

Yap Thiam Hien Foundation holds third human rights lecture

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The Yap Thiam Hien Foundation invited human rights professor Eric Stover of the University of California, Berkeley School of Law to its third human rights lecture at the Jakarta City Hall, Monday evening.

The event, opened by the foundation's chairman, Todung Mulya Lubis, and attended by Jakarta Deputy Governor Sandiaga Uno, was titled "Taking the Gloves Off: the US, torture, and the War on Terror."

"Terror has been everywhere and threatening our security," he said, adding that to counter terrorism, human rights must be upheld. "In other words, torture should not be employed at any stage."

Eric Stover gave a lecture in front of college students and various invitees about how torture was employed to extract information from prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Abu Ghraib, Iraq. The detainees were mostly detained without trial during attempts by the US to fight terrorism.

First held in 2015, the public lecture has raised issues of human rights relevant to the country for three consecutive years.

The Yap Thiam Hien Foundation is a non-profit human rights organization dedicated to upholding human rights through the participation of the civil society. (nmn/ebf)

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