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G20 CIRCUIT DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IN BALI

Minister of Finance Sri Mulyani Indrawati gave a virtual speech at the opening of the international seminar “Digital Transformation for Financial Inclusion of Women, Youth, and MSMEs to Promote Inclusive Growth” in Nusa Dua, Badung, Bali, Wednesday (11/5). The activity, which was held by Bank Indonesia and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia on 11-13 May 2022 in Bali, is a series of G20 events aimed at encouraging MSMEs through comprehensive and inclusive digital transformation to increase productivity and expand the MSME market on a national and global scale.

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Most Acute Hepatitis Patients in Jakarta Aged Under 16

Deputy Governor of Jakarta Ahmad Riza Patria stated that most people with suspected acute hepatitis in the capital were under 16 years of age.

“OF the 21 cases, 14 patients, including three who died, were below 16 years of age,” Patria stated at the Jakarta City Hall on Thursday (12/5).

Meanwhile, seven others suspected to have contracted acute hepatitis were over 16 years of age, he noted. He later revealed that the hepatitis examination was still underway for as many as 14 cases. Hence, they are still not classified as having contracted hepatitis A to E.

“They have not completed their Hepatitis A to E examination. All cases are still in the pending classification status,” Patria remarked.

Meanwhile, seven other people, who were

over 16 years old, did not meet the World Health Organization’s (WHO’s) criteria as an alert for severe acute hepatitis of unknown cause.

Earlier, on April 23, the WHO stated that there were cases of acute hepatitis of unknown cause in children.

The WHO calls it an outbreak of the disease that was reported in 11 countries, with the number of reports as of April 21, 2022, reaching 169 cases.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Health, Siti Nadia Tarmizi, stated that until now, as many as five people, who had died in the country, were suspected of having

contracted acute hepatitis, with three victims coming from Jakarta.

These patients exhibited symptoms of nausea, vomiting, severe diarrhea, fever, jaundice, seizures, and decreased consciousness, she remarked.

Currently, the Ministry of Health is investigating the causes of acute hepatitis through a complete viral panel examination.

Tarmizi reminded that children with symptoms of jaundice, abdominal pain, sudden vomiting and diarrhea, old tea-colored urine, pale stools, seizures, and decreased consciousness should be immediately brought to the nearest health service facility.

The Jakarta Health Service has accelerated intervention steps by strengthening early warning to anticipate the transmission of acute hepatitis of unknown cause.

The service has monitored 17 infectious

diseases, including hepatitis, since 2002 that were reported from every hospital or health facility.

Jakarta mulls online learning

The Jakarta provincial government is mulling an online learning policy to anticipate the spread of acute hepatitis in children. “We are still studying whether we should return to online learning. Let us see,” Jakarta Vice Governor Ahmad Riza Patria said.

The Jakarta provincial government is also awaiting the central government’s policy on the continuation of face-to-face learning following the emergence of acute hepatitis in children, he informed.

More than 10,429 schools or educational units in Jakarta are currently implementing limited face-to-face learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. (*)

UMCvEC: Hasanuddin University Students Win Best Popularity Award

STUDENTS of Hasanuddin University’s Department of Civil Engineering have won the Best Popularity Award at the International University of Malaya Civil Engineering Competition (UMCvEC) 2022 in Malaysia. One of the Hasanuddin U’s “Karampuang” team members, Yusril Ramadhan, said that UMCvEC is an annual competition organized by the University of Malaya, and in 2022, it was themed “Green Olympic Village.”

“We are members of the ‘Karampuang’

Team; (we) designed an innovation of athletes village that is safe, environmentally friendly, and aesthetic; also, (we designed) a strong and lightweight roof truss. Through a hard and a long process, our team won the Best Popularity Award,” Ramadhan informed in Makassar on Tuesday (10/5).

Hasanuddin U team supervisor Dr. Eng. Rita Irmawati lauded the students’ achievement at the international level. The current competitive climate is encouraging students to be more creative in their work by utilizing

digital technology, Dr. Irmawati said.

She also explained the process of preparing the team under her guidance, wherein, according to her, the challenge only lay in the limited time for direct interaction for making the proposal, design, and analysis. “The students love to work at night. If there are obstacles, they usually communicate via WhatsApp or phone. They are very great, just need to be given motivation and support, then they will be total in their work,” Irmawati remarked.

Meanwhile, the Faculty Dean of Civil Engi-

neering, Prof. Dr. Eng. Muhammad Isran Ramli, also lauded the achievement. “This achievement strongly supports the main performance indicators of higher education, which is the number of students who excel at the national and international levels. We are very proud of the contributions and achievements of the students,” he said.

The students of the Karampuang team are: Yusril Ramadhan (2018), Hari Anggara (2018), Muthmainnah (2018), Muhammad Fadli Al Kautsar (2020 and Muh. Farhan Muhlis (2020). (*)