

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY LAUNCHES INDUSTRIAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE SOUTH SULAWESI REGION



THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY again launched a vocational education program that links and matches between Vocational Schools (SMK) and industry. This step is one of the concrete manifestations of the government's commitment in developing competent Human Resources (HR).

"In the current era of global competition, improving the quality and competitiveness of human resources is the key to winning competition, especially in the industrial 4.0 era," said Education Minister Airlangga Hartanto at the launch of the program at PT. Makassar Industrial Area (KIMA), South Sulawesi, Wednesday (1/16). On this occasion, inaugurated directly by the Minister of Industry along with Minister of Education and Culture Muhadjir Effendy and South Sulawesi Governor Nurdin Abdullah. This time, the vocational program targeted South Sulawesi,

West Sulawesi, Central Sulawesi, Southeast Sulawesi, Gorontalo and West Kalimantan. In this seventh stage, the Ministry of Industry involves 40 industrial companies and 109 Vocational Schools, with the number of cooperation agreements signed as many as 188 agreements because one Vocational School can be built more than one industrial company, according to the expertise program at the Vocational High School.

"So that since it was launched in 2017, we have cooperated with 648 industries and 1862 SMKs with 3289 cooperation agreements signed," said the Minister of Industry. Until 2019, the program is targeted to attract 2,685 SMKs and 750 companies.

Furthermore, continued Airlangga, Indonesia is enjoying a demographic bonus for the next

10 years, with the majority of the population in productive age, "They must be development actors or agents of change, so that they do not become unemployed which will bring great social impact," He asserted.

In his report, Acting. Achmad Sigit Dwiwahjono, Director General of Agro Industry at the Ministry of Industry, said that as a form of industrial company support for the development and development of Vocational Schools that link and match industries, grants of machinery and equipment were also carried out to support the practice of Vocational Schools from 12 industrial companies to 69 Vocational Schools.

In addition, several Vocational Schools also received government assistance for infrastructure and equipment revitalization programs in 2019, including the South Sulawesi region.

Four Vocational Programs Menparin added, in 2019, his party had prepared strategic steps in order to build competent human resources, especially to be ready to face the development of industry 4.0. One of the efforts is through strengthening industrial vocational education.

"The four industrial vocational education programs that will be implemented include competency-based vocational education using a dual or dual system system which is held in



all education units belonging to the Ministry of Industry, namely 9 Vocational Schools, 10 Polytechnics, and 2 Community Academies."

The third program, namely industrial vocational education that links and matches between SMK and industry. "The launch of this industrial vocational education program will be followed up with programs to strengthen the capacity and quality of vocational schools through curriculum alignment that link and match industry, increase teacher competency through training and internships in industry, work practices facilities for students in industry and support for practical support facilities for "Vocational School," he explained.

Fourth, the Ministry of Industry organizes competency-based industry training programs with a 3 in 1 system (Training, Certification, and Job Placement) which is targeted to attract 72,000 participants by 2019. This program can be used by persons with disabilities.

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