

## **DEMOCRACY WINS**

The recognition of the HADE's dominance in the West Java province's gubernatorial election across the cities and regencies of the province is to be respected by all those involved in the local general election. This process is an unprecedented achievement for West Java as the gigantic province in terms of the population number in Indonesia. The success also deserves to be the model in the democratic fiesta.

Democracy is defined as "the government of the people, by the people and for the people". (Longman 1978).

The people of West Java have indeed practiced their rights by voting for their favoured governor and their vice governor successfully without serious difficulty, challenge or disruption (if any). The majority of the people in this province are Sundanese whose cultures, traditions and ways of life are the barometer for the national security and stability. The success of the democratic process in this province should be a pride for the West Java residents and it must be a prototype for other provincial gubernatorial elections which are going on in the other regions, like : Mollucas, East Java, North Sumatra etc. West Java is the doorstep of the Indonesian Capital. Once it fails in democratic process it will be a threat to the country's administration as a whole. Hence, the visit of HADE at AMAN's residence (Metro TV 4/23/08) is indeed a true fact that the gubernatorial election process has been completely running well in this province.

A great respect to Pak Agum Gumelar who was receiving HADE's visit to his residence and at the same time he admits HADE's dominance at the election process. I expect the new governor and vice governor of West Java would build this province in all sectors of the social life, especially education. The brain power counts, not the brute power. Bandung is now the city of education and education means democracy in a modern term.

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