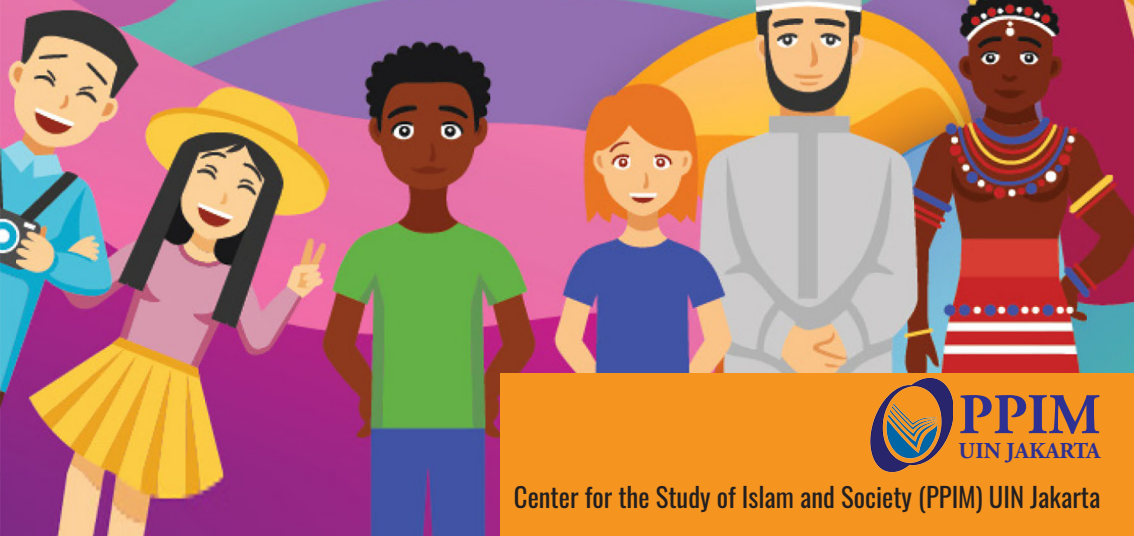




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Foreword

Indonesia is beautiful and diverse, just like reading a continuous story book that never runs out of pages. This country is blessed with extraordinary beauty, its nature and people. Indonesia is a comfortable shared house to live in.

This country was built and founded by warriors who sacrificed their body and soul, heroes who believe that independence is the only way to prosperity, justice and eternal peace. Those who struggle together without viewing background of ethnicity, religion, race, or class. They are determined to defend this country until their final drop of blood. They all fought for the dignity of one nation, Indonesia. Now, Indonesia stands tall as a homeland for the children of the nation. The never-ending struggle of the older generation must be continued by the younger generation. The young generation now has the same obligation to bring this country to the top of civilization. As Bung Karno used to say, ***this republic does not belong to any group, does not belong to a religion, does not belong to a tribe, nor a tradition, but it belongs to us, from Sabang to Merauke.*** Anyone has the right and right to live in this country peacefully.

This book you are reading is a manifestation of Indonesia's youth's love for this country. There are various stories, messages, and hope conveyed in this book. A simple book that will become a guide and also inspire the next young generation to continue to maintain peace, harmony, mutual respect and live in harmony in the framework of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia. Holding onto “**Bhinneka Tunggal Ika**”—unity in diversity, that is Indonesia.

Warm regards with peace

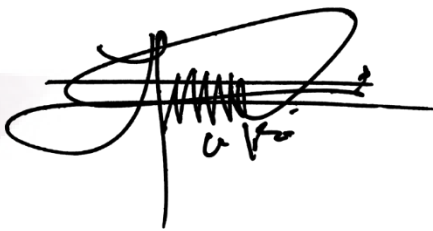


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Happy—that was what we felt the first time we started compiling this book. Reading every article, story, message, and also hope, expressed by the young generation of Indonesia makes us more confident and optimistic that this country has a bright future. In the midst of the community's condition which is now filled with a variety of information, the presence of this book is expected to be a soothing oasis, publishing hope behind every concern and enthusiasm of Indonesia's millennial generation to continue to maintain peace in our beloved country. This book itself contains stories, messages, and also hope of the youth of Indonesia, especially those who have participated in the Millennials Peace Festival in 6 cities (Jakarta, Bandung, Palangka Raya, Pekanbaru, Surabaya, and Makassar) in 2018. The Global Peace Foundation Indonesia believes that by involving young people in every process of life as a nation and state, the common goal on behalf of Indonesia will be realized. The presence of this book can also be realized from the extraordinary support and collaboration between the Global Peace Foundation Indonesia and PPIM UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta, Convey Indonesia and UNDP

Indonesia, where this book is one of the outputs of the Millennials Peace Festival program as one of the forms of Convey 2.0 activities in 2018. Hopefully, with the presence of this book, Indonesia's young generation will be stronger in maintaining diversity and peace, spreading the value of goodness, and continuing to fight for the unity and integrity of this nation.

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, sweeping loop at the top and a series of vertical strokes in the middle, with the initials 'N. D. A.' visible at the bottom.

Warm regards

Novan Dwi Andhika.

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Novan Dwi Andhika

What will we leave behind for the next generation? Will it only be a story or fairytale about a country that is known to be fertile and beautiful because of its diversity, the country that we call Indonesia, the destination of explorers of the world in search of heaven? Are we going to let this country end up being a mere story? Differences are not reasons for us to let this country be destroyed by a group of people who claim to be the most sacred, this country belongs to all of us, not just one or two groups. **This country is our home; we should be living together, respecting each other in the frame of unity.**

Don't let this country disappear because of the ego of a few people. Spread peace, spread love, not hatred and hostility.

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Indra Rosinto Subandar

My name is Indra, I am a student from Sumatra who is currently studying in college. I went to one of the state universities in Bandung, UIN Bandung. When I entered this university, there are many interesting things that must be explored further in the UIN environment itself. It is a matter of tolerance. But before discussing that topic, I will first share about my life. I was born in North Sumatra, precisely in South Tapanuli. The cold air, the dense settlement, the expanse of rice fields, shady trees, will make anyone feel at home there. The extraordinarily unpretentious environment adds beauty and illustrates a small part of the friendliness of Indonesians.

My mother once told me when she gave birth to me into this world, at that time our house was quite far from urban areas. We lived in a small village in the corner of South Tapanuli and the access to the Puskesmas and delivery place was quite far to reach and public transportation was difficult to find. I was

born from a simple and modest family. With the help of our neighbors, I was finally born into this world. In the place where I was born, the environment was heterogeneous, meaning that not all people embraced the same religion.

However, I felt a very strong sense of family. Whenever there was a national celebration or a religious holiday, the people would work together, including when my mother was about to give birth to me, many neighbors of the house volunteer to help. There was never a conflict there, all carried out their activities as usual, the interactions carried out also never differentiated by ethnicities, races, and religions, all becoming one in a mutual cooperation frame. However, they still understand the limits that a person have, for example, when my father attended one of the residents' wedding there, and when eating, residents there separated the food Muslim and non-Muslim.

Why did they do that? The answer to this is because they respect their guests' limitations and they were worried that a non halal food got eaten by their Muslim guests.

I was truly amazed by this country and by the differences that unite it.

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Dicco Nazza

The topic diversity is a quite sensitive one in Indonesia, especially when it includes religion, ethnicity, race, and economic status or level. Many consider it to be the root of division, but in fact this is what makes the Indonesian people rich and unique compared to other nations. In fact, diversity has been outlined in the slogan Bhineka Tunggal Ika which means unity in diversity. Little things can indeed make changes for the better, just like the fighting spirit for the sake of this nation in the future.

As a nation of the future we must fight and succeed, we cannot be divided by any country or group, we must be enthusiastic in living life as the nation of Indonesia.

There is a lot of culture, and many forms of diversity, such as dances, customs, traditional houses, and many more. This proves the fact that the Indonesian nation is just that rich, so we must be proud to be a child of Indonesia.

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Destana Nur Ayu Ramadhani

We, as the successors of the nation's generation, have to open our eyes to the importance of morals and ethics inherited from our forefathers who have now been decayed by time, because the norms and manners which are made to maintain the order of one's relationships with others. **Good manners and good characters can revive the atmosphere of peace on the earth and create a generation of virtuous people.** And the diversity that exists in Indonesia can remain in unity.

In addition, there has to be good support from the government, parents, the environment and also educators to instill a good attitude of character for the today's generation. Thus, the future of the nation is not haunted by a generation that is morally corrupt and oblivious of the loss of the nation's heritage.

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Shintya Rahmi Utami

When my father was ill, he was treated at the Santa Maria hospital. Some of my family members were questioning the reason why my father was not treated in an Islamic hospital. Why should we make the Christians richer by letting my father treated there? They thought. From my father, I learned not to exclude myself. What **amazed me at the Christian hospital was that it was so easy to find a very comfortable place of prayer that other hospitals may not provide.** This should be the face of Indonesia, where we people, although having different backgrounds and beliefs, still can respect and help each other.

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Miftahul Khoir

The nature of the mutual cooperation in the village where I was born still feels so rich. There I still feel a sense of dependence, inner bonds in kinship, bounds to one another in life as a extended family. As an example, when there are announcements of mourning news, residents will automatically flock to the homes of the mourning families. Some directly prepare graves, while others gather in funeral homes. The mothers of the village would come to the funeral home with a stock of rice in order to relieve the grieving family.

No one asked whether those who wanted to help were of the same religion, or tribe. **All help one another in full kinship. No one fussed about whether or not those present are infidels. No one limits the place of the tomb only for adherents of certain religions.** All have the same opportunities and rights. Such cultures have made my village born peaceful until now.

Ratna Dewi Kumalasari

Stories, experiences, and encounters with people who have different geographical areas make us a mature generation in dealing with every difference and make it a lesson in the universities of our lives. I am a native, I am a Muslim with Chinese look, and live in the midst of the beauty of Unity in Diversity. I have a religion, I am Indonesian. I feel, live and enjoy the beauty of the power of diversity in life. All religions teach goodness. Never be afraid to establish brotherhood and friendship with those who are different, those who are minorities, those who are neglected.

