

Nawagita Concert Celebrates 45th Anniversary of UGM Choir

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To celebrate its 45th anniversary, the UGM's student choir held a concert on Friday (9/9) in the Sukadji Ranuwihardjo Auditorium, Magister Manajemen UGM, with the theme *Love the Homeland Story*, involving members from its first batch of 1971 to 45th.

The Nawagita concert was precluded with a dance along with the arrival of singers on to the stage to honour the audience. The first songs were sung by alumni from 1980 with the songs - *Beramai-Ramai Ke Laut, Gendhing Sriwijaya and Nyiur Hijau*. The second presentation was by the 1990s alumni with the songs: *Warisan I, Tanah Airku, Pagi Bening, Pelangi, Mande-Mande and Cik-Cik Periuk*. The last was by the Rimini group who will depart for Italy from 18-28 September 2016, singing out three songs *Ugo-Ugo, Benggong and Gundhul-Gundhul Pacul*.

The student choir will join the *Rimini International Choral Competition* in Rimini, Italy after in 2013 winning the gold medal in the category of *Folklore* and silver medal in the category of *Mixed Choir* as well as *Best Scenic Folklore Prize* during the *10th Anniversary A Voyage Of Song (AVOS) International Choral Festival* in Bangkok, Thailand. This concert is also a forum for funds raising to support the Rimini competition team. In this event, the choir also carried a cultural mission to promote the Indonesian arts through songs and costumes.

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