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## **“Political and Economic Developments in the Riau Province”**

### **Bapak Drh. H Chaidir**

**Former Speaker, Riau Province Regional House of Representatives (DPRD, Propinsi Riau) and  
Riau Gubernatorial Candidate**

**Thursday, 31 July 2008  
10.30 am – 12 noon**

**Location: Temasek II-III, Traders Hotel  
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#### **Abstract:**

The Indonesia Programme of RSIS is pleased to invite you to a Seminar by Drh H. Chaidir focusing on the up-coming gubernatorial elections in the Riau province. During the seminar he will also provide us with an assessment of the current investment environment in the Riau province. Riau's Gubernatorial Election will be held on 22 September 2008 and Bapak Chaidir will be one of three candidates contesting the election.

#### **About the Speaker:**



Drh. H. Chaidir, MM, was born in Pemandang, Koto Rokanhulu on May 29, 1952. He attained a degree in Veterinary Science from Gadjah Mada University in 1978. In 2001, he received his Masters in Management from Padjadjaran University, Bandung. He has attended several short courses at the University of Queensland in Brisbane and James Cook University

in Townsville, Australia in 1986, as well as a short course at IFFOA in Reggio Emilia, Italy, in 1990-1991.

While at college, he was active in student and youth organizations. He began his career with the Batam Industrial and Development Authority (BIDA). He was then elected as a chairman of AMPI and KNPI in Batam Province. In 1994 KNPI assigned him to attend the United Nations General Assembly in New York as an observer. In 1992, he was elected as member of Riau Provincial Parliament, and was re-elected twice (1997 – 1999 and 1999 – 2004). He was also chosen as chairman of Commission D in the Riau Provincial Parliament up to 1999, and in that same year he was elected as speaker of the Riau provincial parliament, a position he holds today. To gain new perspectives he has travelled various countries, such as South Korea, Taiwan, Germany, Dutch, Spain, England, Swiss, France, South Africa, and almost all of Southeast Asia. He consistently contributes articles to the media and is also well-known as an expert in Malay history.

In his quest to become Governor of the Riau province, Bapak Chaidir has received political support from PDI-P, PBB, and PPNUI, as well as from Riau's Islamic Students' Association (HMI). He will challenge the incumbent governor Rusli Zainal who is supported by Golkar.

Bapak Chaidir believes that development should be founded upon technologically-based knowledge. If elected, over the next five year period, he intends to reduce poverty by creating job opportunities, agricultural development, better management of economic assets, advancements in education, and health care. He would also like to change the provincial government's image, which he believes should be clean and free from corruption. Increasing the income levels of the Riau people is a major motivation inspiring him to run for office as governor though this decision has cost him his membership of the Golkar party.