ABSTRACT

Indonesia as a country that played an important role and influence in the body of the EAS at first did not agree to the addition of the membership of the EAS involving United States. Indonesia holds that the EAS forum should be maintained with the format of the 10 ASEAN member countries. But in the end there is a foreign policy change in Indonesia in respect of the expansion of the membership of the EAS. Indonesia supports the United States participation in the Summit (SUMMIT) East Asia (East Asian Summit/EAS). The analysis uses the concept of foreign policy.

Indonesia approved the United States joining the East Asia Summit is due to consider the influence of China’s domination of Indonesia in Southeast Asia and Indonesia believed the US as a force that is able to balance out the dominance and influence of the China Policy taken Indonesia in particular in addressing the threats of China in the future that is aware of the need to involve the United States in Southeast Asia through the forum East Asia Summit, in order to offset the power of China. The proximity of ASEAN with the United States is Indonesia's efforts to reduce the influence of China’s expansion opportunities in ASEAN. Thus, the entry of the U.S. into the EAS is the force that can offset the strength of the Chinese in Southeast Asia

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