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In 1989–1993, Dr. Wirajuda initiated the establishment of the Indonesian Commission of Human Rights. In 1993–1996, he also facilitated the peace talks between Moro Liberation Front and the Government of the Philippines that led to the signing of the Final Peace Agreement in September 1996. For this achievement, Dr. Wirajuda received the prestigious Order of Sikatuna Award from the Government of the Philippines in 2008. He was also tasked to conduct the dialog between the Government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) in 2000–2001. He was the proponent of the ASEAN Political and Security Community (of the three pillars of ASEAN Community) and the establishment of an ASEAN human rights body. He actively championed for an inclusive and balanced East Asia integration process.