I can, and so can you. Because in this country all have the right to live together lovingly, as one big family—Indonesia.

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Yayan

I was raised in Southeast Sulawesi and used to live in a heterogeneous community. When we talk about heterogeneity there, I think it is more diverse than Java. Southeast Sulawesi consists of various islands, and each archipelago has its own tribe. For example, on an island there is a Muna tribe, then crossed to another island which takes two hours, there is a Buton tribe. We will find people with different cultures and languages and no similarities. Cross to the Wakatobi area. Wakatobi consists of 4 islands namely Wanci, Kaledupa, Tomia, Binongko islands which are Wakatobi acronyms. Although Wakatobi only has one district, it has a different culture and language.

To unite the diversity, the people of Southeast Sulawesi see a similarity by uniting figures from each region. **Indonesia is full of diversity that we cannot deny, and it has become a blessing and a beautiful color.**

In the Millenials Peace Festival, I had the opportunity to interact with new friends. The highlight of today's program is visiting places of worship of other faiths and I had the opportunity to visit the Catholic church and Hindu temples.

I must admit that visiting places of worship of other religious communities feels very peaceful. There we have the opportunity to dialogue and get to know and appreciate other religious communities. Dialogue is the key and first step to peace, as quoted by Daisaku Ikeda, **“EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH DIALOGUE. DIALOGUE IS THE INITIAL STEP IN THE CREATION OF VALUE. DIALOGUE IS THE STARTING POINT AND UNIFYING FORCE IN ALL HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS”.**

Dialogue itself means not forcing your beliefs on someone. Dialogue is demonstrating respect for the lives of others and the determination to learn when confronted with

differences. At the end of our trip (at that time our last destination was a *pura*), we said goodbye and a father came to us, *“Son, we will continue praying for the peace of this*

country. You have to keep in mind that like this scarf, we are brothers.“ he said, pointing to the scarf that I used that read WE ARE BROTHERS, even though I could not write the exact message, but at that moment I really felt touched, this shows a great hope for us the next generation of the nation. Let us continue to form friendships and dialogue towards peace.

Muhammad Asipi

I lived in a family with a fairly strong religious background. When I was a child, I was often invited by my father to attend a salvation, thanks giving, and *tahlilan* at the neighbors. The most pleasing thing is when you get a food basket/parcel. At that time, I hung out with people who are uniform, nothing was different in religion, customs, and traditions.

As a teenager, the people I knew were no longer uniform, I hung out with people with different backgrounds, different perspectives and religions. There are Christians, Hindus, Catholics, some are Batak, Bugis, Javanese. I felt less comfortable when I first got along. But, over time the difference gave me a more diverse view, and made me wiser in dealing with a problem related to differences. **I used to dislike things different from my understanding, now I have become more respectful and tolerant.**

I still remember the thing that made me happy and felt the beauty of diversity. It was during the Isra Miraj event at school, where my Christian friend joined in the event as a voice band by singing Islamic songs. I also came to his house, at Christmas. From that event, I can learn that the essence of all religions is to teach goodness, there is no religion that teaches bad, if any, it is only the fault of people in understanding the teachings of that religion.

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Pebriyana

Where did Unity in Diversity go? Where is the peace that we once knew? Where is the mutual respect that was taught to us when we were kids? All went away because of the influence of social media, even though the creators of social media created it because they wanted to facilitate the existing communication. Unfortunately, it is now used to spread hoax and sometimes people believe in news without considering the validity of it.

Many of people's credibility are damaged because of social media. Many people make fun of each other, and others get angry and hateful easily. Sadness occurs when many things have changed from year to year, not because of the progress of the times but because of attitudes and morals that can not be fostered anymore. Hopefully, the young people are now able to appreciate the differences that exist and become children with good character.

Hanna Joyce Cahaya Siburian

From the beginning until now, we all seem familiar with the phrase, Indonesian Unity. We often hear it and see it in articles. Diversity also has to do with Unity in Indonesia today. The diversity of cultures, ethnicities, religions, languages, and various races in our beloved country should make us more united because of all the differences that we have.

HOWEVER, SOMETIMES WE SEE IT ONLY FROM ONE SIDE, WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE MEANING OF THE DIFFERENCES. Especially, in this globalization era, many things set us apart from the diversity that we have. As a matter of fact, even the tourists that come to Indonesia are impressed with the uniqueness of Indonesia, which has many tribes, customs, and so on. But, those of us who live and are born in this country are not really aware of it.

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Sadam Afrizal

With cultural diversity, Indonesia can be said to have its own advantages when compared to other countries. Indonesia has a varied cultural portraits. For example, when we are at school, there are many of our friends who have different religions and cultures. Some are from Java, Sumatra, Kalimantan, and many more. **We must maintain these differences because they are the style of the Indonesian people.** Not all countries have the diversity that Indonesia has.

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Muh_Anx

There is an Arabic proverb which says that, *“the obligation we have is a lot more than the time”*. Yesterday it is not ours anymore, tomorrow is not necessarily ours and today is a day of struggle. Difference is a necessity and peace is something worth fighting for, as is the diversity that exists in Indonesia. All of this is about believing and appreciating. The stronger our belief in Islam, the more beautiful a sense of human tolerance is created. **How can we increasingly believe in the teachings of the religion that we profess and also appreciate the differences that exist?**

One of the meanings of Islam is peace, we even meet each other saying the prayer of salvation “Assalamualaikum”, and the answer to that prayer is not “Aamiin”, but “Waalaikumussalam”, the more complete the more perfect the reward. Very beautiful, isn’t it? Islam is spreading peace, not hatred and enmity.

Dinda Almira S.

My name is Aira, I am a high school teenager, 10th grade studying science in Surabaya. I have a best friend named Ary. We are not in the same class, he is as old as me, but he is taking social sciences as his major. Ary and I have begun to be friends since middle school. We were in the same class and it all started during recess, he played basketball with his friends in the field and I was sitting in a seat near the field while reading a novel. Unintentionally, the ball he was throwing did not enter the ring, but the ball bounced and hit my head. Weird indeed, but that's what happened. Since then, Ary and I started this friendship. He is the only friend I have. If you want to know why, it is because I am an anti-social kid, he is the only one who wants to accept me. As I am in getting along, and from that moment on I began to open myself to socialize little by little.

By the way, Ary is from Bandung, yes, he's Sundanese. Me? Javanese native from Surabaya, coming from different background does not mean we cannot be friends, right? He went to school in Surabaya because he followed his father to work here for the next two and a half years. In Surabaya, they lived in Ary's grandmother's house. He had

been laughed at by his seniors at school because of his Sundanese accent which might be a little strange to them, but to me it was a funny and a unique characteristic of him.

Two years passed by. We were already in grade 9, which mean we would graduate soon. Although we were in different classes, Ary and I were still communicating well, instead our friendship is getting closer. In facing the National Examination, Ary and I often studied together at her grandmother's house. We complemented each other's deficiencies in areas of learning that we do not master. If you ask me, 'do I have more feelings for him than just friends?' Honestly, I will answer yes. Why? I don't know, from the first time I was with him everything felt different. My life was full of color and laughter. It's a cliché, but that's the truth. After the National Examination and graduation were held, there was still one week before Ary returned to Bandung with her family. Ary and I plan to play and go sightseeing together. "*Klasikklasik ngene tapi asik yo!*" That was the impression of Ary with Suroboyoan Javanese who had been fluent while he was in Surabaya.

He really likes the typical food of Surabaya, namely *Lontong Balap*. I once asked him to teach me Sundanese. One hour before Ary left for the airport, we had a chance to exchange gifts for souvenirs. He gave me a necklace that read the letter 'A', "a sign of our friendship. A is for Aira and Ary," he said. I gave him a bracelet that reads 'A&A' with the same meaning. After saying goodbye I returned home. I will miss him, for sure.

That night, I couldn't fall asleep. I hope he's fine, I really miss him. One thing for sure, my friendship with Ary made me sure **difference in any case is not a path to enmity but is able to create beauty.** I'm Javanese Surabaya and Ary is Sundanese. Our accent and language are different, but we can be friends without any hate or hostility.

Peace is an expression of human affection. Peace cannot be maintained with physical strength or weapons. It can only be achieved with understanding. Let's keep the peace, protect our country. It is not a mistake to love and explore what we believe. We are ethnically different, we are human, we live in the same land, Indonesia. Uphold tolerance, greet each other, understand each other, understand the differences of views between one another. **We are not perfect, but at least we are always able to do positive actions for others.**

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Ani Mariani

Indonesia is so rich. Consisting of various tribes, religions, cultures, races. We are indeed created from difference. These differences will not be a problem because from them, we learn a lot. If differences do create a problem, let's think again. We should discuss what actually makes or becomes a problem. **We are given reason and conscience to love and respect one another.** Your religion is for you, and my religion is for me. I am sure Indonesian young people love peace.

Technology is not a barrier for us to work together to develop the country, but it is a convenience and at the same time a challenge for us in the middle of this reform era. Times have changed, now is not the time to think of strategies against the invaders, but to think of strategies against negative information that can divide the unity of the nation. **HOAXES, HATE SPEECHES, AND FAKE NEWS ARE ENEMIES FOR US TO WATCH OUT FOR.**

This diversity is not a disaster but a gift from God for us to appreciate, respect and tolerate. Never be afraid to be different, never be afraid to be diverse, and never be afraid to be right. Being sensitive to seeing differences does not mean separation, this is where we must learn to understand the shortcomings and appreciate each other's strengths, provide a point of view to understand the meaning of diversity. **One hope for the successors of this nation someday is hopefully when they grow up they will never be afraid to speak the truth.**

Living side by side, helping one another and not being apathetic towards the surroundings, so that Indonesia remains a figure of an eastern country that is polite and welcoming, peaceful with a variety of diversity without debating differences.

