

UGM Officials Perform a Play

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Faculty members, deans, and the rector of UGM merged into one traditional Ketoprak play entitled "Minakjinggo Nagih Janji". On that occasion all officials of UGM played their roles, ranging from the Rector who plays the Queen Mother, while Queen Kencana Wungu was played by Dean of the Faculty of Psychology, Minakjinggo played by Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Darmawulan played by Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, and Jaka Umbaran played by Dean of Faculty of Animal Sciences.

In his speech, Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, Prof. Dr. Ir. Ali Agus, DAA., DEA., said that the theme of synergy is used to build unity among the units that exist. Performing Ketoprak involving some of the leaders of the academic community was not easy. However, because of the spirit of synergy and mutual cooperation, it became possible.

"In the spirit of this synergy we jointly worked together to divide the role to be equally played. We hope, this spirit also continues to help resolve the problems of the country," said Ali Agus, Saturday (12/12).

With the theme "Synergistic and Innovation" the performers were forwarding inspiring messages along the way. The play took place at the Cultural Center of Koesnadi Hardjasoemantri (PKKH). The story tells the anxiety of King of Majapahit and Queen Kencana Wungu following a rebel by Duke of



Blambangan, Kebo Marcuet. To end it all, Kencana Wungu held a contest for anyone who can beat Kebo Mercuet will be able to marry her.

However, Ratu Kencana Wungu broke the promise because Jaka Umbaran that succeeded in killing Kebo Marcuet turned into defects and his face was not recognizable. Jaka Umbaran who turned into Minak Jinggo was trying to ask Kencana Wungu to pay her promise. Then the story ends with the death of Ratu Kencana Wungu who was killed by Damarwulan acting as the avenger of Minak Jinggo.

Directed by Danang Marto Paidi, the story wrapped with humor. Many messages to be conveyed in the story, one of them was when we become a leader we should never give false hope to people. Meanwhile, in her speech, the Rector, Prof. Ir. Dwikorita Karnawati said that this event is a celebration of gratitude for synergy among faculties and between fields in the UGM.

"This event celebrates the inter-faculty and inter-field, cross-disciplinary synergies," she said.

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