

modern liberal ideas. What Prof. Azra points out is critical. Most of the donations have gone to higher educational institutions. It would be a good idea to invest some in what we call secondary, or high school students. Now in America, there is AFS, which assists with high school student exchange programs. Why don't we do something similar in this country, but in greater numbers and in higher intensity? At that particular age people begin to be exposed and learn more about their world. It would be a good time to build some influence through young people. There's no better way than to fly them to here and ask them to know what life is like and what people are like in Canada. That would be how we can make the most out of the 24 million dollars. If we talk about solving poverty, creating peace initiatives or building institutions with that amount of money, then you are dreaming. The problem of poverty needs a very long term solution. It needs to be approached systematically and has to be done through the government and through the institutions in Indonesia. For the time being, let's just help those young people, expose them to your society and to ideas of freedom and liberty. Thank you.

Moderator: So Rizal is re-emphasizing the points made by Azra, that emphasis should be put on relationships through education. The reason why I brought up the issue of the Parliament and the development of political parties is that the qualities of the members, especially those at the local level, are still quite low. I know that several German development NGOs, such as Adenauer and Friedrich Naumann, have been conducting some sort of training for the new members of local parliaments in order to increase their capacity. I don't know whether the Canadian aid, such as that from CIDA, could emulate or expand on this kind of thing. Anyway, I think we have got several points here. I would like to invite comments from the audience at this point. Perhaps just one comment.

Member of Audience: I am from a local community college and I am interested in the question of Canadian scholarships for Indonesian students. As Canadians will always tell you, education is a provincial matter although it is strongly supported by federal funding. The BC government used to have an excellent program for facilitating shorter foreign experiences for grade 10 and 12 students but these programs along with a lot of other programs were also cut many years ago. So it has been done before, but if it is to be revived it