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President Prabowo Pushes for Major Leap in Indonesian Education

JAKARTA, August 14, 2026 – President of the Republic of Indonesia Prabowo Subianto outlined several key government education initiatives during the 2026 Annual Session of the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR RI) and the Joint Session of the House of Representatives (DPR RI) and the Regional Representative Council (DPD RI) in Jakarta on Friday (8/14). These measures encompass accelerating school renovations, integrating learning technology, and expanding educational access for children across Indonesia.

The President emphasized that every Indonesian child must receive a proper education. To achieve this, the government is currently implementing the largest school repair program in history through the Educational Unit Revitalization (Revitalisasi Satuan Pendidikan) initiative.

"Last year we renovated 17,000 schools, and this year over 71,000. Next year our target is 100,000, and 100,000 in 2028. By 2029, all schools in Indonesia—elementary, junior high, senior high, and vocational schools, including Islamic boarding schools (pesantren)—must be completely renovated. Even on our outermost, most remote island of Miangas, we have already repaired the school," the President said.

Regarding learning digitalization, the President noted that the government has distributed Interactive Flat Panel (IFP) to schools nationwide. "Last year we successfully provided one screen per school. By December 31, we will distribute an additional three screens per school. This means every school in Indonesia will have four classrooms equipped with interactive smart screens," the President added.

According to President Prabowo, this technology will grant teachers and students broader access to curricula and learning content. Educational materials can also be revisited whenever needed, including from home.

The President further stressed the importance of foreign language proficiency as part of improving educational quality. Foreign language instruction will begin at the elementary school level, starting from the first grade.

"Our children must have access to the best education so that when they enter the workforce, they possess superior capabilities. They will be competitive everywhere and able to work with any party," the President continued.



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During the presentation of the 2027 State Budget Bill (Rancangan Anggaran Pendapatan dan Belanja Negara/RAPBN) and Financial Note, the President announced that education is designated as one of the eight clusters of the National Priority Working Program (Program Kerja Prioritas Nasional/PKPN). These eight clusters comprise food sovereignty; energy and water self-sufficiency; education; health; downstream industrialization; infrastructure, housing, and disaster resilience; community-based and village economies; and poverty reduction.

On that occasion, the President outlined major milestones representing the next phase of Indonesia's transformation, notably the complete renovation of damaged schools.

"We will complete the renovation of all schools requiring repairs by 2029 at the latest. For me, the state has an obligation to ensure every child learns in a safe and dignified environment. Schools are where Indonesia's children build their future," President Prabowo asserted.

The President noted that some children still study in substandard classrooms with leaky roofs, cracked walls, broken toilets, and unsafe conditions. He stated that such circumstances must no longer be passed down and must be resolved immediately.

"We must dare to set high targets. There should no longer be stories of collapsing schools. No damaged classrooms should be left unrepaired for years. All schools must be in good, safe, clean, and proper condition for learning," he said.

Beyond school renovations, the government will equip all classrooms with interactive flat panels to support the learning process. Distance learning via broadcast will also be developed, allowing top educators to teach from teacher studios in Jakarta or provincial capitals, accessible to schools across Indonesia.

"We must make a great leap forward in education. The government will also strive to ensure that all public schools are tuition-free. This is the vision of our nation's founders. Education is the right of every Indonesian child," the President concluded.

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