

The Failure Rate Is Around 12%

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Media Indonesia, Jakarta. The failure rate of national examination of the senior high school level this year is around 11%-12% or around 250 thousands students from 2.260.148 participants. The failure rate is even higher than in the previous year which is about 10 %.

The high failure rate of the national examination in 2008 is implicitly admitted by the Research and Development Institute of National Education Department and the National Education Standard Institute during the confirmation in Jakarta by Media Indonesia, yesterday. The result of National Examination will be officially announced in the second week of June.

Suharsono, the member of the National Education Standard Institute concerning to the National Examination graduation rate, diplomatically answered that last year the subjects tested are only three subjects, then it is added to be six subjects, and the graduation standard is upgraded from 5,00 to 5,25. For that reason, the graduation rate will possibly decrease. He said, "That is the logical fact. And of course, through a small team, we will review why it happened."

Burhanuddin Tolla, the Head of Education Research Center of Research and Development Institute of National Education Department added, the condition is not a decrease since the competence of the students is constant.

Concerning to the certainty of the National Examination announcement, he said that the result will be conveyed to the regions after it is officially reported to the National Education Ministry. He said, "The school will convey the result to the students by the second week of June, the latest."

Dodi Nandika, the Secretary General of National Education Department, responding to the decrease of National Examination graduation rate, said that the government will keep on implementing the National Examination until the equality on education quality is achieved, though the Indonesian Commission of Children Shelter yesterday stated that the National Examination violates the children's right. The commission asked the government to withdraw the regulation No 19/2005 as a step to delete the National Examination and the National Standard School Final Examination since it brings anxiety to the students, educators, and the parents.