

UPNVJ to host the 2024 BKS-PTN West Symposium

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The issuance of Minister of Education and Culture Regulation Number 53 of 2023 concerning Quality Assurance in Higher Education provides new direction for the development of quality and competency-based curricula, the specific provisions are changes to credits and final assignment provisions in Masters and Doctoral programs that need special attention by the Postgraduate Study Program management. By giving responsibility to UPN "Veteran" Jakarta as the organizer, UPNVJ invited the Director General of Vocational Studies, Ministry of Education and Culture, Research and Technology as *Keynote Speaker*, the West BKS Postgraduate Forum Team, Chancellor of UPN "Veteran" Jakarta, Chancellor of Syiah Kuala University, Chancellor of Bangka University Belitung, and the Chancellor of UIN Sultan Syarif Kasim. This symposium discusses important issues related to lecturer management and postgraduate education curriculum, with a focus on increasing competency, ease of access for practicing lecturers, as well as lecturer career development.

Activities took place in a *hybrid manner*, *online* via the *zoom platform* and *offline* at the Aston Tb Hotel. Simatupang, South Jakarta, which was attended by 81 participants with a total of 29 PTNs. (11/7)

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