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Balscreat

Humans, indeed all living things, have the right to pursue happiness and live in peace and freedom. Share your smile with the world because it is a symbol of friendship and peace. Peace is the ability to handle conflicts in a peaceful way. Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be achieved through understanding. When you find peace in yourself, you become the kind of person who can live peacefully with others. When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace. Peace is indeed expensive and requires sacrifice. When there is no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we have each other. We seek peace because peace is freedom. Talking about peace is never enough. One must believe in it, and believing is not enough. Someone has to work on it. A real and sustainable victory is peace, not war.

Peace is when we respect and appreciate each other, care about the environment and are not selfish, so as to create a harmonious environment that is where the importance of youth takes place in creating peace. **Regardless of differences and without noticing of our shortcomings, we are the same in the name of human rights.** Let's create peace by removing the sense of difference towards one goal.

Humaerha

Indonesia has a lot of diversity, starting from religion, ethnicity, race, customs, tradition and even culture. In Indonesia, there is Bhinneka Tunggal Ika which means unity in diversity. In Indonesia, it is currently incessant with the reporting of issues of radicalism, extremism, terrorism and Hoax. Even these issues have become a daily study of the people of Indonesia on social media. **Then it is time for us as the nation's successors to overcome or prevent the existence of radicalism, extremism, terrorism and hoaxes that have taken place. By learning, daring to try, believing, respecting each other.** These are the ways to prevent these wrong understandings.

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Ardinytriyaamalia

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What is different is our belief. But, our nature as brothers and sisters in humanity is no different. Let us still be convinced that we are human beings created to live in harmony on this earth.

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Putri

On a journey of spreading peace, how can I still feel jealous, envious, the most correct, and not biased when listening to others? The mission that I carry should have killed and eliminated all prejudice. How can I define this? It makes me uneasy, when I am damaged and other people have succeeded in making. ***We talk about how to share peace with the others but sometimes we still forget to spread love towards ourself.*** It is true that we sometimes want peace but don't start with ourselves.

Life is a long journey and it is not always smooth. On certain days and times, we never know what kind of pain we must go through. We do not know when life will slam us deep, make us sit, to then force us to make decisions. One or two decisions can be something to be proud of while the rest produces more regret. Do you know? Life is actually a long journey, which is witnessed every day by the sun. **So do your best, spread the goodness and peace, so that our lives become meaningful without regret.**

Novan Dwi Andhika

In this country, I have learned, enjoyed and am grateful for the abundant and beautiful creation of God. Thousands of islands, languages, tribes, cultures, and all the wealth that is in it. We are not the same and we must be different. That is how Indonesia should be. Wherever you go, you will be amazed by how harmonious the lives of its people in the midst of diversity. **I am happy and I am proud to be born in this country. Not once did I think of asking my Lord to give birth to me in another country.** Indonesia for me is a real heaven on Earth.

Sadam Afrizal

As a unitary state, Indonesia has many differences. The islands, the cultures, the languages, the tribes, the taste, the religions, to the color of the skin. These differences can affect the perspective of one community to another. **These differences must remain as a pattern of the Indonesian nation whose culture is well-known as a unique and civilized .**

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Balscreat

Indonesia is a large country, a country that has wealth of its own natural resources that is not owned by any other country in the world. The uniqueness and cultural diversity that stretches from Sabang to Merauke is a priceless asset of the nation.

I am for my Indonesia. I want to change it. Starting from ourselves. I want people to realize the importance of this nation. I want to create a fertile and prosperous Indonesian future. Make Indonesia a nation that can give great hope and realize the dreams of its citizens, become a nation whose leaders are truly wise people, become a nation that can be an example for the nation's children, and always taking sides and thinking about the fate of its people.

Aulia Adviana

Do you know what the most beautiful thing is about a place of worship? Namely, when we have only the intention to worship. When we do not see the differences. When we do not look at color, race, ethnicity, status, position or something that can hinder the creation of peace. **The Indonesian youth dares to innovate without losing identity.**

Thereality is that we are born different. And all this time we are fine with that difference. Differences make us independent. We believe that Indonesia is independent not because of just one tribe, not because of just one race, not because of just one religion. We are independent because we are united.

“Tat twam asi” in Hindu means “you are that”. Which means, if I hurt you, that means I also hurt myself, and that means I also hurt my Lord. We are all God’s creation. *Spread lots of love, stop the hate.* Differences are not a reason not to unite. Differences are what makes unity more solid and filled with beautiful colors.

Religion is a guide to human life that teaches many things, including peace and mutual respect between human beings. In Indonesia itself as a plural state or often referred to as multi-religious is very vulnerable to conflict. Religious conflicts in Indonesia are often influenced by mistakes in understanding different faiths or religions. Therefore, people need to start respecting differences. In addition, people need to understand or get to know other religious teachings correctly by interacting directly with their adherents.

“We are united because of love, affection, and a sense of togetherness and family. We are united in a country full of love and beauty, Indonesia. Even though we are different, we are still one, Indonesia”

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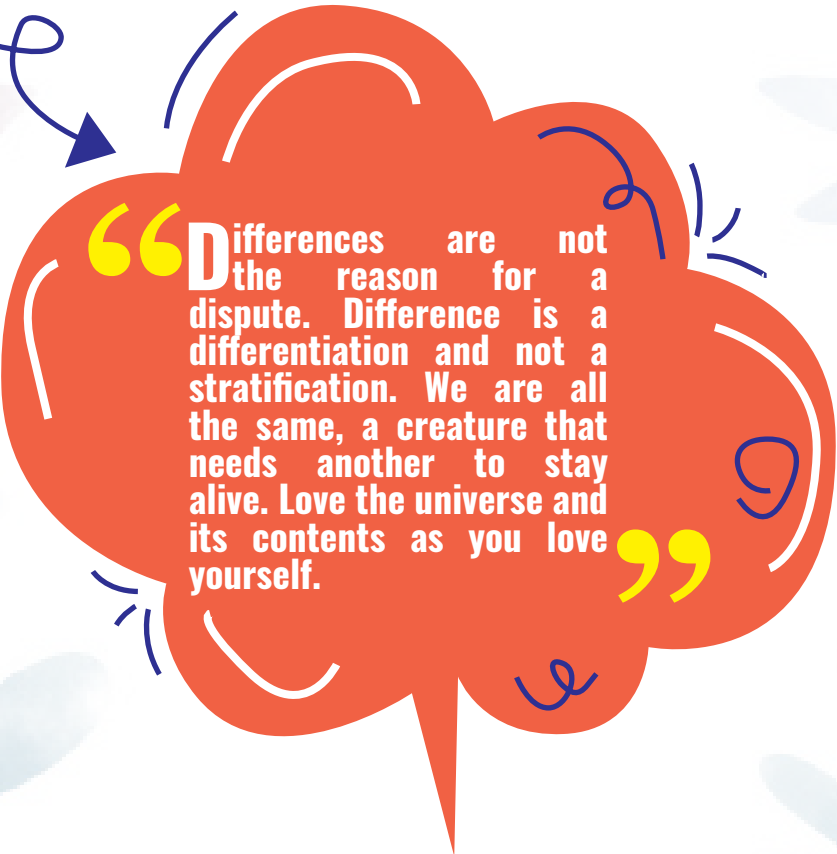


Khosiyatul_da

Religion is a zone of peace. Religious people should have peace within themselves . God deliberately makes people different because God has the purpose of “*li ta’aruf*” or so that people know each other. When we believe in our own religion, then we can respect the religion of other people.

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Adellast



“Differences are not the reason for a dispute. Difference is a differentiation and not a stratification. We are all the same, a creature that needs another to stay alive. Love the universe and its contents as you love yourself.**”**

Egi Ramadhan

My name is Sonia, I'm 15 years old and now I'm in year 11 in one of the most well-known high schools in Bangka. Now at 3 o'clock in the morning, I accompanied my father to wake up to eat *sahur*, he could not bear to wake my mother because later at 6 a.m. she had to go to church. Yep, you guys did not read wrong, my family has a diversity in beliefs because since childhood our parents have given freedom in choosing beliefs.

My sister and I are Buddhists, my younger and older brother are Muslim. My mother and my second brother are Catholics. We live under one roof and are always next to each other. We never badmouthed each other because we have understood the meaning of tolerance since childhood.

That morning, I left at 6:40 a.m. When I got to school, I went to the bathroom. Before I could get into the bathroom, I heard a woman crying from the toilet next door. I was curious, and it was true that there was a girl my age who was lying on the floor, stunned, there seemed to be a red stain. As soon as she was aware of my presence, she immediately got up and left me, I followed her from behind, she walked with her head down even though at a glance I could see her face like a Papuan. But, suddenly the

school bell rang, I then stopped my intention to follow her steps then returned to my class.

When I was in class, suddenly the sound of “DBRUAACK” came from the road, it happened that my class was not far from the busy main road in the morning. I stood like the other children in the class, at a glance I saw people running towards the intersection. I just kept quiet and then returned to the lesson because the teacher asked us to stay focus on our lesson. During recess, there was an announcement by the student council, that members in class to bring money for donation tomorrow for the victim of the accident this morning that happened to be a student from my school. Hearing the announcement made earlier, I became even more curious what happened and who was the student who had an accident, but suddenly my seatmate said “Hey, you know what? The one from the accident was Sofi! “I felt I didn’t know Sofi, my forehead was wrinkled because eeven though I tried to remember, I really didn’t know Sofi. Suddenly another friend of mine joined in, “Sofi, that weird kid? The new kid who likes to be alone, that Papuan kid? “

Papua? Gosh! Is that the girl I saw this morning in the girls’ room?

“Poorthing, I often see her being bullied by her classmates because of her dark skin,” continued my friend earlier. I immediately find out everything about Sofi, her name is Sofi Agustina, she is a transfer student from Jayapura, she moved here because of her parents’ work and her hobby of

writing novels. She always got bullied because of her dark skin and curly hair, and it turns out this morning she was bullied by his classmates until his red pen ink was smeared on his school uniform, she cried and wanted to go home. She was very depressed, on the way home she just stared at the ground and when she crossed the street, she was hit by a car that was going fast and she died.

