

# Faculty of Cultural Sciences to Grant Art and Literary Awards

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Faculty of Cultural Sciences UGM will hold their annual art and literature awards for the third time. It will be held at PKKH UGM, Wednesday (12/02).

Dean of Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Dr. Pujo Semedi Hargo Yuwono, said that as educational and cultural institution, Faculty of Cultural Sciences of UGM ought to appreciate literary and cultural activities in Indonesia. This event shows that UGM not just focused on science and technology major but also humanity field.

"So this is one of our way to participate in conserving art and culture. We hope by taking this step, UGM became more humane, more civilized and not always oriented on science or that everything should be calculated by numbers," he said in the Fortakgama room, Tuesday (11/25)

Vice-Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Wening Udasmoro, M.Hum., DEA, added that this awarding night is annual event held by the Faculty as the grand closing of Literature and Art competition.

The competition was initially held as a local competition for students and faculty members of Faculty of Cultural Sciences alone. A year later it increased its market to people in Yogyakarta and UGM Alumni. This year it is open for all Indonesian.

"Year by year, the number of participants is increasing. this year alone the number of participant



increased by nearly 100%, the total number of participants are 2,375," Wening said.

Those numbers includes 1,600 poems, 518 short-stories, 130 photos, 106 films, and 20 literary criticisms.

"It was astonishing, but we have to admit that today it is digital era, so it is probably one of factors increased number of participants. This is also a reminder for the committee that even though we are getting more advanced in digital world, there has to be balance with some other art works, such as short story, poem, and literary criticisms," Wening explained.

Dr. Aprinus Salam, head of the committee and the jury, said that this is a very important agenda among this frenzy, because it is only the works of art that can repair.

"Because the country's level of civilization can be measured by their art works,if it is great, then it will slowly take part in improving the civilization of a country," he said.

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