

CASES OF SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS WHO BECAME THE HEAD OF THEIR COUNTRIES

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B.J. Habibie was the President of Indonesia. Prior to becoming the head of Indonesia, he was in Germany as Vice President and Director of a world-famous airplane manufacturer Messerschmitt-Bolkow-Blohm for several years. But his position as President of Indonesia was short, mainly because of his entanglement with the former Indonesian president Suharto whose family members were ridden with corruptions, especially under the military dictatorship.

Angela Merkel in Germany was more successful. She studied physics at University of Leipzig and became Chancellor of Germany in 2005.

I would like to collect cases of scientists who, in recent years, became heads (presidents, chancellors, prime ministers) of their countries. I need information from you, especially from countries in transition in all parts of the world, including the newest and smallest country of Grønland (Greenland), and nearly technologizing parts of the world such as India and South Africa. A collection of such cases will be very useful for political and social policy makers.

Furthermore, we must look into the question: how to improve not only technological sophistication but more importantly “quality of life” and “human well-being”.

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