What happened this morning made me realize that it all happened because of intolerance, an attitude of disrespect, inability to accept differences, and the feeling of being the best and righteous. I am very grateful because there is still tolerance in my family, I don't know what will happen when tolerance has faded. Hopefully there will be no more stories like Sofi in this beloved country.

Sadam Afrizal

In the present, cultural values in Indonesia have declined, for example, the need for batik. Nowadays, more people tend to use printed batik rather than the manual one. When I went to a batik place in Jakarta, I asked one of the batik makers there why many people in Indonesia prefer to wear printed batik. He stated that Indonesian people have been struck down by modern times, so they prefer to use printed batik rather than making their own batik. This is unfortunate for Indonesian culture. There are so many benefits of cultural diversity, one example is in the field of tourism. Cultural diversity can be used as an object and destination for tourism in Indonesia that can bring in foreign exchange.

Love your own culture, don't let the meaningful culture disappear.

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Nely

My area, East Oku is a transmigration area. Interestingly, when I was in elementary school, there were local language subjects. Not only local languages but also Javanese, Sundanese, Ogan, and so on. And that carried over into daily habits. In everyday life, when someone meets neighbors who are from different areas, they use Indonesian to communicate. This shows that Indonesian Language is the Language of Unity, but we must not leave our native language as our identity. A million rupiah will not be complete if it is lacking 100 rupiah. It means that Indonesia will not be complete if one culture is lost.

Ahmad Syahrrial

In my hometown, people who embrace five different religions live side by side. There are Hindus, Buddhists, Catholics, Muslims and Christians. In terms of language, there is also a difference. In addition, when there is a transmigration policy from the government, new cultures like Madura, Java and so on enter the existing culture. Diversity is really guarded there. Belief and religion are each individual's business. When there are religious or tribal events, they invite other religious or tribal leaders to attend. We have always been full of tolerance and able to live in harmony together. We are never be provoked by those who want to divide the country for their own interests.

Muhammad Mahmudi

Indonesia's path of independence cannot be separated from the struggle of all aspects of the Indonesian people, the blood shed melts regardless of where the blood came from, only for one purpose of independent Indonesia.

At present, the goal of independence for the millennial generation is different, that is advancing Indonesia in a younger way and style. But, don't forget the roots of Indonesian culture that make us a great nation and respected by other countries. Indonesian blood must still run in the bodies of millenials and they cannot proudly glorify foreign cultures that are increasingly eroding the identity of Indonesian youth. The values of unity in Pancasila, are now silenced by the actions of young people. They must rise and not become a silent majority. Millennials must begin to be brave, take the role of continuing the real struggle for independence and regardless of where our blood flows from or the mother tongue we use. We are Indonesia.

People who lack tolerance must often live in a homogeneous environment. They are not familiar with pluralism. When they enter a heterogeneous environment, they feel confused and often act intolerant. Tolerance is sometimes interpreted as merging differences. But in truth, tolerance is an attitude of understanding others in the face diversity. Tolerance is a positive and friendly effort to understand the beliefs, practices, and habits of others WITHOUT having to share or accept them.

Ratna Dewi Kumalasari

Millennials are a generation full of passion with bright ideas. Our country is a very beautiful country, very rich in diversity. The charm of Indonesia is rooted in the diversity of ethnicities, cultures and languages which is reflected in the ideology of the Indonesian state “INDONESIAN UNITY”. Therefore, it is very sad if this beautiful peace is threatened, We, as agents of change, young Indonesian leaders must guard with whatever our talents, our hobbies, our creativity, to maintain diversity in harmony to make a sovereign and fair Indonesia prospered without prestige, began to reduce the limitations that exist within us or our community that would indeed hamper a development.

Collaboration begins through communication, initiates interaction, enriches information to fortify itself amid the current globalization, hoaxes, industrial revolution, which will bring the collaboration of Unity in Diversity into the strength of Indonesia.

Shinya Rahmi Utami

August 17, 2015, I celebrated Indonesia's independence day in America. Maybe that was a normal day for me. But, there was a gentleman from Malaysia, Dato Latt Shariman Abdullah, who delivered a speech in front of the crowd and said "happy independence day". He asked me to sing the Indonesian Pusaka song. At that moment, I cried while I was singing. There were feelings and questions in my heart, what have I done for Indonesia? How can people from other countries really respect and love Indonesia, while we, the young people of Indonesia, forget about Indonesia itself.

Ana Okta Septiana

My own teachings of tolerance have come from home, but the one who makes me really understand about what tolerance is, was my mother. At that time, in 1998 after the riots of the May 12 tragedy. The monetary crisis has made the Indonesian people live in difficult times. The riot also affected my family and the people in my neighborhood. After the riots, my parents and my friends' parents lost their jobs. The layoffs became a big disaster. In addition, the price of basic food items increased significantly. Early that morning my mother took me to a church near my house. We ourselves are from a Muslim family. It turns out that not only the two of us, other people from my neighborhood also flocked against the dawn to go to church.

I did not say much while watching the happy faces of the villagers where I lived. Arriving at the church, there were already many people there. Queued in line neatly with a piece of white paper which they call coupons in their hands. My mother joined the ranks when she arrived at the church. Apparently there was a distribution of groceries that was held by the church. After 30 minutes of queuing, my mother got groceries and envelopes containing some money.

Then I asked my mother, “Will God be angry that we entered the church? And accept gifts from Christians?”

While inspecting the plastic bags, my mother taught me something simple, but so meaningful that I still remember it well until today. While fixing my hair ties, my mother said, “Ana, every religion teaches love, teaches help, and teaches giving to one another. All the teachings come from God. And every religion teaches humanity. When others are in hardships, we must help, no matter how big or small the help. We look at them as humans, not Muslim, Christian, Buddhist or any other religion. You should know, Ana, that the Prophet Muhammad never even chose who he helped. The Prophet helped anyone without considering his/her religion. And now we’re having a hard time, they do have different religions but they help us because they care. They love us. God helps His servants through anyone’s hands. The Allah SWT shares His blessings through anyone. From here you also learn that when you later help people, then don’t just help Muslims. You must help anyone, as long as it is in goodness not in evil”.

At that moment, I looked at smiling faces that are full of happiness. Faces of affection for each other. Happy faces because they can give help and happy faces because receive help. At that time I did not see the slightest difference, there was no Islam and no Christian. Smiles and happiness are framed by compassion based on humanity. Just like what my mother said, every religion teaches humanity. Humanity creates tolerance to help one another, love one another. And it all comes from God Almighty.

Angga Jack

Brotherhood is a unit that can form peace, unity, and kinship. **Upholding the sense of brotherhood is one form of our love for the Nation (Indonesia).** We are NKRI, a great nation, with a great sense of unity. Even though our skin color, religion, race and ethnicity are different, we are still one, one INDONESIA, one Unity in Diversity (One in differences). Therefore let us maintain this brotherhood by spreading peace and kindness as the virtue of

Ricky Dwi Suhardi

Difference, people say. People say.
Black people are fierce .

People say white people are handsome .

People say that difference is devastating,
making what is strange looks ugly.

Not with our friendship .

We are people who will be angry when we are told to wait for a long time, but we never left each other. And similar to the identity of lizard droppings, we are complementary, the white and the dark remain sticky with each other, no bad words, no strange words, only the word UNIQUE.

There are no words that hurt or hurt one another. There are only words that can make us laugh, like children's songs with happy hums.

Humaerha

Everyone has the right to his own life, the right to choose what he likes, including the right to make friends with anyone, regardless of race or religion. Let's mingle, let's be friends, let's embrace each other to do good. Believe! There is no religion that teaches evil. We can live in harmony as family in one of our big houses, the Republic of Indonesia.

Rahma Sundaya Effendi

I am a math teacher. I teach private lessons in the Kahatex area, Rancaekek, Bandung. There was an interesting incident that I experienced on the first day of my teaching. I had no idea where the location of the house where I should teach. After a long search for the address of my student's home, I finally managed to find it. The house is located right inside the PT. Kahatex, a textile manufacturing company. There are mess / houses like rented houses which are mostly occupied by ethnic Chinese people and there are also other ethnicities such as Sundanese and Javanese, therefore it is not strange that residents of different religions there. The place where I teach is in the form of a big mess where one house is next to one another like a rented house or boarding house. When I entered the room, my students were ready to study. However, there was something that caught my attention in that room. I was immediately treated to a variety of religious symbols.

There are four of my students, Gabriel Christian, Reynald, Excel and Faris. They are of different religions, Chriss is a Christian, Faris is a Muslim, Reynad is a Buddhist and Excel is Confucian. They are very funny,

physically different and coupled with different religions, but they do not make it as a problem. They live normally without thinking about differences. They are still small and live side by side, learning together, playing together, joking like other children do. I was very happy to see this, this was the first time I had seen such a beautiful view. They can prove to the world that differences are not a problem, with differences, life becoming more beautiful. They appreciate every difference that the local people have. Ever since that moment, I was very excited to teach there even though the journey was very far from my boarding house but by looking at the harmony they have, I did not feel tired at all.

Hersa Amelia Agustin

We cannot choose the mother that gives us life, or the country where we are born. I used to think “why I wasn’t born in France?”, or other countries. But, I realized that this is certainly a destiny of God. We cannot determine what we want and what we like. It does not matter where we are born but it is about how we can be grateful and respect of what we have.

I am proud to be born in Indonesia. I thought to myself that if I were not born in Indonesia, I could not taste such delicious food every day. Of course besides the food, I like Indonesia because of its uniqueness and diversity. There is a diversity of languages, ethnicities, religions, traditional customs. However, this does not make Indonesia intolerant.

Tolerance in Indonesia is very good, as backed up by the fact that there are many houses of worship side by side in our streets. They really appreciate their fellow countrymen when they celebrate the big days of their religion. They respect and protect each other. That’s what I like about Indonesia, a country with differences that makes it so beautiful.

We could not determine where we were born, what we look like and so on. However, we could determine the conditions of how we are going to die. We cannot choose what we want to be when we are born, therefore we cannot disrespect others and we must respect each other. Do not let the differences become the downfall of this country.

