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## ONE HUNDRED "MANDALAWANGI" SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POOR STUDENTS IN RI

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Some Indonesian youths in Canberra, Australia, affiliated to the "Mandalawangi" group provided scholarships for 100 poor students in Indonesia in the framework of commemorating the 100th anniversary of the national awakening and 10th anniversary of reform.

Dr Teddy Mantoro, an Indonesian scientist who works for Australian National University (ANU) and is a co-founder of the Mandalawangi group, told Antara on Friday that in channelling the scholarships the group was prioritizing poor children, victims of natural disasters and orphans living in villages.



The scholarships would only cover the cost the students have to cover at their schools until their graduation. Their achievement at school will not be the object of consideration, as the students who can not pass the test will also get the scholarship," he said.

Teddy said Mandalawangi scholarship initiators in Canberra received the profit from the selling of food and cell phones' vouchers which were then made as a source of fund for the scholarship for 100 elementary, junior and high schools' students of the poor families.

In addition, there was a little fund gained from the channeling of 'maal' tithe (charity paid by the rich to the poor) and donations from some residents in Canberra, but the amount was not so big, he said.

Since its establishment six years ago, his side was often consistent with an effort to be self-reliant by selling the food and telephone cards for social activity of the organization.

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