

LAKE TOBA WRITERS FESTIVAL



Appreciation from Aditya Ananta Toer (grandson of Pramoedya Ananta Toer) for Lake Toba Writers Festival and sharing of recollections on his grandfather Bp Pramoedya Ananta Toer. This message was read out during the opening session of Lake Toba Writers Festival 2024 held at Samosir, North Sumatera, Indonesia. Writers, academicians and readers paid rich tributes to his enduring legacy on commencement of the 100th year birthday celebrations of the famous writer.

Quote

Dear Mr. Amol Titus,

Greetings.

Thank you very much to Mr. Amol Titus, as well as to all the participants and friends who were moved by this Lake Toba Writers Festival event.

Let me introduce myself, I am Aditya Ananta Toer, Pram's grandson representing the Pramoedya Ananta Toer extended family and also one of the administrators of the Pram Foundation.

We, Pramoedya Ananta Toer's family, were very happy when we received the news that Pram was included in the Tribute to Pram agenda at this event.

Because Pram is still loved and appreciated by many people. Especially ahead of the 100 year anniversary which will soon arrive, to be precise February 6 2025.

We are also trying to make this moment a historic moment in the 100th anniversary of Pram, not just for Pram, also for friends from the same generation and one with mutual belief, thought and ideology.

We also congratulate the family of Mr. Sitor Situmorang who is celebrating 100 years of his struggle.

Between Pram and Mr. Sitor Situmorang, they shared many stories about their past struggles which were very precious for our family.

Maybe I just want to say that we must preserve the struggles and hopes of Pram and his friends, especially those of the 45th generation who survived the struggling regime of the New Order era, their spirit must be continued, so that the ideology of truth and courage is maintained.

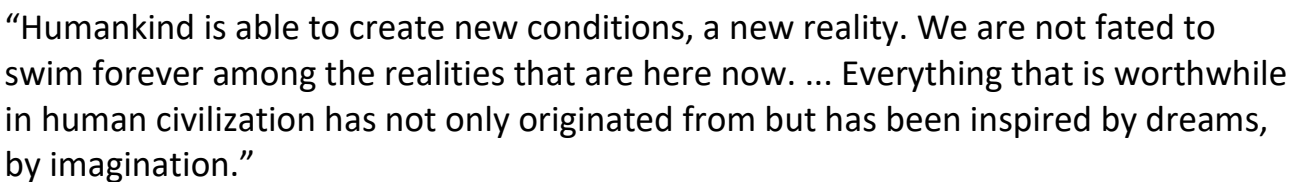
And create a sovereign character of society.

We see a lot of young writers rising up nowadays and the enthusiasm of young people about literature itself is very good. This makes us having hope that the next generation will definitely be better than before because the references are good and access is very easy.

Our family is very enthusiastic about this Toba Lake Writers Festival, hopefully a generation of good literature will be born and develop to expand the narrow thoughts.

Thank you 🙏

Aditya Ananta Toer

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- Pramoedya Ananta Toer