PUSKA BN UPNVJ Successfully Holds National Defense Festival Attended by Participants from Various Cities

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HumasUPNVJ - Universitas Pembangunan Nasional "Veteran" Jakarta (UPNVJ) through the National Defense Study Center (PUSKA BN) held the 2024 National Defense Festival which was attended by participants from various cities in Indonesia. This festival is part of an effort to introduce the importance of national values, the spirit of nationalism, and love for the homeland to the younger generation.

This event lasted for several days and was enlivened by various series of activities such as *essay competitions,* posters, batik designs and LKBB as well as a national defense exhibition and then closed with a seminar activity held at the Bhinneka Tunggal Ika Auditorium UPNVJ. (7/12)

All competitions are participated by various parties, starting from the SMA/SMK/MA equivalent categories up to S1, S2 and S3.

The National Defense Festival aims to foster a sense of nationalism and raise awareness of the importance of maintaining the integrity of the Republic of Indonesia (NKRI). This festival is also filled with various competitions involving students and pupils.

The participants who attended came from various regions, including big cities such as Jakarta, Surabaya, Jember, Yogyakarta, and other cities. They participated in various events with enthusiasm to show their dedication to the values of defending the country and nation.

In his speech, the Head of PUSKA BN UPNVJ, Ridawan said that through activities like this, it is hoped that it can increase the love of the young generation for the country and strengthen the nation's identity, especially in the midst of increasingly global developments. "Defending the country is not only about physical defense, but also how we maintain national values, love culture, and work hard for the progress of the nation," he said.

In addition, two competent speakers in the field of nationality and disaster mitigation were also invited to provide insight to participants regarding the importance of national defense in everyday life, including in the digital world and the era of globalization. UPNVI invited Muhammad Hidayat and Azwar as speakers.

The festival received a positive response from various groups, especially students and pupils who felt that this event gave them the opportunity to deepen their understanding of national defense. This activity was also fully supported by the UPNVJ Textile Alumni Association. Iwan Sugi, Head of UPNVJ IKATEKS said that the presence of PUSKA BN at UPNVJ was able to encourage the younger generation to get to know and love Indonesia better, one of which was through the National Defense Festival that was held.

All members of PUSKA BN hope that through activities like this, participants can bring home a higher spirit of nationalism and contribute more to maintaining the unity of the Indonesian nation.

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