

## **KIP Emancipated Campus: Admission to Higher Education is More Even and Quality**

Jakarta, 26th March 2021 --- The Ministry of Education and Culture (Kemendikbud) launched Emancipated Learning Episode Ninth Indonesian Smart Indonesian Card (KIP) Emancipated Campus. The scholarships provided through KIP Campus aim to increase access for the poor to higher education that is more equitable and quality, so President Joko Widodo's vision of Indonesia's superior human resources can be realized immediately.

"This is a policy that will bring about not only social justice. However, social mobility is higher so that children who excel but are less able can achieve their dreams as high as possible," said Minister of Education and Culture (Mendikbud), Nadiem Anwar Makarim, at the launch of Emancipated Learning Episode Ninth "Smart Indonesian Card (KIP) Emancipated Campus" virtually on Friday (26/3).

KIP Emancipated Campus is the Ministry of Education and Culture's commitment to providing equitable, quality, and sustainable access to higher education. Higher education has the potential to provide the fastest positive impact in developing superior human resources according to the vision of President Joko Widodo.

"Therefore, we at the Ministry of Education and Culture have increased the amount of tuition assistance or tuition fees and living costs which are much higher than before. Thus, we hope that KIP Campus will further liberate prospective students to achieve their dreams," said the Minister of Education and Culture.

The Ministry of Education and Culture changed the KIP Campus scheme by providing tuition assistance (tuition fees) and much higher living costs. This change applies to new students who receive the KIP Campus in 2021. The budget allocated for the KIP Campus has increased significantly from IDR 1.3 trillion in 2020, to IDR 2.5 trillion.

KIP Campus will be given to 200 thousand of new students at state universities (PTN) and private universities (PTS) under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Culture. The cost of education will be adjusted for each study program. "For study programs accredited A, students who receive the KIP Emancipated Lecture can get a maximum of 12 million rupiahs. Then, B-accredited study programs can get a maximum of 4 million rupiahs. And C-accredited study programs can get a maximum of 2.4 million rupiahs," explained the Minister of Education and Culture.

Then, in contrast to the scheme in the previous year, now the cost of living for the 2021 KIP Campus recipients is adjusted to the regional price index. This index is adjusted to the results of the 2019 National Socio-Economic Survey (Susesnas). "The number of living expenses received by the remaining KIP Emancipated Campus holders are divided into five regional clusters. The first cluster is IDR 800,000, the second cluster is IDR 950,000, and the third cluster is IDR 1.1 million. As for the fourth cluster, it is Rp. 1,250,000, and the fifth cluster is IDR 1.4 million," explained the Minister of Education and Culture.

The Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture (Menko PMK), Muhadjir Effendy, stated that the KIP program launched in 2014 had shown very positive achievements marked by an increase in the average length of schooling. Through this KIP Campus, the

government opens up more opportunities for the younger generation from a weak economic background to change their fate and cut the chain of poverty.

"We welcome the acceleration carried out by the Ministry of Education and Culture on this KIP Campus in terms of increasing UKT and cost of living. I invite vocational and high school students who are not capable but have academic achievements so they will not hesitate to register for KIP Emancipated Campus. Make your dreams come true with better education," said the Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture.

Chairman of Commission X of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia (DPR RI), Syaiful Huda, said that the legislature appreciated the good initiative of the Ministry of Education and Culture in providing the widest possible access for all young people in Indonesia to pursue higher education. "Through KIP Campus, we want young people in various parts of Indonesia to continue to achieve the best possible achievements and be able to grasp the future for a better and dignified Indonesia to build a civilization that is as great as possible in the future," he said via video.

West Jakarta Governor, Ridwan Kamil, is enthusiastic about the sustainable KIP program from elementary to high school. "This is encouraging students of elementary school, Junior High, and High school, not to worry, if you feel economically unable, the government has prepared scholarship instruments, which makes it easier through KIP Emancipated Campus," he said.

Chairman of the Association of State-Owned Banks (Himbara), Sunarso, expressed his support for the distribution of the Emancipated Campus KIP Card. Himbara as a distributor ensures that the disbursement of the KIP Emancipated Campus can be served in all Himbara work units. "We are committed to continuing to provide innovation in the best financial services and become a one-stop financial service to develop KIP Emancipated Campus to be even better," explained the President Director of Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI).

## **The Registration of KIP Emancipated Campus**

The Minister of Education and Culture invites outstanding students from underprivileged families to take advantage of the KIP Emancipated Campus provided by the government. There are several opportunities to register as a recipient of the KIP Emancipated Campus, including through the UTBK-SBMPTN selection route.

Meanwhile, underprivileged students who do not pass the SNMPTN and SBMPTN can still register for KIP Emancipated Campus through the PTN self-selection path, namely in August – October 2021, depending on the self-selection schedule at each PTN. Or, you can go through the PTS entrance selection anytime until the PTS registration period is complete.

"Information and registration of KIP Lectures for prospective new students in 2021 can be found at [kip-gulung.kemdikbud.go.id](http://kip-gulung.kemdikbud.go.id)," said Nadiem.

To the leaders of universities, the Minister of Education and Culture appealed to universities to increase socialization to underprivileged students so they would be willing and brave to register

at top universities and study programs at the best universities. "Start accepting underprivileged students and open as many study programs as possible for KIP Campus recipients. Because the education cost limit is no longer a problem," the Minister of Education and Culture said at the end of his presentation.

Welcoming the directive, the Rector of Hasanuddin University, Dwia Aries Tina Pulubuhu, said that his party strongly supports this program for running successfully. One of them is conducting outreach to schools in the southern region of Sulawesi. "We also assist prospective participants who need assistance in preparing administrative completeness so that the quota for this program meets the target," said Dwia.

Implementing task (Plt.) of General Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Ainun Na'im, is optimistic that prospective new students for the 2021/2020 academic year who come from economically disadvantaged families will be more confident in choosing superior study programs at the best campuses, including PTNs with legal entities (PTN-BH). "We believe (this program) will make students braver, or no longer worry about tuition fees which are higher than the tuition fees provided in the KIP Campus program," she said.

"So, because of this, KIP Campus has provided funds to pay for a larger tuition fee, which is a maximum of 12 million. Students don't need to worry anymore about which study programs to choose. We have also adjusted life according to the level of regional cost," Ainun added.

Deputy Chairperson of Commission X DPR RI, Hetifah Sjaifudian, believes that the KIP Campus program is very strategic to accelerate accessibility and equality in higher education. KIP Campus becomes an instrument to achieve and realize the ideals of the nation's young generation. Therefore, she strongly supports the adjustment of the KIP Campus financing scheme. According to her, this policy is good and relevant to the conditions of diversity in Indonesia.

"Now, every child can expand their chances to learn what they want, and hopefully, they can focus on their studies," hoped Hetifah.

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