Prof. Dr. Widjojo Nitisastro

Prof. Dr. Widjojo Nitisastro was known as the main architect in economy during Orde Baru. He also had an important role during the economic crisis in 1997. No wonder that Newsweek magazine called this pioneer of Demographic Institution FEUI as “the man who undoubtedly has the biggest individual impact in Indonesian economy.” Born in Malang, 23 September 1927, Prof. Widjojo graduated from FEUI with the predicate Cum Laude. After that, continued studying economics and demography in University of Berkeley and in 3.5 years gained Ph.D. degree on economics through his dissertation entitled “Migration, Population Growth, and Economic Development: A Study of the Economic Consequences of Alternative Patterns of Inter Island Migration”. Prof. Widjojo, who’s polite and has critical ideas, has important academic and state’s duties. Since 1953, he has been the planner on the State Planning Institute. He was the former Director of LPEM and the Dean of FEUI before he became the Minister of National Development Planning (1971-1973) and The Coordinating Minister for the Economy and Chairperson of the National Development Planning Agency (1973-1978 and 1978-1983). After that he became the President’s Economic Adviser. His sincere hardwork has made him receive many awards and decorations. However, he’s still the true intellectual who’s concerned about the advancement of education. He was the first person to initiate the construction of the new UI campus in Depok. He deserves to be considered as the primus interpares, the first among the firsts.