Editor's Foreword

Environmental Issue and Digital Diplomacy in the Contemporary International Relations

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Welcome readers, to Nation State: Journal of International Studies Volume 6 Number 1, June 2023. In the current edition we showcasing a diverse range of articles that delve into contemporary of global issues and shed light on the interplay between digital diplomacy, climate diplomacy, and sustainable development. In this edition, we present five articles that examine topics related to the growing challenge and change of international relations.

The first article written by Agung Mia Intentilia entitled "Foreign Policy, Public Diplomacy, and Social Media: Observing Indonesian Missions Practice". It explores the dynamic relationship between foreign policy, public diplomacy, and social media. Through a detailed examination of Indonesian missions abroad, the article investigates how social media platforms are utilized by diplomats and foreign officers to engage with the public, shape public opinion, and foster its national interest. The analysis offers valuable insights into the evolving landscape of diplomacy in the digital age.

The second article written by Sitti Alimuddin and Ali Muhammad "Soft Law and the Protection of Climate Migrants: A Case Study of Bangladesh". It provides an in-depth analysis of the legal frameworks concerning the protection of climate migrants, using Bangladesh as a case study. By examining the role of soft law in addressing the challenges faced by climate migrants, the article highlights the importance of international agreements and non-binding principles in safeguarding the rights of vulnerable communities. The findings contribute to the ongoing discussions on the legal implications of climate change-caused migration.

The third article written by Putra Ansa Gaora, Rodon Pedrason, Erry Herman, Irene, Sylvia entitled "Indonesia's Climate Diplomacy under Joko Widodo: Shaping Equitable and Sustainable Global Future". This article focuses on Indonesia's climate diplomacy efforts during the tenure of President Joko Widodo. It investigates the country's commitment to combating climate change, promoting renewable energy, and achieving sustainable development goals. The article sheds light on Indonesia's domestic policies and international engagements, demonstrating how Indonesia as a representation of the global south is actively shaping a more equitable and sustainable global future through proactive climate diplomacy.

"The Interplay of Interest between Indonesia and Sweden in Blue Economy Cooperation" is the fourth article written by Jusmalia Oktaviani and Firdaus Muhammad Iqbal. It delves into the interplay of interest between Indonesia and Sweden in the realm of blue economy cooperation. It examines the potential for collaboration between these countries, utilizing their respective strengths to promote responsible ocean governance, sustainable resource management, and economic opportunities. By analyzing the mutual benefits and shared objectives through neoliberalism lens, the article explores how this cooperation can contribute to a more sustainable and prosperous future.

The fifth article is written by Ulil Amri and M Syaprin Zahidi entitled "Indonesian Maritime Diplomacy: Realizing the Global Maritime Fulcrum Through IORA". This article explores the concept of Indonesian maritime diplomacy and its alignment with the Global Maritime Fulcrum vision through the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). It analyzes Indonesia's efforts to promote regional cooperation, maritime security, and sustainable development in the Indian Ocean region. The article underscores the importance of Indonesian leadership in harnessing the potential of the blue economy and fostering collaboration among IORA member states.

The articles featured in this edition of Nation State: Journal of International Studies provide valuable insights into the intricate connections between foreign policy, climate diplomacy, sustainable development, blue economy cooperation, and maritime diplomacy. By exploring the use of social media in diplomacy, the legal aspects of climate migration, Indonesia's climate diplomacy efforts, and the interplay of interest between Indonesia and Sweden in the blue economy sector, these articles contribute to a deeper understanding of the contemporary challenges and opportunities faced by our global community. We hope this edition inspires discussions in academia's and leads positive action towards creating a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable world.