

**OUTCOME OF THE BALI DEMOCRACY STUDENTS CONFERENCE (BDSC)
“FROM CAMPUS FOR DEMOCRACY”**

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VOICE OF THE YOUTH

We, 150 students from various universities in 61 countries gathered in Serpong, Banten, Indonesia, from 7-8 December 2017, to participate in the Bali Democracy Students Conference (BDSC), held in parallel with the 10th Bali Democracy Forum (BDF).

We discussed issues and shared our views and experiences on possible roles and contributions of students in democratic processes as well as our expectation and finding solutions with regard to deliverables of democracy.

Having participated in the discussions, we underlined the need for students and youth in general to participate in the democratic processes in their own country and in global setting.

We recognized that, while democracy shares common features, there is no single model of democracy and that democracy does not belong to any country or region.

Since nowadays every sphere of our life is dependent on the political situation, so it is crucial to encourage development of democracy in corresponding institutions and especially in developing countries.

In addition, we reaffirmed that democracy needs a transparent and accountable government, that is responsive to the needs and interests of its people; and that young people, with their creativity, innovation, and idealism, are critical component for a strong and resilient democracy.

Accordingly, we, the participants of Bali Democracy Students Conference, agreed on these two sets of recommendation:

FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

1. Students can make contribution in strengthening democracy through education, because it will make people have critical thinking. Education also will create society understand their rights. As young generation, students must use the privilege in democracy such as the freedom of expression and freedom of speech to deliver useful information and to tackle global challenges.
2. Young generation should use technology and social media positively and effectively and it can be considered as a powerful tool for spreading democracy. Thus, Social media must be utilized to deliver information and education regarding democracy. Social media can be a place where youth make innovation and be connected to each other.
3. Young generation have already done a lot regarding democracy through student activism. But, we need to inspire and motivate them to do more and better. It can be implemented through community development.

FOR GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

1. To observe the principles of good governance in every aspect of government life, to ensure that government serves the best interests of its people, in a transparent, inclusive and accountable manner. We underlined that the failure of government to serve the interests of its people will lead to apathy of the people, especially young generation towards government.
2. To strengthen platforms that enable young people to actively participate in the democratic processes, at the local, national, regional, and global levels.
3. Deliverables of democracy should be based on our national context such as some countries would focus on economic prosperity, protection of human rights, and freedom of expression. And as priorities, it should consider transparency, check and balances, and accountability.
4. Create opportunities for young people especially for employment in business in order to create economic growth as a foundation of democracy.
5. Socializing and transforming the society by providing responsible citizen with better understanding of civic values and laws.
6. If you need a prosperous and bright future tomorrow, then invest more in your youth today. Politically socialize them, induct in system through offering them more valuable forms structures, in their institutions, so they will be more responsible and useful citizen tomorrow.
7. Empower your youth with liberty of expression shall enable their behavior more democratic and civic that eventually transform the society.

We agreed that Bali Democracy Students Conference had provided an excellent opportunity for students and youths to interact, and learn from each other on the value of democracy. In that regard, while expressing gratitude and appreciation to the Government and the People of the Republic of Indonesia for their hospitality, we suggested that the Bali Democracy Students Conference be organized again in the future.