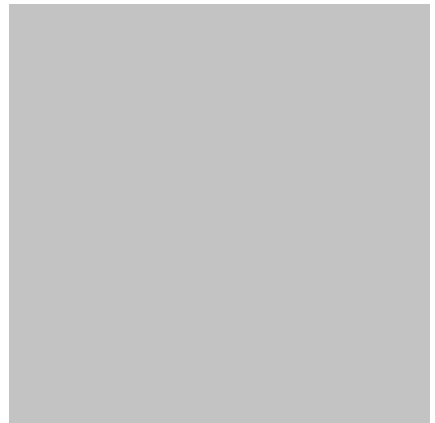
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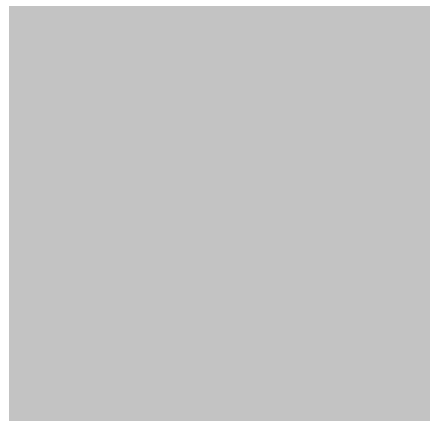
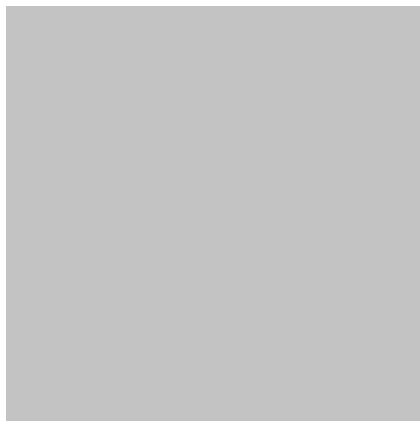
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