


CAN UNIVERSITY MEETS PESANTREN?

(Designing the collaboration in community development)



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Pesantren is recognized a classical institution while university a modern one. The two institutions exist and continue develop from time to time in Indonesia.



Pesantren is founded by Kyai, a religious leader, motivated by religious factor, managed by family of Kyai, powered by wide kinship, and developed by massive support of society



Apart from the fact that pesantren covers many roles and functions, pesantren predominantly demonstrate itself as educational institution.



Pesantren is known as a society based education that brings about three mission:



These three missions are integrated in one movement called pesantren tradition.



The development of society by Pesantren is expressed in many ways.

First, pesantren itself represents a society based education.

Second, pesantren is open for any level of society. Pesantren even reach unreachable society in terms of economy and politic.

Third, substances of curriculum of pesantren represent an Islamic perspective suitable for any stage of intellectuality of society.

Forth, many pesantren establish centre of community development.

And fifth, in many cases, pesantren is employed by government in promoting some programs sencitive to muslim society.



Attempts to collaborate pesantren with university have been long time done. Some Indonesian scholars of 50's proposed to establish a higher learning institution named Pesantren Luhur. Later, some universities were established in pesantren. In the middle of 90's some universities established pesantren called mahad. Currently, government legalized the establishment





More specific in terms of community development, the collaboration between pesantren and university seems to be a subject of discussion. So far there are some cases that university put pesantren as an object of community development project. It was however happened in small pesantren of rural area. The approach of putting pesantren as an object can not be



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