

Reflection on Down-to-Earth Innovation for the State: UGM Anniversary

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Rector of Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Prof. Ir. Dwikorita Karnawati, M.Sc., Ph.D., delivered a report on the achievements made by UGM in the last year during an open meeting held on Saturday (19/12) at Grha Sabha Pramana hall. This is the main event of the 66th Anniversary of UGM.

In her remarks, Dwikorita explained the getting down-to-earth innovation paradigm which are education, research, and community service that will directly impact the society. “UGM is not an ivory tower that let its people live in their own little world, but UGM is a water tower that will help this country,” she said.

In the last year, many achievements were made on a national and international levels, as well as creative innovations that came from faculty members and the students. As many as six new copyrights have been made this year, four of them are related to avalanche early detection tools that are currently implemented on some high risk areas. Besides, faculty and study centers keep producing many researches and innovations on science and technology, health, food, energy, environment, education, socio-culture, and clean governance. Through these outstanding achievements, UGM is recognized on international level, including international accreditation awarded to some faculties and building

partnership with many universities abroad.

Even so, Dwikorita, said that UGM would not forget its spirit of populist organisation. All the improvements and achievements made by UGM are for all society and Indonesia. “Our work is a form of implementation of our research findings, building system and products that people need with affordable price and supported by local resources to decrease the need on imported products,’ she added.

Meanwhile, Prof. Dr. Sahid Susanto, MS., delivered his remarks entitled “Universitas Gadjah Mada Giving Service: Reinforcing Synergy and Innovation to Establish Food Sovereignty”. On that occasion, he regretted the phenomenon that happened in the last 10 years, when most of our consumption was made on imported products. Besides, Indonesia nowadays still experiences agriculture dichotomy. Therefore, he suggested the triple helix partnership between government, food business players, and higher education institutions, including UGM. “Putting UGM on the front row to create food sovereignty is a must,” he explained.

During the open meeting an award was also granted to Prof. Dr. dr Soenarto Sastrowijoto, Sp. THT(K), (health field), Wiliam Wongso (food field), Siti Fauzanah (education field) serta Tri Mumpuni (energy field). (Adelily)

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