

Reviewing the Vision and Mission of Indonesia's 2024 Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates



The Indonesian presidential and vice-presidential candidates who will participate in the 2024 presidential election have presented their vision and mission. The public can use these vision and mission as decision-making criteria for voting for the country's next leader.

As an independent research institute dedicated to evidence-informed policymaking, SMERU provides impartial analyses of the vision and mission outlined by the candidates, specifically within the areas of education, poverty, and social protection. SMERU's analyses, based on the latest data or its own relevant research, examine these areas, assessing the potential risks of the candidates' policy plans and their alignment with actual conditions on the ground. Click the topic below to read SMERU's analyses of the vision and mission of the candidates.

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How does Granting Teacher Autonomy Influence Classroom Instruction? Lessons from Indonesia's Curriculum Reform Implementation

The Emancipated Curriculum (*Kurikulum Merdeka*), launched by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology in 2022, grants autonomy to teachers to tailor their teaching to the student's needs and local context. Given that teacher autonomy in Indonesia is low, how does the implementation of the Emancipated Curriculum affect classroom instruction? [Click the image](#) to read the complete analysis.



Kabupaten Ketapang's Inclusive Economic Development Index (IEDI): Low Inclusiveness amid High Economic Growth

The economic growth rate of Kabupaten Ketapang from 2016 to 2021 was higher than the national and provincial rates. However, the decrease in the poverty rate in this area has not been proportional. SMERU's research note outlines the challenges faced by Kabupaten Ketapang in achieving inclusive economic development and suggests steps that the local government can undertake without overly burdening its regional budget (APBD). [Click the image](#) to read more.



Discussion Forum on Enhancing the Quality of Primary Education (FOKUS)

National and international assessments indicate that the foundational skills (literacy and numeracy) of Indonesian students have stagnated over the past two decades. The government has made various efforts to address this issue, including collaborating with multiple non-governmental organizations and philanthropies such as SMERU and the Tanoto Foundation.

To support these efforts, the Tanoto Foundation and SMERU, under the guidance of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology, organized the Discussion Forum on Enhancing the Quality of Primary Education (FOKUS) on 5 December. SMERU's senior researcher, Asri Yusrina, was a speaker and presented findings from several of SMERU's research on education, particularly those related to teacher competence. SMERU also set up a booth showcasing the Institute's publication on education research. [Click the image](#) to watch a replay of the discussion forum.

SMERU Activities



First Secretary of the Information and Cultural Division, Embassy of Japan in Indonesia, Yuriko Kawakubo, visited the SMERU office on Wednesday, 29 November. The First Secretary had a discussion with several SMERU researchers on child labor in Indonesia, including one concerning the children's education levels. SMERU researchers presented the findings of the Institute's child labor studies, especially regarding the factors that underlie children's decision to work and the factors that influence whether or not they continue to attend school.



On 30 November, representatives from the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) visited SMERU, where researchers shared insights from their previous studies. The discussion included the Indonesian elderly population and its contrasts with other countries, particularly China, Japan, and Singapore, which also face similar challenges, and other issues. SMERU is one of the 21 think tanks in the ASEAN region that have joined the ASEAN+3 Finance Think-tank Network established by AMRO.



As 2023 draws to a close, SMERU continued its tradition of holding the Annual Strategic Meeting on 7–8 December. During this meeting, all employees, from management to section level, sat together to discuss the Institute's short-term strategy and draft the 2024 work plan. Each section was also encouraged to propose breakthroughs in its work plan to support the Institute's financial sustainability. This annual meeting is also an opportunity for all employees to reconnect in person after the remote working system was implemented in 2020.



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