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## VISIT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT IN KENDARI

Indonesian Vice President Ma'aruf Amin (center) and wife Wury Estu Handayani (right) accompanied by Southeast Sulawesi Governor Ali Mazi (left) upon arrival at Halu Oleo Airport, South Konawe, Southeast Sulawesi, Thursday (19/5). The Vice President came to Southeast Sulawesi on the agenda of laying the groundwork for the construction of a smelter at PT Nusantara Industri Sejati (NIS) in North Konawe and providing assistance at the Sentra Meohai Orphanage in Kendari.

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## Ministry Officially Opens 2022 Digital Talent Scholarship

**The Ministry of Communication and Informatics has officially opened the 2022 Digital Talent Scholarship and Digital Leadership Academy programs, which are available to the public free of charge.**

“THE intensification of digital transformation has implications for the increasing need for digital talents. These digital talents will be the main navigators driving the digital ecosystem,” Minister of Communication and Informatics, Johnny G. Plate, said in a welcoming video played at the National Digital Talent Program launch event in Yogyakarta on Tuesday (17/5).

The Digital Talent Scholarship and the Digital Leadership Academy are annual programs that the Ministry of Communication

and Informatics has offered for the past few years. For 2022, the ministry has allotted a quota of 200 thousand seats for technical training, including in cloud computing, Big Data, artificial intelligence (AI), and cyber security.

This year, seven academies will offer the Digital Talent Scholarship program—the Vocational School Graduate Academy, Government Transformation Academy, Digital Entrepreneurship Academy, Professional Academy, Thematic Academy, Fresh Gradu-

ate Academy, and Talent Scouting.

Meanwhile, the Digital Leadership Academy program will be offered to 550 stakeholders in the digital sector—from the government as well as the private sector.

For the program, the ministry has collaborated with eight foreign universities, including Tsinghua University, Harvard Kennedy School, Oxford University, and the National University of Singapore.

The programs are aimed at creating digital talents in Indonesia to address the gap between the availability of digital talents and the need for such talents, both nationally and in the Asia-Pacific region.

The minister noted that nationally, at least 50 percent of talents have basic and intermediate digital skills. However, there are less than

1 percent digital talents with advanced skills.

Meanwhile, in the Asia-Pacific region, more than 50 percent of CEOs are facing trouble recruiting digital talents with the required skills. The Asia-Pacific is projected to experience a deficit of around 47 million digital talents by 2030. “Of course, this gap must be addressed seriously. Moreover, we want to create a competitive Indonesia in the global arena,” Plate said.

In terms of potential, Indonesia has a big potential as the country has thousands of startup companies and even boasts a decacorn and eight unicorns. “Visionary thinking is crucial so that we not only become a market, but also a major player, both at the regional and global levels,” the minister remarked. (\*)

## Navy Commanders Must Enhance Combat Instincts: Chief of Staff

INDONESIAN Navy (TNI AL) Chief of Staff Admiral Yudo Margono urged commanders of naval bases, naval battalions, and navy warships to increase their combat instincts amid various security challenges in the Indonesian seas. “For officers in navy warships, operational and patrol instincts (are a must) while facing or observing a suspicious situation (at sea). Those instincts will help them promptly interpret (the suspicious matter) to decide the most proper response,” Margono noted in his written statement on Thursday (19/5).

Margono, along with Navy Vice Chief of Staff, Vice Admiral Ahmadi Heri Purwono, presided over a routine briefing to commanders of navy units and navy warships through video conference on Wednesday (18/5).

During the meeting, the navy chief of staff urged officers to bolster security operations in the Indonesian maritime territory.

As the national maritime territory is vulnerable to security threats, enhancing naval operations at sea will be essential for the navy, he remarked while adding that navy com-

manders must have sufficient proficiency and comprehension of the respective operation areas under their jurisdiction.

“Understand your work field and comprehend your operation area according to the respective responsibilities to monitor vulnerable or vital regions. Thus, the unit commander will know (for instance) which areas are vulnerable to smuggling crimes,” Margono explained.

The navy chief of staff also instructed commanders of navy units and navy warships to not hesitate and not be afraid to

take prompt decisions if they observe a violation in their operation area or within the navy unit.

Navy commanders must also understand the national law to help them take proper decisions in critical situations without waiting for their superior’s instruction if a violation occurs in the sea or the navy unit while also coordinating with relevant authorities in their area, he added. “(Proper measures) will make all issues to be addressed promptly,” Margono remarked. (\*)