

UPNVJ 46th Anniversary, Prof. Wicipto Calls for Legal Reform Towards a Golden Indonesia 2045

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Public Relations UPNVJ - The 46th Anniversary of UPN Veteran Jakarta (UPNVJ) with the theme "UPNVJ Continues to Move Forward" closed with a scientific oration by Prof. Dr. Wicipto Setiadi, SH, MH at the Bhinneka Tunggal Ika Auditorium, on Thursday, 30 November 2023.

Prof. Dr. Wicipto Setiadi, SH, MH, professor and lecturer at the UPNVJ Faculty of Law, discussed Legal Reform towards a Golden Indonesia in 2045.

"Scientific orations are a small part of the contribution of academics, especially professors, in providing knowledge to the nation. I am proud and congratulate you on the progress achieved over 46 years," said Prof. Wicipto in his speech.

"UPNVJ's development is taking place rapidly. I hope that this development can continue, and UPNVJ can always spread knowledge that is always blessed and can be implemented into useful knowledge," he added.

In his oration, Prof. Wicipto also asked the question, "Can the rule of law still be realized in Indonesia in accordance with the mandate of the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia?"

This question is relevant to our lives today, said Prof. Wicipto, where it can be judged by the quality of legislation, the prevalence of corruption, unfair law enforcement, law enforcement institutions that are not independent, and the moral values of state administrators.

Regulatory Quality

In his discussion, he said that the vision, mission and main targets for achieving a Golden Indonesia 2045 had been outlined in the Final Draft National Long Term Development Plan (RPJPN) 2025-2045.

In the 2025-2045 RPJPN Draft, the vision of Golden Indonesia 2045 is the realization of a Sovereign, Advanced and Sustainable Archipelago State.

Adaptive regulations are further reduced to several big targets, namely reforming colonial and adaptive laws as well as simplifying regulations and strengthening enforcement of criminal acts of corruption towards zero corruption.

If we reflect on law enforcement in Indonesia today, the statutory regulations database provides different information. Too much quantity of regulation (hyper regulation), coupled with low quality of regulation, is the cause of regulatory overlap and disharmony, both at the central and regional levels.

"It often happens that law enforcers prioritize law over ethics. Ethics and law are two things that are related/coincident. Ethics exists so that humans live in harmony and do not violate other people's rights which causes disharmony," said Prof. Wicipto.

Golden Indonesia 2045

In conclusion, the main idea behind the reform (transformation) of Indonesian Gold law lies in the essence of the rule of law (rechtsstaat), namely that the state must have fair laws; state power is not centered in one hand but is distributed according to the principle of separation/sharing of powers; everyone, including state authorities, is subject to the law; everyone is treated equally before the law; and the basic rights of the people are guaranteed and protected by the state.

"As one of the foundations of economic, social and governance transformation, the legal development vision to support the achievement of the Golden Indonesia 2045 vision must be prepared in accordance with the framework of a democratic rule of law as stated in Article 1 paragraph (3) and Article 1 paragraph (2) of the Republic of Indonesia Constitution of 1945," said Prof. Wicipto.

These provisions contain meanings, among other things, regarding the recognition of the principle of the supremacy of law and the constitution, the principle of free and impartial justice which guarantees the equality of every citizen before the law, as well as guarantees of justice for everyone, including abuse of authority by the authorities.

In closing, Prof. Wicipto said that legal development in accordance with the spirit of the Indonesian nation must be the framework for legal development in the period leading up to the 100th anniversary of Indonesia's independence in 2045. This legal development includes improvements to aspects of legal substance, legal structure and also legal culture.