Adela Rahmadian Agustin

Life is full of learning systems. Whatever activities we do, all become one unit, namely learning. Many interesting things we do and we can take the meaning of usefulness in it. Like me, I find many pieces of form in understanding the character of people with the environment around them, either with each other or with nature.

I live in a circle where activities are systematically organized, with a high sense of professionalism, discipline that continues to be nurtured, high responsibility, and of course hand in hand in solving problems that continue to be instilled in us. I also live with friends with diverse cultures from Sabang to Merauke. We often share experiences and unique stories from our respective regions.

My classmate named Nurul, she is of Malay descent and I like the way he communicates in her Malay dialect. One day, Nurul and I went to the Ragunan Zoo using Commuter line from Bogor station to Manggarai station. During our trip, there were many interesting things, one of which was about Malay culture which I found very interesting.

“Adel, do you know that the customs of marriage in our culture are the same as Betawi marriage culture?” Said

Nurul with her trademark accent, sometimes I was carried away with her accent.

“Wow, is that so Rul? Hmm ... is there pantun? It’s unique.” I said when the Commuterline stopped at Depok station, some passengers got off and some hopped into the train.

“Yes del, it’s a kind of *pantun terkait Del*,” Nurul answered as he coolly typed something on the screen of his cellphone. Not long after, the Commuter line drove away, carrying out the hustle and bustle of Depok’s city life. This sunny afternoon at Manggarai Station is full of people walking down the streets of Jakarta. Nurul and I continued our journey using the Trans Jakarta bus heading to Ragunan, taking about 40 minutes. It was Sunday, the right time to travel with family, many children, mother, father, and families who boarded the same bus with Nurul and me.

“*Bungah*, be careful by the door!” Exclaimed a 10-year-old boy sitting next to him to my left. Nurul suddenly elbowed my shoulder. We were side by side, making it easier for her to hit my shoulder. I answered with a hint of frown on my forehead.

“He is apparently Malay because he said *bungah*, hehe (with a small laugh). *Bungah* is a call from a nephew to his aunt or uncle according to the number of children in the family. I am called Busu because I am the fifth child.” Said Nurul.

I just nodded. So, that’s how you call your uncle or aunt

in where you live? Very cool. I call my aunt with *bibi*.

“I said. “ Just like in Sunda?” Nurul asked.

“Yes (nodding).” I replied.

“Wow, how unique we are, Indonesia with its cultural diversity, even language has become something unique in each region, but we are still one. So, it is important that we as young people continue to preserve our culture. How can our cultures be recognized by others? What will we be proud of on the international scene? Come on, let’s think critically! It will be a shame if the school kids don’t know what Saman dance is or can’t even do it at all. “Just take look at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Asian Games yesterday, in my opinion it’s cool. “Said Nurul with a young soul burning it clearly how important is preserving the culture of this nation.

“Right Nurul, that’s cool. Come on, let’s become agents of change as young people who are the foundation and milestone of the progress of this nation. We are young people, hmmm, not just young people, we are everything, we must become the soul of this nation. One sick organ of the body will interfere with the performance of other organs, so it must have a positive impact on each other, and work together with each other. “I said while taking a log book in my small bag. I wrote, “Agent Of Change to move the hearts of the people of Indonesia in preserving the existing culture.”

“*Sipp, mantap jiwa* (while pointing his thumb).” Said Nurul, along with the TransJakarta bus that stopped at the Ragunan Zoo stop.

We continued our journey to the main gate of Ragunan Zoo with lots of sharing and exchanging ideas on the topic while we were on the bus while enjoying the diversity of unique animals in Indonesia to overseas.

Ayu Fuji Lestari

A very cool morning, the leaves are wet with droplets of morning dew makes a child named Mirna, who was born from a family of businessman who own a luxury watch company eagerly started the day to go back to school. This morning, before starting the activity Mirna took the time to pray to the temple located on the edge of her house. In her daily life, Mirna's family is very obedient in carrying out its diverse obligations even though they no longer live in Bali, a place where most people embrace Hinduism.

After praying, Mirna said goodbye and went to school with her parents. Arriving at school Mirna meets Risma, her best friend. She wanted to apologize because yesterday Mirna did not fulfill the thanksgiving invitation held at Risma's house.

"Ris, sorry I did not come to your house yesterday afternoon, I had an event at the temple, there was a routine meeting," said Mirna.

"Oh it's okay," Risma answered. Afterward, we both immediately entered the class. Not long after, Mr. Yudi entered the classroom, he is a teacher of Pancasila and Citizenship.

"Good morning, how are you guys? I hope all of you

are well, please read PKN book page 21 about religious tolerance, “he said as he opened the book. After the students read the book, there was one student who raised his hand and asked a question to Mr. Yudi” Sir, why should there be a difference around us?” Pak Yudi was a bit surprised by the question of one of his students. Pak Yudi answered, “God created humans differently, for example the difference of physical form, ethnicity, religion and culture has a purpose. The goal is for humans to respect and appreciate each other. Difference is not a problem but with a difference we can strengthen and unite for progress and peace in this world. “Take Indonesia for example, there are many ethnic groups, languages, cultures and religions. But, all these differences can be united and can strengthen the unity and integrity of the Republic of Indonesia. So whatever the differences between you, do not make a problem out of it. Grow an attitude of mutual respect and appreciation on each other

That’s the only way we can help maintaining the peace and the wholeness of this country. “

After hearing the teacher’s answer, the students silently tried to make sense of the meaning of the teacher’s words. Suddenly, the bell rang, the class was over. Students rush out to take recess. Mirna and Risma sat in front of the class. Between their chats there was something happening in the classroom hallway, the sound of of a girl crying. Hearing that, Risma and Mirna moved closer to the source of the crying sound. Risma and Mirna approached

the crowd of girls who were apparently mocking Cindy. Friends consider Cindy different from the others, which is very reasonable because Cindy is indeed a Papuan who is physically different from the other children. Seeing this, Risma and Mirna stopped their friends from making Cindy cry “did you forget what the teacher said? We must tolerate each other, must respect differences that exist in this world. Don’t make differences as a mockery, whatever it is. We are all God’s creation, if you insult Cindy it means you insult a creation of God!” Said Risma. After hearing Risma’s words, the crowd of girls

who mocked Cindy fell silent and slowly dispersed “Thank you, you guys helped me,” said Cindy. “You’re welcome Cindy, we humans must help each other.” This time it was Mirna who answered, reaching out and gave Cindy a hug.

Destana Nur Ayu Ramadhani

From the time of the ancestors, eastern nations such as Indonesia, have been known to have a culture in managing morals and behavior. **The attitude of respecting the older people, loving the younger, being polite, friendly, and good speech is a set of weapons that are considered to be able to strike a good moral value to someone.** Although Indonesia is a country with a diversity of cultures, ethnicities, religions, and races, this ancestral heritage unites all the diversity that exists, and the manifestation of all this unity is this beautiful country, Indonesia.

Novan Dwi Andhika

Talking about difference is talking about reality. We cannot deny the existence of differences, even in everything in this life. Similar to music, there are various musical genres. Even in the weather, there is a variety of weather. Have you ever imagined if there was only one season? Just dry? Or rainy? When we talk about differences in religion, we should also have to understand very well how the history of religion exists. Some religions have links that cannot be separated from one another. If we see differences as problems, then only problems we will find. **This problem is only a small part of the many good things that are present if we can open our hearts to accept the fact that God alone created all those differences.** Denying differences means denying God's creation.

Indra Rosinto Subandar

Today, many people use religion as scapegoats. They are also corner certain religions, so that followers of that religion are provoked. As a result to this, a dispute of hating and blaming a religion occurs. Actually, there is no religion that tells us to fight, all religions bring peace. **My religion is Islam, my religion is not a religion of hate, instead it is a religion that brings mercy to all nature.** Everyone has their own ways, the more confident we are, the more respectful we are towards other beliefs.

Rahma Sundaya Effendi

I had a friend from a different religion in high school, named Leonardo. Leon is a Christian and of Chinese descent. Leon is kind and funny, not infrequently Leon often receives racist treatment from his friends. Sometimes I feel sorry when his friends make fun of him, “Leon open your eyes or people will leave you “ This was the kind of joke that Leon’s friends made. In fact there are people who make fun of him too much.

I once shouted at my friend when he made fun of Leon too much. I often get angry when a friend of mine who is a bit different being made as a joke. Then, this difference was made a problem. Differences will make us appreciate and respect each other. Differences make us realize that other form of God’s creation. Difference is not a problem. The problem is when differences are not appreciated.

At that time I, Leon and many other friends are good friends, we understand that differences are beautiful. When we are fasting, Leon respects us by not eating or drinking in front of us, and when Leon celebrates Christmas we appreciate it, instead he likes to invite us to eat at his house. We often play and study together. Differences are beautiful, differences are not a problem.

Pebriyana

Today, I often see a lot of racism, both because of race and religion. However, I still think we are the same. In fact, differences make us unique. Try to imagine if everyone only has similar skin color, same straight hair and one race, maybe people will get bored seeing that, don't you think? Have you ever hoped that you have a black man or woman as a friend? Just look at how white people like black people because they thought black people are sweet. We should also continue to uphold peace, our country's motto is "Bhinneka Tunggal Ika" which means different but still one.

Well, our ancestors have been thinking about that motto since the first time this nation was created. Just because of this changing era, we cannot forget our own country's motto. From that motto, it has been proven that we are from different ancestral ages, both religion, race, ethnicity, and culture.

Fadhil_aljufry

As an Indonesian citizen, I have never agreed to the opinion that the Indonesian nation is intolerant and even a minority oppressor. Opinions that discredit the Indonesian nation as such are merely the result of superficial interpretations based on the belief “*nila setitik rusak susu sebelanga*” on events which are accidentally prone to seemingly intolerant.

For me who live amid diversity, I feel that peace can be created. Although our religions and tribes are different, the nuances of peace must be a pillar in running every line of life. Appreciation and respect is bestowed for anyone who has sincerely been united, worked together, embodies the spirit of Unity in Diversity into a fact of upholding the dignity and dignity of the Indonesian people.

