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How can social scientists, scholars, practitioners, or policy makers work and write about the world at present? And, how can we work and write about the current condition of Indonesia? These questions have urged Journal ANTROPOLOGI INDONESIA Department Anthropology, University of Indonesia, to conduct its fourth International Symposium. With its theme: "Indonesia in the Changing and Global Context: Building Cooperation and Partnership?", ANTROPOLOGI INDONESIA keeps expanding upon the idea of rebuilding Indonesia as a nation of "unity in diversity" on the basis of a multicultural paradigm which was strongly emphasized in the 3rd International Symposium in Denpasar, Bali (2002).

Today one more important step forward has been taken by Journal Antropologi Indonesia, the only nationally accredited journal of anthropology in Indonesia that is gaining recognition internationally. During its career as an academic and intellectual vehicle in the development of anthropology in Indonesia, this journal has conducted many national and international activities such as seminars, conferences, and symposia. The three previous international symposia held in Makassar (2000), Padang (2001), and Denpasar (2002) indicate our consistent commitment to anthropology and the development of other social sciences in this country.

We have seen that the previous international symposia were met with great enthusiasm and drew the attention and interest of Indonesianists consisting of scholars, social scientists, practitioners, and policy makers throughout the world who came to participate. They delivered papers that represented their ideas, points of view, and occasionally solutions to the problems confronted by this country—all of which have been invaluable contributions for us in Indonesia. They have enriched our understanding of ourselves as citizens of a large country and nation. They have shared with us their knowledge, expertise, and experience as citizens of the world—the one and only world to which we all belong. Today, more than 300 participants are gathered for this fourth important moment. Some have attended previous symposium, while others are attending this event for the first time. On behalf of Jurnal Antropologi Indonesia, I would like to express our highest gratitude and appreciation for your participation in this Symposium.

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