

Pancasila Can Tackle Radicalism

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Dean of Faculty of Philosophy UGM, Dr. Arqom Kuswanjono, said that currently Indonesia was facing four serious problems to resolve immediately, namely radicalism, terrorism, drugs and corruption.

"This happened because people do not instill nor implement Pancasila in their daily lives," he said on Wednesday (26/7) in the International Conference themed "*Indonesia Philosophy and Peace of the World*" at Faculty of Philosophy UGM.

In his opinion, Pancasila can tackle these challenges, hence it is important to re-build and re-establish the ideology of Pancasila amongst the society. Actualising the values of Pancasila in the pluralistic Indonesia needs to be implemented amidst the spreading anti-Pancasila views.

Arqom said the survey done by Religious Affairs Ministry showed that people still believe that Pancasila was the best ideology for Indonesia. Many countries even appreciated Pancasila as the philosophy of state ideology.

“This creates optimism that Indonesia will be able to develop itself and implement Pancasila whilst running its state affairs,” he concluded.

On the other hand, Prof. Yang Seung Yoon from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South Korea, in the same event described the conflict of the Korean Peninsula. It is not only a problem between two Koreas but also international community, particularly member countries of the Allies of the WW II.

“Therefore, the international community cannot be exempted from the responsibility over the still ongoing Korean Peninsular condition,” he said.

Yang Seung Yoon said almost all Korean people believed that reunification of two Koreas in the Peninsula could be achieved. This would be faster to realise had there been international support to resolve the problems.

Afterwards, Conference coordinator of Faculty of Philosophy, Prof. Mukhtasar Syamsuddin, said this international conference was expected to raise ideas and strategy to build world peace, especially, amidst the numerous conflicts and wars happening in the world.

The international conference, said Mukhtasar, was part of a series of events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Faculty of Philosophy UGM. At least 20 events are going to be held this year. There will be a senate meeting, dean’s report, and book review on 18 August 2017.

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