

Indonesian Undocumented get passport as the renewal of an expired one!

Finally, after more than 10 years, the undocumented Indonesian migrants in the Netherlands could get a passport as the renewal of an expired one. Before, Indonesian embassy will only issue a travel documents which aims only for the return to Indonesia. Such travel document barely cannot be used as an identity card, therefore, a lot of undocumented Indonesian migrants faced difficulties to identify themselves when they go to hospital, school or to send money via western union or money gram etc.

Since its establishment, IMWU NL struggle to get a passport for Indonesian undocumented. The issuance of travel document is not in line with the regulation. After some tense dialogue, lobbies to the embassy in The Hague and the government in Jakarta, and with all supports also a good intention, finally, last February, the Directorate General of Immigration issued a circular letter approving the issuance of passport for ALL Indonesian citizen including those who are undocumented in other countries.

Find our struggle:

<http://www.majalahsedane.net/2012/08/kemerdekaan-yang-semu-passport-sebagai.html>

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