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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATICS PRIORITIZES THE PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION BILL

JAKARTA – Ministry of Communication and Informatics (“MCI”) is prioritizing to submit the Personal Data Protection (“PDP”) bill to the House of Representative (“DPR”) at the end of the year.

Secretary-General of MCI, Rosarita Niken Widiastuti, as quoted in the Ministry of Communication and Informatics website, stated that the PDP bill is a priority to Minister Johny G Plate.

“The PDP bill is expected to be submitted to DPR at the end of this year,” she said during the Launch of Program and Privacy and Digital Security Literacy Seminar in MCI on Monday (18/11/2019).

According to her, the PDP bill is still with the government for harmonization with other ministries. “After the harmonization with ministries and institutions, the PDP bill will be submitted to the State Secretariat.”

It is time for Indonesia to have a Personal Data Protection Law to protect the personal data of Indonesian people. Compared to other countries in the ASEAN region, Indonesia is left behind in the matter of personal data protection. For instance, Malaysia and Singapore already have a Personal Data Protection Act.

PDP bill is mandated by Article 28G paragraph (1) of the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia that stated: “Every person shall have the right to protection of his/herself, family, honor, dignity, and property, and shall have the right to feel secure against and receive protection from the threat of fear to do or not do something that is a human right.”

The personal data protection issues arise due to the concerns of privacy violations that can be experienced by individuals and/or legal entities. The privacy violations can cause damages that is not only material damages, but also immaterial damages, such as harming the reputation of an individual.



An adequate protection of privacy concerning personal data will give the public the assurance to provide their data for the interests of greater public without being abused or violated.

Secretary General of MCI, Ms. Widiastuti, also emphasized the importance of raising public awareness so that people would not easily provide their data to other parties. “The public is asked to be careful in protecting their data, and not being too easy on submitting their data to other parties,” she said.

Niken also hoped those who already understand the importance of protecting our personal data to spread their knowledge to those who do not yet understand. “We need to be aware not only of ourselves but also we have to help the public to protect our data,” she said.

The regulations of personal data are currently scattered in several laws and regulations, therefore to ensure legal certainty and effectiveness in the implementation of personal data protection, it requires a comprehensive and specific regulation of personal data in a form of a law.