President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo has held a meeting (again) on the ongoing process of setting up the Indonesia International Islamic university or UIII. The meeting took place at Merdeka Presidential Palace on Thursday (1 January).

Mentioning that he had signed (on 29 June 2016) his presidential decree on it, Jokowi said that not only would UIII function to meet the country’s domestic educational need, but it was also meant to increase the recognition for Indonesian Islam in the International academic communities.

Discussing the current reports on the development of the university structural building, he explained that progressive and modern learning-teaching activities would, indeed, be the focus of UIII. He admitted, however, that the activities would also be diplomatically led and directed to spread up the so-called moderate, tolerant and democratic Islamic teachings.