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INFORMATION The Directorate General of Immigration Released Diaspora Visa to Support Indonesian Economy

The Directorate General of Immigration released a press release about the diaspora visa on 16 November 2023. Diasporas are people who migrate to other countries for certain purposes.

During the press release, the Director General of Immigration, Silmy Karim emphasized that through the diaspora visa, it is expected for the diasporas to stay for a long time and contribute to Indonesia's economy. The Indonesian Diaspora Visa was inspired by other countries such as India, Ireland, and Portugal.

The Diaspora Visa also provides various other conveniences such as in obtaining a residence permit. Diaspora Visa applications can be submitted via evisa.imigration.go.id easily and concisely, and can be granted immediately for a stay of 5 (five) or 10 (ten) years.

The Diaspora Visa can be applied for without a guarantor, and the required documents for the visa application are:

- Passport with a minimum validity period of 12 (twelve) months;
- Proof of living expenses;
- Color photograph;
- Statement of commitment which must be submitted within 90 (ninety) days of arrival, in the form of purchasing Indonesian Government bonds worth, shares/mutual funds in public companies in Indonesia, or savings/deposits worth USD 35.000;
- Documents that prove that the foreigner was once an Indonesian citizen, including identity card, birth certificate, family card, Republic of Indonesia passport, diploma or certificate

In addition, it is also reported that the Indonesian diaspora is spread across 18 countries, including Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, China, Suriname, Madagascar, United States, Netherlands, Timor-Leste, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Germany, South Korea, South Africa, New Caledonia, Hong Kong and Taiwan. The number of Indonesian diasporas is around 6 million people across the world.

Reference:

• Press Release: Immigration Issues Diaspora Visa to Support Indonesian Economy, Directorate General of Immigration, Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia on 15 November 2023

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