

Slamet Sutrisno: National Test Replaced by Final Test

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YOGYAKARTA - An education observer from Universitas Gadjah Mada, Drs. Slamet Sutrisno, M.Si., assessed that the national education system needs to be reviewed. This includes the national test which he says cannot educate students to priorities character education based on Pancasila. "Philosophically, the national test does not reflect character value, which, I believe, is against Pancasila," Slamet Sutrisno said in a discussion with teachers and public figures in Center for Pancasila Studies UGM on Tuesday (7/5).

Sutrisno proposed the idea to return to final tests and national final tests. "With real final grades, teachers may act honestly," he said.

Sutrisno saw that the current national education system has alienated education in school as seen in the phenomenon of rare interaction between students and teachers outside school hours. "This is due to the administrative bureaucratic burden that has to be borne by teachers," said the lecturer in philosophy.

He criticised the rules requiring teachers to do certification so that they ignore the duty, even minimise the time, to educate students. Not only in school but also outside. He regretted that the Education Minister had ignored suggestions on evaluation to the national test implementation. He also said of the need to criticise the curriculum 2013 to prevent students from being a subject of trial and error.

Siti Rahayu, teacher of Angkasa Adisutjipto highschool, lamented the national test which applies across the board despite the different school qualities. "Whether or not students can pass should be decided by the school itself," she said.

Oktavianus Jefri, teacher of Tumbuh 1 Yogyakarta School, said schools have to become a place for students to be more in harmony with their family environment. "Don't make the school 'a hospital' for treating student's psychology that is harmed by their own family," he concluded.

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