

## 50 years of U.S.-Indonesia diplomatic relations

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### Abstrak

I feel greatly honored to share this table with such important personages?but also a bit in timid a led. Indeed, I feel as though they are the professors and I am the student, I get the best of the bargain, however, as I will undoubtedly receive more knowledge than I impart.

Indonesia's great humanist. Soedjatmoko, one of the wisest men I have ever met, made two observations that impressed me deeply. The first - fear is an important and dangerous companion -- is reflected in the title of the book we are discussing today. The second was "I like Americans better when they are less sure of themselves. "I would like to share with you today some thoughts on the influence of these words on the book.

But first. I will like to give you some background on the intended purpose of the book. It is not meant to be a history text book for scholars, although a few tell me they have read it and enjoyed it. No serious scholar would attempt to cover 50 years of two large societies in 300 pages. Indeed, at least one good book has already been published on events covered in each chapter of this book.