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New Paradigm and Indonesia-German Higher Education Cooperation

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Abstract

In line with globalization of information; transformation of global economic; global free market; the quality of education has to be improved up to international standard level in order to produce graduate that can compete in the international job market.

Dealing with the quality improvement of the education system, the Directorate General of Higher Education (HE) introduces a New Paradigm in implementing the higher education processes. The New Paradigm includes strategy to improve quality of higher education system and its graduates based on autonomy, accountability, accreditation and continuous evaluation. Performing the New Paradigm can be achieved by improvement of the education processes toward betterment of RAISE++ (Relevance, Academic atmosphere, Internal management and organization, Sustainability, Efficiency and productivity, Leadership and Access equity). Based on the New Paradigm, Higher Education in Indonesia is under mounting pressure to improve performance, efficiency, and accountability. There is a growing problem on the side of policy maker and the public community over issues, such as cost, access, and quality assurance.

In this respect, it is necessary for National HE Institutions to explore the possibilities for establishing international co-operation/network with foreign Higher Education Institutions. Actually, some established HE Institutions in Indonesia has established such networks with their foreign counterparts. However, during the last decade the majority of national development in education sectors has been changing towards a differentiated groups universities, consisting of a few numbers of established universities and a large number of developing universities, and private universities. In this respect, long term Government strategy has been carried out on the three core programs, including 1) The implementation of The New Paradigm in HE management, 2) The Improvement of Relevancy and Quality, 3) geographical and Social Equity. The government through Directorate General of HE will pursue international co-operation/network in line with this strategy.

This paper describes case study of Indonesia-German HE cooperation, including; 1) Map and format of existing cooperation, 2) STORMA cooperation as a model of future Indonesia-German HE cooperation, 3) Future format of international cooperation supporting the implementation of The New Paradigm in HE management, the Improvement of Relevancy and Quality, and geographical and Social Equity.

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