

**Any Ethnic Group Can Be President - Sultan Of Yogyakarta
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JAKARTA, Jan 22 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Yogyakarta, Sri Sultan Hemengku Buwono X the 10th said, the view that only Javanese should become Indonesia's President is no longer relevant for current times.

The senior member of the Golkar party, who is also Governor of the province of Yogyakarta Special Region said the republic's top position can be held by any ethnic group as it is their prerogative as citizens and furthermore it is for the voters to decide.

"It depends on the citizens, when they go in to cast their votes. And Javanese are not the only voters. The whole of the republic has the right to vote," the Sultan was quoted on the vivanews portal.

He was speaking at a cultural discourse at Jalan Ampera Raya, Kemang in South Jakarta, yesterday.

The Sultan of Yogyakarta is the only sultanate in Indonesia which has the privilege of being automatically appointed as the Governor of Yogyakarta province, a position on par with the Chief Minister of a state, due to its special region status.

The province itself is steeped in Javanese custom and culture.

Golkar is at present helmed by Aburizal Bakrie, a veteran politician who is not of Javanese origin and one of the wealthiest men in Indonesia.

He is slated to run for the Indonesian presidency in the 2014 presidential general election.

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