Law Education Reform in Higher Education is Needed

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An image of a scholar has not yet provided a full image. In order to achieve the ultimate goal of law, which is to uphold justice in society against the chaotic law enforcement issues, a change should have already been made a long time ago.

There are many decisions of judges that are unjust while many law enforcement agencies still tend to misuse their authority so that the victims of the law is the public. According to the Minister of Law and Human Rights, Patrialis Akbar, this problem should immediately be addressed. One effort that must be taken is the problems of the law school curriculum at various universities.

He said that overcoming the threat of natural and ecological disasters needs shift in orientation and paradigm of sustainable development by mainstreaming disaster risk reduction. Because civil engineering is a discipline that is most responsible for the development of infrastructure, its responsibility and role are very important in making the shift. Civil engineering science must continue to serve life and human beings to live better, safer, more comfortably, more prosperous and happier, and in a sustainable manner.

"The curriculum must be changed piece by piece. Since our law education is still about the transfer of knowledge, it is not too profound to understand the perspectives and objectives of the law itself. So the image of a newly graduated law scholar has not been seen as accountable, he is merely a law scholar," he said in Yogyakarta on Monday (18/10).

In a meeting with State Universities' Faculty of Law, the Minister of Law and Human Rights expressed the various decisions of the judges are still vulgarly chaotic and became the spotlight in society. This condition encourages law education reform in Indonesia. "So, it's no longer a theoretical context, because when we are talking about the legal establishment, it's not separated from the fundamental knowledge of the legislators in the form of legal drafter," he said.

Although Article 20 paragraph 1 of the Constitution mentions that legislation is the House of Representatives, yet the society can not expect much, because the decisions of the Parliament serve more as a form of recognition of political decisions. "Therefore, it is not substantial, because the board members come from parties that do not necessarily have legal background and skills," he said.

He said that the government is the one that actually most expected in performing the functions of legislation, because it is a permanent organization and run by professionals. In addition, the university is expected to help.

As many as 102 people participated in the meeting, consisting of Deans and/or representatives from 34 Faculty of Law of State Universities.

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