



Rector UMA Attending Indonesian Rectors Forum 2020 In Events On Open By Indonesian President Ir. H. Joko Widodo

The Rector University of Medan Area Prof. Dr. Dadan Ramdan, M.Eng, M.Sc. attended the Indonesia Indonesia Chancellor Forum 2020 on Saturday 4 July 2020 in the campus chancellor 1 room at Medan Area University. The Indonesia Rector Forum 2020 event was attended by all Chancellors both state and private tertiary institutions throughout Indonesia.

Before the event began, participants sang the song Indonesia Raya followed by speakers and other participants, then the opening ceremony was opened by the Prosecutor of the Republic of Indonesia Ir. H. Joko Widodo provided input to several Ministers and all Rectors of State and Private Universities in Indonesia.



Republic of Indonesia President Ir. H. Joko Widodo also observed the development of education amid the corona virus pandemic. He said, learning is currently practiced virtually to prevent transmission of the virus. In fact, Jokowi said that online lectures have become new normal, and could become something normal in the future.

"Pandemics provide valuable lessons, crises force us to make new ways, build new norms," he said.

"Online lectures that have been slow to run now are very developing. Online lectures are becoming new normal and will become next normal. I am sure that new normality will grow more innovative and productive," he continued.

Furthermore, Minister of Education and Culture Nadiem Makarim explained that the Ministry of Education and Culture will launch the Merdeka Campus policy with four policy adjustments in the scope of higher education. The first policy is autonomy for State Universities (PTN) and Private (PTS) to open or establish new study programs (study programs). This autonomy is granted if the PTN and PTS have accreditation A and B, and have collaborated with organizations and / or universities included in the QS Top 100 World Universities. Exceptions apply to health and education study programs.

The second policy is an automatic re-accreditation program for all grades and is voluntary for colleges and study programs that are ready to move up the ranks. In the future, accreditation that has been established by the National Accreditation Board for Higher Education (BAN-PT) will remain valid for 5 years but will be renewed automatically.

The third policy is related to the freedom for PTN Public Service Agency (BLU) and Work Unit (Satker) to become PTN Legal Entity (PTN BH). The Ministry of Education and Culture will facilitate the requirements of BLN PTN and Satker to become BH BHN without being bound by accreditation status.

The fourth policy will give students the right to take courses outside the study program and make changes to the definition of Semester Credit Units (credits). On the other hand, currently the weight of credits for learning activities outside the classroom is very small and does not encourage students to seek new experiences, especially on many campuses, student exchanges or work practices actually delay student graduation.