

# The UPNVJ Chancellor Meets with the Head of the National Cadet Agency Discuss Strengthening Non-Military National Defense on Campus

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**UPNVJ Public Relations** — The Chancellor of the National Development University “Veteran” Jakarta (UPNVJ), Prof. Dr. Anter Venus, MA, Comm., conducted a strategic visit and discussion with the Head of the National Reserve Agency (Kabacadnas) of the Indonesian Ministry of Defense, Lieutenant General Gabriel Lema, to strengthen coordination of the development of non-military national defense within the university environment. This meeting is part of UPNVJ's transformation agenda to become stronger as a center for thinking and implementing national defense values, not only for the academic community, but also for the wider community.

Previously, UPNVJ had launched the IIBN (BN Implementation Index) as an instrument to map the spirit of upholding national defense on campus by the end of December 2025. In the meeting, the UPNVJ Chancellor emphasized that UPNVJ's identity as a National Defense Campus requires strengthening concepts, policy consistency, and institutional networks that align with national direction. Therefore, coordination with the Head of the National Education Agency (Kabacadnas) is considered important to align understanding, formulate cooperation, and map policy needs relevant to current and future national defense challenges.

The Kabacadnas is a unit under the Indonesian Ministry of Defense that plays a strategic role in managing reserve resources and policy ecosystems that intersect with strengthening national resilience. Within various Ministry of Defense agendas, the Kabacadnas carries out a representative and coordinating mandate on issues related to resilience strengthening, including stakeholder networking.

On that occasion, UPNVJ presented the concept and strategy for non-military national defense developed by the campus as an academic and social approach. Rector Anter Venus explained that non-military national defense does not focus on physical defense, but rather emphasizes strengthening reason, manners, literacy, character, critical thinking, and resilience in the face of non-conventional threats—from disinformation and intolerance to cyberattacks—through education, research, and community service.

The presentation also emphasized that UPNVJ's non-military approach is designed to be cross-disciplinary, measurable, and involve multi-stakeholder collaboration. In several initiatives, UPNVJ has mainstreamed non-military national defense through character-building activities, scientific forums, and strengthening the ecosystem of partner community organizations to expand its impact to the public.

The Head of the National Cadet Program (Kabacadnas) commended the direction of UPNVJ's non-military national defense concept, particularly the university's efforts to develop the concept academically and encourage its implementation in the field through activities involving the community and organizational networks. This appreciation also opens up space for strengthened coordination so that national defense programs and narratives at universities align with the needs of national resilience.

The UPNVJ Rector closed the meeting by affirming the institution's commitment to making national defense a driving force for campus transformation—integrated into the curriculum, research, innovation, and community service—and oriented toward public benefit. "UPNVJ will continue to strengthen policies and programs that foster resilience among campus residents through non-military national defense. We believe that strengthening national character based on science and cross-sector collaboration is a crucial foundation for national competitiveness," said Prof. Dr. Anter Venus.

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