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In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we present our readers with a year-end double issue which provides an overview of events in 2006 and looks ahead to what the future holds.

Our **political roundup** highlights the most important events of the year in a timeline and provides an analysis of the major political currents. We also invited a contribution by Michael Chambers, an investment analyst with many years of experience in Indonesia, to provide an **overview of the Indonesian economy**. Currently working as Head of Sales for Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia (CLSA), Mr. Chambers takes an in depth look at the pitfalls and prospects for the Indonesian economy throughout 2006 and into 2007.

We have also gathered some of the most memorable quotes of the year in **on tape, in print, and for the record**, ranging from humorous to insightful to disturbing.

We also present our usual features. **Intelligence** documents a new local regulation for the telecommunications sector in Jakarta, an insight into who lies behind the publishing of the nation's new English language daily, *The Point*, as well as an update on Jakarta's coming gubernatorial race and some changes in the world of diplomacy.

In brief makes sense of the December 11 governor elections in Aceh, details the latest political machinations within the DPR and looks at the reasons behind the involvement of the FBI in the case of murdered human rights activist Munir.

We hope that you find this issue useful and of interest to yourself and your colleagues. Please feel free to contact us here at the *Report* if you have any comments or suggestions; we are genuinely grateful for your feedback.

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