REVITALIZATION OF GEOGRAPHY INSTRUCTION FOR THE REINFORCING OF THE NATION'S CHARACTER AND IDENTITY IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

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Abstract

The globalization which is taking place in the recent area causes phenomena which exist or happen, even collide. Consequently, the character and identity of a nation are increasingly faded, including those of Indonesian. It is dare to say that Indonesia is now undergoing the identity crisis. Meanwhile, the global challenge requires every nation sincerely prepare the human resource quality that are able to be the determinant of the existence of the country in the future. Thus, the characters and identity strengthening in the global context is an urgent need. Every effort is exerted to improve them in the past, in the recent time and in the future. The reinforcing of Nation's Character and Identity (NCI) in Global Context (GC) should be integrated in subject, self-development and school culture, include geography. The reinforcing of NCI through geography instruction (GI) can be conducted in the classroom instructional process. The questions needs to answer as: (a) what character and identity needs to be invested in to the students in order it is able to compete in global era related to the GI, and (b) how is the revitalization strategy of GI for strengthening of NCI in GC. The revitalization strategy of GI for strengthening of NCI in GC needs to conduct, includes: (a) integrate of NCI in school curriculum, (b) integrate of NCI in instructional process, and (c) integrate of NCI in school climate/culture. Through these efforts hopefully GI can participate in giving real contribution in the strengthening of NCI in GC.

I. INTRODUCTION

The globalization which is taking place in the recent area causes many phenomena which exist or happen, even collide. Globalization is identical with open market and the spirit of competition is more increasing. Consequently, the character and identity of a nation are increasingly faded, including those of Indonesian. It is dare to say that Indonesia is now undergoing the identity crisis. Meanwhile, the global challenge requires every nation sincerely prepare the human resource quality that are able to be the determinant of the existence of the country in the future. Evidences prove that the progress of a country is closely related with the strength of the characters and the identity. Thus, the characters and