Fourteenth Episode of Emancipated Learning Hatch Solutions to Sexual Violence in Higher Education

Jakarta, 12 November 2021 --- The Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology (Kemendikbudristek) is committed to eradicating the 'three major sins' in education, namely bullying, intolerance, and sexual violence. Various efforts have been made, the most recent of which is the stipulation of the Ministerial of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology Regulation (Permendikbudristek) Number 30 in 2021, concerning the Prevention and Handling of Sexual Violence in Higher Education (Permendikbudristek PPKS). Permendikbudristek PPKS is present as a solution to various cases of sexual violence that occur in the scope of universities.

"This Ministerial Regulation (PPKS Permendikbudristek) is the answer to the anxiety of many parties, ranging from parents, educators, and education staff, as well as students throughout Indonesia," explained Minister of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology (Mendikbudristek) Nadiem Anwar Makarim in his socialization speech. Permendikbudristek PPKS presents a solution for the launching of the Emancipated Learning Episode Fourteen: Emancipated Campus from Sexual Violence in Jakarta, Friday (12/11).

As reported by the National Commission on Violence Against Women (Komnas Perempuan) in 2020, on the channels of state institutions in 2015-2020, as much as 27 percent of sexual violence occurred in any level of higher education. Meanwhile, based on 174 testimonies from 79 campuses in 29 cities, as many as 89 percent of women and 4 percent of men were victims of sexual violence. As many as 77 percent of lecturers stated that sexual violence had occurred on campus, and 63 percent of victims did not report cases they knew to the campus.

The issuance of this ministerial regulation aims to increase knowledge and awareness of campus residents through education about sexual violence as an effort to prevent, realize and strengthen a system for handling sexual violence that favors victims, and establish a safe college environment for all academics and education personnel to learn and self-actualizing.

Regarding the various responses of the majority of the community who welcomed positively to the PPKS Permendikbudristek, the Minister of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology, said, "I have heard the public's response to this regulation and will continue to communicate with various parties to hear and accommodate various inputs. For me, the various responses that have emerged are a good sign, a sign that there are still many who care about Indonesian education and think about the future of our next generation," explained Minister Nadiem while emphasizing that education belongs to all of us.

"The issuance of the PPKS Regulation is a momentum to unite our steps to protect our children from the threat of sexual violence and guarantee their future," concluded the Minister of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology.

The Minister of Women Empowerment and Child Protection (PPPA), I Gusti Ayu Bintang Darmawati, also expressed support for the PPKS Permendikbudristek. "This Permendikbudristek strengthens our efforts to protect Indonesian women and children and becomes the right
regulation to prevent and reduce sexual violence and to combat it. Thus, we have a more comprehensive regulation," she said.

According to the Minister of PPPA, children and women are a vulnerable group related to the issue of sexual violence in various spaces, including universities. Facts in the field, cases of sexual violence that occur in universities are often not handled properly and have a mental impact and the physical condition of the victim.

"Therefore, community collaboration in implementing the PPKS Permendikbudristek is certainly highly expected to make universities a place to ground, liberate, build civilization, and encourage progress to achieve the advanced Indonesia that is aspired to," concluded Minister Bintang.

The Minister of Religion, Yaqut Cholil Qoumas, expressed his support for Permendikbudristek Number 30 in 2021 concerning PPKS in the universities as part of the Fourteenth Episode of Emancipated Learning. "There is no reason not to provide support, which I think is revolutionary, dismantling the stagnation in the resolution of sexual violence in universities," he said.

The Minister of Religion hopes that with this regulation, universities can truly become role models and ambassadors for anti-sexual violence and other forms of violence so that campuses in Indonesia are free from various acts of violence. "This is what I have repeatedly conveyed to the Minister and the public. Permendikbudristek PPKS is important, and all interested parties provide support for a better future for Indonesia," he said.


Chairperson of the Presidium of the Indonesian Parliamentary Women's Caucus, Diah Pitaloka, said, "This PPKS Permendikbudristek is a step forward and bold. We fully support this policy because it responds to the moral movement and concerns that are growing in the campus world. This Ministerial Regulation is also much appreciated by the academic community," she explained.

Furthermore, Diah emphasized that this regulation does not stand alone, so if there is anxiety from various circles, she disagrees. "Permendikbudristek PPKS does not stand alone because we still have social norms, religion, and other laws such as the marriage law, the Criminal Code, and many other laws that will be integrated with Permendikbudristek Number 30/2021," she said.

"The concern of some people that the PPKS Permendikbudristek legalizes adultery can be addressed maturely because of the issue of sexual violence until finally the PPKS Permendikbudristek was issued as an effort to build a moral movement and became an extraordinary decision during the Minister's reign. We must be enthusiastic about supporting this as an effort of moral movement in the space of our educational institutions," she said.

The launch of the Fourteenth Episode of Emancipated Learning: Emancipated Campus from Sexual Violence also featured resource persons who were competent in their fields. Namely, the
Chairman of the National Commission on Violence Against Women, Andy Yentriani; Law Expert and Lecturer at Jentera Law College, Bivtri Susanti; the representative of the Indonesian Women's Ulemas Congress, Kyai Faqihuddin Abdul Kodir; and General Secretary of the NU Family Welfare Institution, Alissa Wahid.

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