

Alumni Chairman Encourages Advocacy for the Nation

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The board of KAGAMA (Gadjah Mada Alumni Association) held a national meeting on Saturday (12/12) at the Senate Hall of UGM. The meeting is one 66th UGM's anniversary agenda that involved alumni of Universitas Gadjah Mada. In his opening speech, chairman of the board, Ganjar Pranowo, appreciated UGM's alumni who have been showing their contribution to society, such as the role of alumni to develop medical system and tourism management mentoring in Karimun Jawa island and help to provide clean water supply to drought areas.

Even so, he hoped in the near future UGM's alumni, especially in the remote areas, to have sensitivity to contribute and give advocacy for this nation. "There is much homework that needs to be done. I hope after the National Meeting of the alumni, we could get back to our respective places and do something," he said.

UGM Rector agreed with the statement. She supports alumni in the east Indonesia to handle the development there. "Now, we are creating a movement to save Papua through the Papua working group that had started since the term of Prof. Pratikno (former rector).

Underlying the importance of the problems that Indonesia faces, it is important for alumni of UGM to participate in regional problem solving process. "I hope here in this room, we could create

thoughts that are important for national matter,” she said.

The meeting is held annually to accommodate UGM’s alumni from various areas. Beside discussing about KAGAMA matters, there was also an inauguration of national and regional boards of KAGAMA.

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