Let's inherit the example by consistently upholding the truth and preventing disunity.

Sadam Afrizal

Indonesian people must be able to respect each other as a legal society within the framework of the Unitary Republic of Indonesia. Each tribe of Indonesia has different living habits. These life habits become the culture and characteristics of each tribe to form a cultural diversity. And every tribe in Indonesia has a different style of life, has a high norm of unity and national unity. This is reflected in the motto: “BHINNEKA TUNGGAL IKA”.

Moh_nurrahmat

Questioning differences will never make us relieved. We will always look for differences and are always thirsty to hate others because of different views or thoughts.

Questioning differences will only make us lose relatives and friends. We might even lose the chance to live happily for the rest of our lives if we only focus on debating differences.

Appreciating and respecting everything has nothing to lose, collaborating to realize something positive through difference is beautiful.

Vany Rahmawati

Race, a word that may often be heard in the society, but there are still many people who do not know what it means. Moreover, Indonesia is rumored to be the most racial nation. In terms of language, race comes from the Latin word Radix. It means the origin of a root. Race is a classification of ethnic groups based on physical characteristics, regional origins and languages. Race differences are very prominent in this era. Race in Indonesia is very diverse. Like the Negroid racial group, for example in the Malacca peninsula and the Mikopsidi Andaman Islands. There are also Papua Melanezoid racial groups, the majority in Papua, Papua Aru, and Kai Island.

In addition to individual beings, humans are also social creatures that form groups of allies of life. Every group of alliance of human life is also diverse. Society as a community of life is different and diverse because there are differences. This term was first introduced by Francois Bernier, French anthropologist, to put forward ideas about Human differences are based on categories or characteristics of skin color and the shape of face. Race Difference is one that causes racial grouping, this can lead to various things. Such as, the emergence of the majority and

minority groups. Usually the majority group can master the aspects of life that exist while the minority group is a group that is excluded from all fields of development in a country.

All races in Indonesia make Indonesia a pluralistic society that has cultural diversity. This diversity can be one of the driving factors of the race itself. Efforts to safeguard the integrity of Indonesia by means of practicing the meaning of Pancasila in all aspects of the diversity in life in a pure and consistent manner, respecting each other and respecting differences, tolerating the various races or cultures. God created us with diversity, and for that we should be grateful.

Pebriyana

Have you ever heard of each tribe teaching tribal fights? In my opinion, there isn't such a thing. Having an over self confident, being provoked, and thinking as the most righteous one are the reasons why they fight with each other. I still remember how we were taught in elementary school about tolerance. We were taught to always have mutual respect and appreciate others.

So when I was in elementary school, I was the only Christian in the class. But, we still had respect for one another, not similar to what happened today, bullying and mocking. We play together, sing together, clean the class together, and study together. We never question what religion, what ethnic groups you are from, and what race you're from.

I am grateful that until now I am still good friends with them, it means they still respect and appreciate the difference that I have. Friends, there are many out there who live an uncomfortable life because of being mocked and insulted for being different.

He will feel depressed because he is ridiculed and he will think why he was born different from his friends. Now this is the result of not practicing the country's motto, Unity in Diversity. There will be suicide and murder.

Rahma Sundaya Effendi

Every year Pangandaran Beach always held an event called Hajat Laut. It is a form of gratitude for the fishermen for the catch that have been obtained. When the sea commences began, happy cheering could be heard from the beach, many local and foreign tourists often participated in the Hajat Laut event. There are a lot of shows that are presented when the ocean celebration begins. Like Carnival, traditional dances, pageantry, boating to see the beauty of the beach and so on. However, now, Hajat Laut raises pros and cons among the people.

On one hand, some people want to preserve the culture and on the other hand some people think that the event is against religious teachings. At first, this different point of view became a problem, but with the holding of an understanding of everyone that Hajat Laut is not to worship other than God but is a form of gratitude for the creator of the fishermen, the community accepted the explanation. They respect and appreciate the event.

Having a different perspective doesn't mean that we can assume we are right and others are wrong. By having these differences, we must still appreciate others because by the way we value things, harmony and peace will be created.

Life will be happier if we respond well to differences because questioning differences is pointless. If we are on the pro side, we must not hate others who are contra, and vice versa if we are on the opposite side, we must respect the decisions taken by others.

Shintya Rahmi Utami

My first meeting with Mr. Ricky Sutanto, a Chinese businessman who made me realize how important it is for us young people to move to develop Indonesia. There are 3 things he asked me; First, why is our country called Indonesia? Second, why do we not have a State palace made by Indonesian children out of the many young Indonesians? Third, we discuss about the Indonesian flag. These questions really touched the sense of nationalism that was sometimes hidden in the recesses of my heart. Now, it is like being burned again, and I immediately want to prove that the young generation of Indonesia can do the best for this country.

No matter what our religion is, where we come from, our skin color, and our ethnicity, we all have the opportunity and obligation to better Indonesia. At the end of the meeting, he said, “I am racing with time, and I want to leave my struggle for Indonesia to young people who want to develop Indonesia”. Are we ready?

Ratna Dewi Kumalasari

Indonesia, a very diverse country, from Sabang to Merauke lined up in different ways. I am Indonesian, not because of my choice but because of my destiny. This land is blessed with differences. Ethnic, cultural, religious-religious differences, skin color and language. Give me a story, the color of each experience to meet different people and different points of view in addressing every problem given by the divine. Tolerance should be a necessary thing, tolerance should be a prerequisite for the lives of others. That's why I believe this country is the best country that God has ever created on earth. Let's protect it, let's move forward towards a more peaceful and civilized Indonesia.

Chandra Lesmana

In my childhood, I lived in the midst of a society with two of the biggest cultures in Java, namely Sundanese and Javanese. In my house, RT 1 to 5 use Javanese and RT 2-4 use Sundanese as their language. When I was in elementary school, I learned Sundanese, and at a school not far from where I live, Javanese was taught. When we get along everyday, we teach each other and share knowledge of the language that we learn, so that we understand each other the differences in each language. We have only been discussing 1 RW in 1 Kampung, and so many languages have been used. Isn't that a proof of how amazing Indonesia is because of differences?

Syafira Wiranti

Van, a man from Flores who was willing to leave his beautiful hometown in order to pursue a better education. I met my best friend in one of the online dating applications, Tinder. Van is a Catholic while I am a Muslim. Once when I was at Van's house, I wanted to pray but I didn't bring my praying outerwear, called the *mukena*. Do you know what he did? He tried to lend one from his neighbor. The man who was familiar with the book and business had a sincere heart, a polite attitude, and made me understand the meaning of tolerance. This is probably weird but we have a dream that one day we will build a school. We are different, we are not of the same religion, but we believe the universe has a meaningful purpose for our meeting together.

I think Indonesia is a home that has always been a place to return to. Wherever the feet stand but the heart always settles on the Motherland. If Heaven has been divided, Indonesia is surely one of its fragments. Indonesia is all the beauty and comfort of the Good God.

Shintya Rahmi Utami

One night, I, who was wearing a hijab, walked in Pattaya and was intercepted by foreigners who immediately pointed at me like they were angry and shouting, ‘what are you terrorists doing here? I was walking with my adopted brother who was wearing a cross necklace because he was a Catholic. When I explained how in Indonesia we could live in one house despite differing beliefs and explained the Pancasila to the Caucasians, he instead turned around in amazement and said he really wanted to visit Indonesia.

Miftahul Khoir

My name is Khoir. I was born and raised in a neighborhood that is 100% Muslim and Javanese. Even when I was studying in university level, I was surrounded by a totally Muslim environment. Although the high school I attended was a public high school but almost all of the students were Muslim and there was only one non-Muslim student I knew and I never interacted with him.

That is my life that knows the term tolerance only through a few books that I read without being able to feel or practice tolerance directly. Only after semester 3, I passed the selection of youth level activities in Jakarta and occupied 1 room with a friend from Makassar who was not Muslim. As someone who is new and different religion, I was a bit careful with him. I passed the first day normally, as usual. On the second day, maybe because I was a little tired so I slept very well and my roommate woke me up for the morning prayer.

He said, “Mas it’s already morning, aren’t you going to have your prayer first, then continue your sleep?”. Well, I was surprised, it appeared that even my non-Muslim friend knew when my prayer time is and he cautiously reminded his Muslim friend to pray. From that moment, I understood that tolerance can not only be taught, but tolerance must be experienced and felt.

Ratna Dewi Kumalasari

I was born into a family of Kejawen philosopher, who taught me the importance of hospitality to others, accepting every disaster that was given by the divine with sincerity and surrender. I grew up in an environment of ethnic Chinese Christian relatives, who also taught obedience to God, the divine creator of the universe, sharing with fellow humans even in the midst of financial limitations. The sharing was not only in material terms. Interfaith and tribal friendship also taught me that trials or disasters do not force us to be quiet, but can instead play a role in teaching unyielding zeal.

From my friendship with these Chinese relatives, I learned that we could start doing business from early age (I was taught to start doing business when I was in 3rd grade). Where the important lesson is not to seek not only financially but to teach in the formation of independent personal character, diligent, never give up and make it easier for me to learn math at school. As in Christianity, Catholicism or Confucianism which is also the same in the teachings of Islam, teaches that some of the assets that we have are the property of others.

Learning, growing and developing in the midst of cross ethnicity and religion gives me the opportunity to reflect that being in limitations and differences is not an obstacle to success, to take a role in society, and to take a role in various social lines, education, entrepreneurs, technology startups, finance and communication. Maybe this is the reason why God created us in diversity, so that we do not become human beings who always feel the most right because we are only in one color. We are created differently to be able to complement each other, and give stories of each journey traversed, giving memories and lessons about various differences. God made Indonesia very special, decorating it with diverse differences, ethnicity, skin color, religion, culture, language / dialect, beautiful natural charm and local wisdom that is meaningful for the heart, mind, and memory. We are Indonesia where the majority is united with the minority, united in solidarity. United we stand, divided we fall.

