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Based on the Minister of Education and Culture Regulation (Kemendikbud) Number 10 of 2021, leading universities—those in the top 100 in the world or those invited by the minister—are permitted to open branch campuses in Indonesian territory. Additionally, the oldest equivalent in the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education (MRTHE) Regulation No.53/2018, the government has also authorized to foreign universities to open physical campuses in Indonesia. Considering the low quality of education provided by local Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), which can be caused by a number of problems including inadequate funding, poor governance, and substandard quality of teaching, research, and human resources, the existence of FHEIs in Indonesia offers Indonesian students the opportunity to receive an education in an advanced country that they otherwise would not have had. Public reactions to this issue varied, some expressed their gratitude, and contributed to the impact of this phenomenon. This research aims to explore the role of international branch campuses in Indonesia, including opportunities, challenges, and policy recommendations regarding this issue, considering the paucity of literature currently available on the topic. The purpose is that this research can provide an alternative perspective to the community in responding to the presence of international branch campuses in Indonesia.