

Soft Skills Leadership Necessary during AEC

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The current situation should no longer be addressed lightly. Everything is globalized and challenges are more complex so that the future is envisioned to be tougher.

Even so, life in the future could be more exciting if we can deal with it. Therefore, UGM wants its students to become future leaders. They are expected to become a new generation capable of facing global challenges.

"For that, we always try to provide students with not only theory in class, but also soft skills on how to build networks, develop the spirit of entrepreneurship, and how to withstand the challenges of the future," said Dr. Paripurna, SH, M. Hum., LL.M., Vice Rector of Cooperation and Alumni, in the Multimedia Room, Friday (12/8) when opening the Career Talk and Explorations Training with the theme "Leadership".

Career Talk and Explorations themed "Leadership" presented Nenny Soemawinata, Managing Director of Putera Sampoerna Foundation, as speakers. This activity was attended by students of UGM in undergraduate and graduate programs.

On that occasion, Nenny Soemawinata reminded students to not only study hard, but also to build soft skills of leadership. Moreover, since December 2015, Indonesia has entered the Asean Economic Community (AEC).



Implementation of MEA indicates the distribution of professionals between countries to be more open. Unfortunately, experts from Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and others succeeded in entering the domestic labor market. Meanwhile, Indonesia would have difficulty in entering overseas labor markets.

"Sometimes, we are not accepted to work there. Why? Because it is proven and supported by data that the quality of education in Indonesia is the lowest in ASEAN. So, we have to keep trying," she said.

Plan in 2030, said Nenny, Indonesia is predicted to become one of the world's largest economic actors. This can happen when human resources in Indonesia could rule the country well. Conversely, if we can not, of course, the role will be taken over by other countries.

"Therefore, fluency in English is important. Also, we can build our mindset to be like foreigner's, to stand upright and argue with any foreigners from anywhere, USA, France, Australia and elsewhere, because we really are as smart, we must be sure of that," said Nenny.

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