“ Understanding is also important, because understanding something different produces peace without radicalism and violence between different groups. ”

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**“ Respect
differences,
spread love and
affection. From that we
will find peace. Millennial
generation is a generation
full of creativity, let’s spread
peace starting from
yourself, right
now ”**

Novan Dwi Andhika

In my age now, I have traveled to various cities in Indonesia. One city and another always have stories. About the culture and characteristics of each. How could I be bored living in this magnificent country? **Wealth of customs and culture, diversity of ethnic groups, religions, and all the uniqueness in Indonesia, as if they would not be enough to be told in a book.** Try to get out and explore how amazing all the differences are becoming this beautiful blessing. How could I let people ruin this beautiful country? This is my country, a country that I will guard until the end of my time.

Destana Nur Ayu Ramadhani

The attitude of mutual respect and respect in the daily life of Indonesian people has existed for a long time. When someone walks and meets anyone who is older, such as teachers or parents, he/she must have ethics. For examples, saying hello and bending a little, putting a smiley face, and also greeting with friendly and polite speech. So that the old, young or peers can live side by side peacefully. In addition, basically someone's speech shows his attitude and character. If the speech is good, polite, straight forward, and clear, then that person is a good person. Conversely, if the speech is harsh, judgmental, blasphemous, likes to harass, it can reflect a person who is not virtuous. Indonesia is friendly, not bad-tempered.

Indra Rosinto Subandar

What is quite unique about being in college environment is some students, who incidentally are agents of change and agents of social control, are still not qualified to sort and select information. Some students still limit themselves, in terms of friendship, more anticipating or more protective of people who are not from their area, this does not reflect the Indonesian nation itself which is tolerant and more familial. The hope is that as the process of the time progresses, agents of change such as students themselves are expected to contribute in upholding peace and tolerance towards anyone. We are Indonesians, the more we believe in ourselves, the more we respect other people's belief. As students, let's be brave to start implementing and spreading peace, tolerance, starting from right now.

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Pebriyana

Not only differences in religion, ethnicity, race, and culture, apparently in this era, there are still people who do not respect people with special needs. Don't you feel sorry to see those people with special needs? Their parents tried to keep them breathing and alive from childhood to adulthood. Just because he was often mocked, he felt inferior, no confidence due to his physical shortcomings. Many of them also want to end their life quickly because of their physical disabilities. We should support those with special needs because usually people who have special needs have their own uniqueness. Respecting people no matter their conditions are, is our job. Differences are not a disaster. Differences will bring blessings if we can respect and help one another.

Hanna Joyce Cahaya Siburian

When I was Kindergarten, I went to a private school. Most of the students had the same belief like I do. When I was in elementary school, I moved to a public school. At first, I was worried that I could be ridiculed by my other friends, who had different beliefs. But, it turned out that they are all very nice to me. They want to be friends with me. I learned a lot about their religion. Their religious teachers liked me and did not think about any of the differences in me. But, this was only in grade 1 and 2 of elementary school, after that I knew that indeed my belief was not there. For me, it was not an important issue because I have learned about the diversity of each belief.

Even now in high school, I still feel the unity and diversity that I have experienced since primary school. Although we were of different ethnicities and certainty, my friends have always been nice and we never questioned our differences. These differences taught me about Diversity and Unity. Unity is actually beautiful because of the diversity that we have. There are many conflicts due to differences, so we must really instill a sense of UNITY in ourselves, so that we always have a sense of Respect, appreciation, and tolerance to others. Unity makes the diversity in our Indonesia more beautiful.

Fidiyah Choirotus Sholekha

As part of the majority, I have not directly felt how worried my friends of the minority were in the midst of a society that has an issue of *SARA* at this time. It is probably one of the effective strategies to achieve the interests of certain parties.

As an Indonesian citizen, I'm used to differences, whether it's ethnicity, religion, race and language. Ever since in childhood, I have been accustomed to growing up in a different faith environment even though it was not from my own family. I have several neighbors who embrace different beliefs. The custom or culture that still continues to run in my neighborhood is celebrating the holiday together, whether it's Eid al-Fitr, Christmas or Chinese New Year.

When our religious day came, not only a few of my neighbors who are other religions visited us and greeted happy holidays to me or other neighbors who are Muslim. We, as Muslims also do the same at Christmas or the Chinese New year. My family and I and also the other neighbors will wish them a happy holiday. Maybe this may seem normal, but this has made us feel closer to each other. In my opinion, this can reduce the conflict between us, adherents of different religions.

Muhammad Mahmudi

Talking about diversity, my family is not really diverse. However, I have grown up with examples of diversity and I have been educated to be accustomed to live with people who are different from me. My family from my father's side has a strong Islamic foundation. Some of the grandparents of this side of the family founded the boarding school in Mojokerto. My grandfather and grandmother were used to be traders. My grandfather made cookware and my grandmother sold clothes at the market. It was their business that introduced me to a lot of my Chinese friends.

My parents also have a business of their own. When I was still a kid, I was often invited to meet them. I was accustomed to interacting, not just ordinary interactions but related to business matters. Many people probably think negatively about them when they are doing business, but more than that, many values and lessons that my parents taught me, such as, their tenacity and their persitency. Although my grandparents are very religious, their friendship with their Chinese friends is more than just business, they have become like family.

They were always invited when there was a family gathering, Eid, and they even came when I was circumcised. So the more closer we are with our religion, the more we respect others. Just like my grandparents and parents.

Shitya Rahmi Utami

I often met foreigners that think Indonesia is an unsafe Muslim country. Whenever I had a chance, I would explain that Indonesia is not a Muslim country, instead it is a country with a Muslim majority and there are 6 official religions and a state of trust recognized by the state. Not only explaining about Indonesia, but also reflecting Indonesia from how I behave. It always makes me happy when I can make them say “I will visit Indonesia for sure”. The best part is when they feel close to Indonesia and call me as family.

Ratna Dewi Kumalasari

Discrimination can be neutralized when millenials like us dare to speak out and take a stand in the midst of diversity and filter out the positive things from diversity into power to grow, develop and inspire. This country is proud to have young people who are always creative, always maintaining peace, spreading tolerance and creating a harmonious life in the midst of diversity. This country is too beautiful for us to be corrupted by a group of people who hate difference. Destroy discrimination, strengthen unity and kinship as one nation, Indonesia.

Destana Nur Ayu Ramadhani

Along with the development of the times, Indonesian culture that is known for its hospitality has been peppered bit by bit by the western culture or the influence of western culture which is very different from eastern culture. The western culture easily masters the morale of Indonesian teenagers because there is no screening process from adolescents themselves. As a result, many young people now are blinded by the western norm in speaking, socializing and behaving with parents, teachers, older people, or even those around them. Western-style clothing that is violating the norms of politeness that apply on this motherland was also applied. here have been many events that have witnessed and opened up our horizons about the sadness of morality and adolescent manners in this modern era. Let's take care of Indonesia's young generation!

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Krian is a small 'city' with a million diversity. Diverse ethnic, cultural, racial, ethnic, and religion. We live side by side and we share happiness with each other. We work hand in hand and hold on tightly to achieve prosperity.

We did it as a manifestation of our love of peace because we are brothers. The cultural diversity of their ancestors brought each of them with the style of clothing they wore. They also practice their manner as typical of Indonesian people. They also put on and spread their friendly smiles to greet people around them. When the Eid al-Fitr, the sound of takbir sounded. If there is a lion dance performance at the crossroads, it is an indication that the Chinese New Year has arrived. The sparkling lights of the cypress tree, which is visible from the north, also looks festive every December 25th, as a sign of the Christian Christmas celebration.

Sadam Afrizal

My advice as the next generation of young people to preserve cultural diversity from extinction is, there should be tolerance among people who have a high level of diversity. In addition to this, national control to maintain national balance is also needed. And in the future, I hope Indonesia is able to avoid racism that can trigger quarrels between tribes and cultures. Attitude and understanding also need to be further enhanced because they can erode misunderstandings and build fortifications of mutual understanding.



“Every difference will produce something beautiful, just like Indonesia with various tribes, religions, and beliefs, that is why Indonesia is beautiful.”

Fahmi_muhammad98

Differences are a form of Indonesia's cultural and religious wealth. Therefore, using tolerance as a tool to understand each other's belief or faith needs to be applied in order to create a peaceful and harmonious life.

Destana Nur Ayu Ramadhani

In addition to the influence of westernization, technological developments also greatly affect morale and manners of the adolescents because of misuse of technology. One example is that many adolescents commit murder, separation, make fun of other people, throwing utterances of hatred at others simply because of a lack of ethics and manners in cyberspace. This really shows that the youth of the nation's hopes have been severely damaged morally and in character. In addition, negative content such as pornography, terrorism, apathy that circulated widely on the internet is very easy to access for all groups and especially teenagers. These contents can also poison our morals and characters. What will happen to the future of this country if it is run by young people with damaged character and moral? Get up and wake up! This country is too beautiful to be destroyed because of our ignorance as the young generation of this nation.

Andi Semara

I used to be one of those individuals who were worried about migrating as a minority when the issue of sara was swift. In my faith in Him, I wanted to prove that it was wrong and I wanted to get out of my comfort zone. It turned out that I was right, there are many friends and new families here with various differences. Believe me, friend, a rainbow is not beautiful if only one color shows. The rainbow teaches us to harmonize the differences in colors which ultimately form a beautiful landscape pattern. Let's hold hands and form beautiful rainbows together. Peace!

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I think it's important to have an event like the Millennials Peace Festival. I hope that this event is not just for one time, but it will continue to exist in the future. In the midst of the rampant virus called extremism and radicalism, GPFI and other partners are working hard to explain how to anticipate hoaxes, provide knowledge of the dangers and prevention of radicalism, film discussions, etc., We also visited houses of worship so we can get to know different religions and their respective philosophies about life and society. With this experience and understanding, it was revealed to the realm of motion the next day to voice peace to life and society. Hopefully, a lot has changed. Indonesia belongs to us. Greetings of peace, Unity in diversity.

