

Press Release

## Hotel Borobudur Jakarta Celebrates Kartini's Day

Kartini Day is a historic day for Indonesian women where every April 21<sup>st</sup> people in Indonesia celebrate the birth of great lady Raden Ajeng Kartini, one of the Indonesian national heroine and a pioneer in the emancipation of Indonesian women.

Hailed as Indonesia's first feminist, Raden Ajeng Kartini was born in April 1879 in Java to an aristocratic family. Unusually for the times, she received a primary education along with the children of Dutch colonial planters and came under the influence of the feminist wife of one of the planters. From the age of 12, following local tradition, she was kept in seclusion until married. During that period, she wrote letters protesting the gender inequality of Javanese traditions. In 1903, under family pressure, she married a local regent 26 years her senior – despite being offered a scholarship to study abroad. The same year, she persuaded her husband to allow her to open Indonesia's first primary school that did not discriminate on the basis of class. Posthumously, Mr J. H. Abendanon, the Minister for Culture, Religion and Industry in the East Indies, collected and published her letters, her words giving many Indonesian women inspiration to fight for crucial rights.

In commemoration of the Kartini Day 2016, Hotel Borobudur Jakarta celebrated a festive Kartini Day where, all female employees wearing Indonesian traditional outfits 'Kebaya' which usually worn by Royal Princess in Java and famously identical with Ibu Kartini's outfits. May the spirit of Ibu Kartini be showered upon us forever!

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*Hotel Borobudur Jakarta, the leading five star hotel and 'Grand Old Lady of Hospitality' in Jakarta, features 695 guest rooms and suites as well as extensive meeting facilities, all set in 23 acres of landscaped tropical gardens. Located right in the heart of town, the hotel offers a wide selection of restaurants: Italian, Chinese, Japanese and International cuisine. Klub Borobudur is amongst the finest and best-equipped health club and spa in town. Visit our website for more information at [www.hotelborobudur.com](http://www.hotelborobudur.com)*