

39 Indonesian and European Students Learn Humanitarian Logistics and Management

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As many as 39 students and practitioners from Indonesia and Europe followed the 3rd Advanced Summer School on the Humanitarian Supply Chain Management and Logistics, from 5-10 July 2015 in Faculty of Political and Social Sciences UGM.

The Summer School is run by the Programme on Humanitarian Studies (PoHA) - Institute of International Studies (IIS) of the Faculty in collaboration with European Network on Humanitarian Assistance (NOHA AISBL).

Director of PoHA, Muhadi Sugiono, M.A., said all participants join courses related to supply chain management and logistics in humanitarian acts, delivered by resource persons from UGM, NOHA, National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB), University College Dublin, as well as the military (TNI). Participants also visited logistical centres.

“Participants will also be invited to visit the Red Cross and Logistics Agency (BULOG) to know first-hand their logistics and management,” he said on Monday (6/7) alongside the event.

Muhadi explained further that the participants would be expected to have deeper understanding of supply chain management and logistics in terms of humanitarian act; also innovative skills in this area with interdisciplinary understanding in terms of politics, law, anthropology, public health and



management aspects. They can also have special skills in conceptualising, interpreting, and analysing humanitarian supply management and logistics.

Muhadi said humanitarian supply management and logistics needs to be given attention as the more normal practice currently is voluntary rather than professional.

“The way people give help varies, thus professionalism is needed. For example, self-service stores are asked to prepare the goods for humanitarian cause, so the government does not need to think about the warehouse to store them,” he said.

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