Fidiyah Choirotus Sholekha

When I entered college, I met more friends that of different religious beliefs. For example, when I joined an organization in a student activity unit (UKM), my chairman was a Hindu because he came from Bali, and there was a friend of mine who was a Christian.

Whenever we had a meeting or doing work programs, we always reminded each other to pray. We even sometimes postpone our meetings so that us Muslims can do our prayer. And we also reduce our activities as much as possible on Sunday morning or evening, so that our chairman and our Protestant friends can carry out their worship, of course we don't want their worship to be interrupted. Even if there is an activity that cannot be delayed, then as much as possible, we keep giving time to them to be able to practice.

Maybe it's simple, but this is a real form of diversity. It may indeed be easy and accustomed to those of other religions to be able to understand and give time for those of us who are Muslim to worship. In fact they always remind us to never be late or forget to pray. While we Muslims, the least we can do is to remember their worship schedules, so we do not make them leave their worship. Maybe it's simple, but this is a real form of diversity.

Speaking of tolerance, Indonesia is the best example for it. The diversity of cultures, religions, ethnicities and languages that form a harmonious and beautiful unity. Other nations respect us for this and we should be proud of it.

Shintya Rahmi Utami

Whenever I set up a student exchange program, I always try to display the culture and values that Indonesia has in addition to its natural beauty. Sometimes, I take them to visit Istiqlal and the adjacent cathedral, bring them to interact with the local community to help the community with mutual cooperation. From the testimonials that I got, they were always amazed by the hospitality and tolerance that exists in the daily lives of Indonesian people.

Destana Nur Ayu Ramadhani

The young people's respect for parents are fading. It does not stop there, they even do not respect their peers. In the case of group discussions, many people do quarrels and debates just because they don't want to respect one another's opinions. A proper discussion culture was not applied. Furthermore, adolescents today cannot distinguish between formal and informal forums. They should have realized the different ethics of formal and informal situations. Due to their limited understanding, they do not understand how ethical and moral according to the condition of their environment. Debating has become a trend, it is considered normal.

Have we forgotten that this country has a way of deliberation that is full of warmth in expressing opinions?

Fidiyah Choirotus Sholekha

Without diversity, we will probably never recognize tolerance. Maybe, we will only become selfish human beings because we only think about our own interests. But, from the existence of these differences we are aware how beautiful they are indeed. Without a difference, our life might feel empty and meaningless. So this difference should not be a barrier for us, but instead, it is a reminder for us that God indeed created all of this as a learning for us so that we can respect and appreciate each other.

Fidahusnaa

Indonesia is our lovely country. A vast country, stretching from Sabang to Merauke. Such a big country because many people live here. Different kinds of people of many religions. Some are Catholics, some are Muslims, some are Protestants, Hindus, Buddhists, Confucians and other adherents. There is also a lot of debate here. For example, the debate about which one is better tofu and tempeh. Also a debate about sweet *martabak* or egg *martabak*, a debate about *Alfamart* versus *Indomart*, *Indomie* Versus *Supermi*, Honda versus Yamaha, and to the most exciting one, a debate on Jokowi versus Prabowo. But, even though we are different and we sometimes debate until we fight, in the end we still make up and cuddle. Until the end of time, Indonesia will forever be *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika*.

Indonesia is a home to more than 1300 tribes and ethnicities. Speaking more than 700 languages. All framed in cultural diversity. Isn't the perfection of the coffee's taste is from the bitter taste? And as for the white, the bitter black coffee carries the message: ***"That black can be a true friend, a friend in wading through the bitterness of life."*** How good is the taste, the beauty of diversity.

Akrima Bunga

One form of God's power is to create diverse humans. There is white-black, high-short, straight-curly hair, and so on. From this diversity, various races, ethnicities, and tribes were born in this world. No exception in Indonesia. There are hundreds of races or tribes in Indonesia. Starting from the tribes of Aceh, Batak, Minang, Betawi, Sundanese, Javanese, Madurese, Balinese, Banjar, Dayak, Sasak, Bugis, Toraja, Asmat, Dani and many more. Each of these tribes has their own culture, customs, language that makes them different from other tribes. This is what creates the diversity of cultures that exist in Indonesia.

One example of this form of diversity in Indonesia is presented at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Asian Games and also the 2018 Asian Para Games that was held in Indonesia. The opening ceremony presented several traditional dances from various regions, for example, such as the Kecak dance from Bali, the saman dance from Aceh and many more. Even though they are of different ethnicity, race, and even religion, the dancers were united to present the best performance for the pride of the Indonesian nation on the international scene.

Differences such as race, ethnicity, language, religion should not prevent us from living side by side in harmony and to have mutual cooperation with others. Make these differences into a sense of tolerance between human beings. And rest assured, although we are different, we are still one, Bhinneka Tunggal Ika.

Muhammad Mahmudi

This is a story about my experience as a research assistant for a specialist in heart and blood vessels in Surabaya for one year. He served in a Christian hospital in Surabaya, and this is where I truly experienced what it felt like to be a minority. I also get involved in helping the preparation of religious holidays, as long as the limits of my religion are not exceeded. **I am increasingly convinced that life and diversity in Surabaya are truly beautiful. Javanese, Chinese, Madura, Arabic really merged into one.**

We can live in harmony and respect each other, for example, every Friday I get permission to pray Friday even though it is not break time yet. I have also always been given much time to my prayer as a Muslim. The doctor even kept reminding me to do my prayer and we got close and know each other's family without even think about the differences that we have.

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Indonesia is famous for its beauty, islands and the diversity of religions, cultures, races, ethnic groups.

We also will never forget that we were colonized and then revived and became independent. Differences in Indonesia must be made as a national and state power. We must remain united as an Indonesian nation even though many people make this difference as a means of breaking the unity of the nation.

Let's be more tolerant, respect differences and respect each other. We are different but we are still one, the Unitary Republic of Indonesia. We are different, we are one, Indonesia in my heart.

Novan Dwi Andhika

Speaking of Indonesia, there is one thing that I miss so much. In the past, when I was a child, the children would gather happily, going hand in hand to the small mosque in the corner of the village. Chants of praise were heard from village boys who never asked if he was an NU, Muhammadiyah, Ahmadiyah, Sunni, Shiite, or others. **We were happy when we were together. We got together without any suspicions or suspicious words. We did not say other people as infidels and other people would not say that we were infidels. I miss that time.** The time when we studied together, the time when our teachers did not denigrate one group to another and they only taught us how to be good and helpful human beings and to practice our religion with love.

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Millennials Peace Festival (MP-Fest) 2018 is a collaboration program between UNDP Indonesia, Convey Indonesia, PPIM UIN Syarif Hidayatullah and the Global Peace Foundation Indonesia. The Millennials Peace Festival is a program to instill the noble values of Pancasila, Unity in Diversity, tolerance and moderate religious values among the younger generation. Through the inculcation of these virtues, it is hoped that the young generation can focus on the future of themselves and the nation, and avoid radicalism and extremism..

Millennials Peace Festival contains a series of activities designed to be of interest to the young generation to be able to increase their awareness of the importance of maintaining unity and peace. Some of the agenda of the event include Peace Training, Art & Exhibition and MPFest in Action which was packaged in Unity in Diversity Week in 6 universities, and School Peace Day in 18 schools in 6 cities in Indonesia (Jakarta, Bandung, Palangka Raya, Pekanbaru, Surabaya , and Makassar).

Thank you to the partners!

The success of the MP-Fest2018 program is inseparable from the close collaboration and support from our partners throughout Indonesia, both from the government and organizations and the media such as;

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And all the parties that we did not mention, all were full of meaning and gave meaning to this 2018 MP-Fest activity.

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Testimonials

Retno LP Marsudi

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

Maintain peace by respecting one another, tolerating, and cooperating. Millennials have an important role in maintaining peace.

Prof Margianti

Rector of Gunadarma University

I am very happy with the Millennials Peace Festival, I feel there is a positive aura from the enthusiasm of the students, they are becoming more aware of what (extremism & radicalism) are developing at this time.

Brig. Gen. Ir. Hamli, M.E.

Dir. Prevention of BNPT

The Millennials Peace Festival program held by the Global Peace Foundation Indonesia needs to be continued as an education for the younger generation. Because intolerants target young people including the Millennial generation as their target. Therefore, we must protect Millennials, we must give an understanding of the dangers of Radicalism and Extremism so that they have the power to resist and

the ability to withstand threats. In addition, Millennials must also be equipped with the skills to fight radicals. For example through graphic design skills, making memes and more. Digital literacy must be encouraged among young generation.

Enda

English Literature of Gunadarma University

I am very happy to be involved in the stop radicalism campaign in the community, inviting the community to not be easily propagated for bad interests.

Mrs. Markorijasti

Principal of SMAN 79 Jakarta

High school students face a time when they are looking for identity, and we should provide positive information so they know what is right and wrong. Through MP-Fest activities they can obtain information and experience that can prevent them from doing something that is harmful to others.

Mrs. Agnes

Principal of SMAN 20 Jakarta

A School is not only a place that teaches academic knowledge, but it also teaches moral values. Through MP-Fest we hope that students can better appreciate differences, and tolerate new environments.

Young Peaceful Indonesia !





Here's among the few things I learned in this country: how to enjoy and be grateful for God's abundant and beautiful creations, including the thousands of islands, languages, tribes, cultures, and all the wealth that is in it. Nothing about Indonesia is the same; everything is unique. Such is it. Wherever you go, you will find in amazement how harmonious the life of its people is in the midst of such diversity. To me, Indonesia is a real paradise on God's earth.

Retno LP Marsudi

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

Nurture peace by exercising mutual respect, tolerance, and collaboration. Millennials have an important role in preserving peace.

Mr. Emil Dardak

Regent of Trenggalek cum Deputy Governor Elect of East Java 2018-2023

I'm really pleased with the running of this Millennials Peace Festival. Trying to see it from the perspective of millennials, who are glued to gadgets and social media, I do hope that through this MP-Fest, our friends from the young generation--the millennial generation--will become more and more active in making the internet ecosystem dignified, civilized, humanistic, and peaceful.



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