

## Nobel Prize in Mind, UGM Wants to Learn from Hungary

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Indonesian Ambassador to Hungary has made a visit to UGM. Ambassador H.E. Wening Esthyprobo Fatandari was received by Rector of UGM, Prof. Ir. Dwikorita Karnawati, M.Sc., Ph.D, in her office on Monday (2/11).

Vice-Rector for Cooperation and Alumni, Dr. Paripurna, S.H., M.Hum., LL.M, explained the visit was aimed at increasing relations with universities in Hungary. Many researchers from Hungarian universities have earned the Nobel Prize, so, UGM wants to learn from them.

“The Hungarian Ambassador to Indonesia has visited UGM twice and we discussed academic affairs as well as opportunities for downstreaming research outcomes,” said Paripurna.

Paripurna added both UGM and Hungary planned to invite Hungarian Prime Minister to UGM where he can share experiences related to economic policy.

Hungary as a member of the European Community does not use the Euro as its currency. The country is, therefore, seen as independent in terms of economy amidst the big economies in Europe.

“This is obviously something to learn for Indonesia; we can learn from them ahead of the ASEAN Economic Community and the globalised world,” he said.

On education, Paripurna said, Hungary had offered an attractive collaboration that will free UGM students from tuitions that study in the country.

"This is a very good opportunity for UGM to extend relations with European universities, particularly from Central Europe. Most importantly, we want those Nobel laureates to visit Indonesia to inspire the spirit among researchers to have the same vision in order that they can be awarded with the Nobel Prize," he said.

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