


Jusuf Kalla Gives Lecture during DREaM 2010

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After the lecture, JK had a photo session with the 17 students from 22 countries. They are from Indonesia, Italia, Japan, Syria, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, the Philippines, South Korea, Cambodia, India, Australia, Greek, Namibia, Senegal, Madagascar, Timor Leste, Oman, Solomon Island, Vietnam, Gambia and Algeria.

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