

Indonesia's Free and Active Foreign Policy Still Relevant

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Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr. Abdurrahman Mohammad Fachir, said the free and active foreign policy that was initiated by first Vice-President Mohammad Hatta was still relevant today.

This statement was made in a convention, Reviewing 70 Years of Free and Active Politics of Indonesia, on Wednesday (5/9) in the Senate Hall UGM.

In the forum he said that the world condition had changed much lately. Now Indonesia lives amidst many troubles. He affirmed, however, that the free and active foreign policy remains relevant in current situation.

"Many theories did not work, or changing, but the free and active foreign policy is still relevant," he said.



Fachir said the free and active policy was relevant to move forward the national interests and achieve world peace.

“We have to be proud that the free and active policy is adaptable and survives global changes, answering to challenges, and being the bridge between academic theory and reality,” he said.

He added this principle would not vanish but always contribute to solve world problems by putting forth a win-win solution for all.

Fachir also asked the students in the event to no longer debate on the relevance of such policy. They were expected to develop it further in the academic domain that can make a contribution to the world.

“I hope UGM is always consistent in lighting up the spirit of Pancasila and the free and active policy among the students and the general public,” he said.

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