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COMMEMORATING 100th YEARS OF SUTAN SJAHRIR

University of Pelita Harapan Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP UPH) in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, today (10 / 3) conduct an annual lecture commemorating the 100th year of Sutan Sjahrir. Held at the UPH campus buildings, Karawaci, this event was opened by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Hassan Wirajuda, Deputy Governor of Banten Mohammad Masduki, and UPH Rector Jonathan L. Parapak. The event was also attended by a large family of Sutan Sjahrir, state environmental officials, historians, UPH students, and lecturers.

UPH Rector, Jonathan L. Parapak, in his speech stated that the annual lecture is very important and contribute to education, particularly in UPH. He stated that the current younger generation needs to know the heroes of the struggle in Indonesian independence. Completing Parapak statement, Deputy Governor of Banten Mohammad Masduki, adding that this important event was held, "To show the younger generation how fathers of our elders sacrifice themselves," he said.

In the same occasion, Minister of Foreign Affairs Hassan Wirajuda, welcomed the cooperation of the universities in memorizing the struggle of Indonesian independence heroes by organizing annual lecture. For that, he suggested the existence of an agreement between UPH and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to hold annual lecture on a regular basis.

"With this annual lecture, we want people, especially the younger generation to know the fighters of the nation and reform in Indonesia. This is how we give rewards to the Indonesian diplomacy figures," he said.

Hassan Wirajuda also gives homage to the Sutan Sjahrir by talk about a big role in Sutan Sjahrir struggle to gain Indonesia diplomatic. He stated that there is currently no adequate appreciation of the diplomacy role played by Sjahrir and that this is the dimension of magnitude of the problem faced by Indonesia.

Wirajuda will respond to the statement of the annual lecture to commemorate the independence fighters of Indonesia, UPH and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also held a signing of a memorandum of understanding to hold annual lecture like this every year.

Annual Lecture Commemorating 100th Years of Sutan Sjahrir was attended by 300 participants from students, government officials and the public as well. Present a number of speakers to share ideas and teaching to the students in attendance, among them is the youngest daughter of Sutan Sjahrir Upik Sjahrir, journalist and former Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia Sabam Siagian, historian Prof. Leirissa, UPH Chairman of the Department of International Relations Edwin M. B. Tambunan, UPH Senior Mentor Adrianus Mooy, and economist Umar Juoro.

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