

150 Nata de Coco Producers Gather at UGM

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As many as 150 producers of nata de coco from across Yogyakarta and Central Java joined a talkshow titled *Empowerment, Training, and Protection to Producers of Nata de Coco* in Yogyakarta. The event held on Saturday, 29 August 2015 at Faculty of Agricultural Technology UGM.

The event was a collaboration between UGM and association of nata de coco producers (ASNACO), opened by Vice Dean of Research and Community Service, Dr. Ir. Chusnul Hidayat, presenting speakers from Bantul and Yogyakarta as well as police authorities.

Issues related to nata de coco industry are discussed there, said chairman of the event, Prof. Dr. Endang S. Rahayu, in a release sent out on Monday (31/8).

Endang said the producers were also briefed by the police that raids would not be conducted on their business as long as they comply with the prevailing procedures.

Chairman of the Association, Heri Supratikno, said Yogyakarta and Central Java had big potentials in nata de coco production. As high as 40 percent of national production is produced from both provinces.

The event was closed with a declaration on cooperation between the association, academics, and government to increase productivity, quality, and added value of nata de coco by all shareholders.

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