

## UGM Appreciates Partners and Friends

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UGM was born during the times of the fight for state independence. UGM is a symbol of fight against colonialism. Such a spirit is imbued continuously that generates actions in education, research, and community service.

“That spirit still lives on until today so many breakthroughs and innovations can be made in education, research, and community service, “ said Rector of UGM, Prof. Ir. Dwikorita Karnawati, M.Sc., Ph.D., during the *Night of Appreciation for Friends of UGM* event on Saturday (19/8) in Jakarta.

The breakthroughs that have been made by UGM, said the Rector, long before people talk about global warming, an expert from UGM, Prof. Oemi Hani'in, did reforestation at the barren Wanagama area of Gunungkidul regency. On medicinal products, UGM have developed a number of health products. “For example, heart ring. Examples of products such as this will be downstreamed to support the sovereignty of the nation,” she said.

Chairman of UGM alumni association (KAGAMA), Ganjar Pranowo, appreciated the partners and alumni that help UGM in the implementation of Higher Learning principles. Secretary of Board of Trustees UGM, Prof. Dr. Ir. Indarto, D.E.A., also appreciated the partners and friends that have



made UGM the best university in Indonesia.

“In 2015, students of UGM have won 50 gold medals in various competitions. This year until August, UGM has won 114 gold medals for student activities. Of course, in those achievements lies the role of the partners and friends of UGM,” said Indarto.

Former Vice-President, Prof. Boediono, shared the views of the Rector. UGM has to always come up with research and findings to respond to people’s needs. The university as the one that produces intellectuals has to come out with quality works that can compete internationally. During the event, *Friend of UGM* Program is also launched.

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