Indonesian ITE Law Needs Revising To Protect Personal Data in Social Media

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The newly General Chairman of Golkar party, Bambang Soesatyo, has said that to Indonesia the scandal of Cambridge Analytica would only suggest that the country’s ITE Law or the Electronic, Information and Transaction Law needs revising.

His serious concerns over privacy violations, seem to make him to propose Wednesday (on 11 April) that the Law should be amended, enabling it to protect the personal data of Indonesian people in social media.

Mentioning that Cambridge Analytica (CA) has harvested about one million Indonesian users on Facebook [without having their permit], he said that it should be stopped. [It was reported that CA might use the information for, among others, targeted political advertising during Indonesian elections, similar to those taking place during UK’s Brexit referendum and during the 2016 US presidential elections.]

According to him, Indonesian people should be cautious on the negative effects of the technology development such as seen the existing different hoaxes and fake news in social media. This would also influence the present people’s socio-cultural attitudes.

He also said that the people need to make use the very technology for positive purposes.