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Parja 2024: 137 Students Officially Become Youth Parliament Members

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PARLIAMENTARY, Bogor - The 2024 Youth Parliament activity involving hundreds of high school/vocational high school students was opened on Monday (9/9/2024) at Wisma Griya Sabha Kopo, Bogor, by the Secretary General (Sekjen) of the Indonesian House of Representatives, Indra Iskandar. In his remarks, the Secretary General of the Indonesian House of Representatives emphasized the importance of a young generation that is intelligent and has strong character as the foundation for future leaders.

The opening of the event began with the pinning of jackets and the installation of ID cards to participants as a symbol that they officially became "Honorable Members of the 2024 Youth Parliament." The event ended with the announcement of the Leadership of the 2024 Youth Parliament.

"We hope that this activity will bring the younger generation closer to parliament and motivate them to participate in strengthening the image of the Indonesian House of Representatives," said Indra in an interview after the opening.

It is known that the Secretariat General of the Indonesian House of Representatives held the 2024 Youth Parliament Activity on September 9-14 at Wisma Griya Sabha Kopo and the Indonesian House of Representatives Building. This event is a manifestation of the Indonesian House of Representatives' commitment to disseminating democratic values, especially to the younger generation.



Participants were given education about the duties and functions of the Indonesian House of Representatives and real experience in the process of drafting laws. Before the main activity, participants attended a series of

briefings, such as the National Seminar, the Indonesian House of Representatives Working Mechanism Seminar, Public Hearing Simulation (RDPU), Work Visit Simulation, and Trial Simulation.

The Youth Parliament (Parja) has been held since 2008 and is held routinely every year. The implementation time coincides with International Democracy Day on September 15, according to the UN's provisions based on *the Universal Declaration on Democracy*.

In each edition, the Youth Parliament carries a different theme. For 2024, the theme is "Smart Generation: Quality Education, Realizing a Golden Indonesia," with the material focused on Law Number 20 of 2003 concerning the National Education System (Sisdiknas). This activity was attended by 137 high school/vocational high school students from 80 electoral districts throughout Indonesia.

To participate, prospective participants are required to submit a CV, write an essay, and create a campaign video. The selection process involves assessing organizational and competitive experience, writing ability, and *public speaking* skills through the submitted campaign video. (mri/aha)



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