

## Vocational Education, Reply to State Sovereignty Issues

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Some people think that vocational education is the second choice to undergraduate programmes. The fact is that the characters of vocational schools can give solutions to state sovereignty and independence issues. This was said by Dean of UGM Vocational School, Ir. Hotma Prawoto Sulistyadi, M.T., IP.MD., alongside the *International Symposium on Technology for Sustainability (ISTS) 2016*.

“Vocational school is a reply to the issues on state sovereignty. With vocational education we can start from simple things,” he said on Wednesday (5/10).

Currently, students are accustomed to a scientific mindset. They need to be trained to be future leaders that understand the condition of the society, one of which is through the ISTS, a forum for vocational students from various countries.

*International Symposium on Technology for Sustainability (ISTS) 2016* is held by UGM Vocational School and National Institute of Technology (NIT) Japan in Hotel Indoluxe Yogyakarta from 4 October - 12 October, aiming to prepare students in order that they can give real solutions to problems in the local community, using a technological approach.



“This event is to instill leadership spirit so they can develop globally,” said chairman of ISTS 2016, Fitri Damayanti Berutu, S.E., S.S, M.Sc.

President of NIT, Taniguchi Iza, Ph.D., explained about the importance of this meeting to prepare the future of the world through the young generation.

“Through this event, students from a number of countries gather together to discuss and share experience and ideas,” he said. He added the ISTS had impacted positively on countries that organised it, such as Thailand, Hongkong, Taiwan, and Malaysia. The ISTS 2016 is joined by 124 participants from 7 countries. It includes symposium, workshop, seminar, cultural night, industrial visit, and case study.

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