

BPJSTK Establish Cooperation with UGM

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Employment Social Security Agency (BPJSTK) cooperates with UGM to improve the quality of service as well as to work together to find solutions for the development of social security in Indonesia. This cooperation was marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by the leaders of the two institutions, on Monday (10/10) at the UGM Main Building.

"We could not work alone, therefore we would like to invite all elements of society to work together and collaborate in order to strengthen BPJS in providing social security to the community," said Director of BPJSTK, Agus Susanto.

Furthermore, he explained, this cooperation will be carried out in three areas, namely research, education and community services in order to strengthen three main elements BPJS, which are people, process, and infrastructure. In the field of research, BPJSTK and UGM will jointly conduct research related to BPJSTK policy decisions to have scientific basis.

"We encourage all parties to involve university in policy making so that the policy has scientific base and not based on interests of others. Non-university institutes often provide input based on the interests of the group, so university becomes a strategic partner to conduct a study," he explained.



In the field of education, cooperation would be conducted through double degree program between UGM-Melbourne University, particularly related to the areas of social, policy, and development, as well as through training, short courses, and workshops. Meanwhile, in the field of community service, the cooperation undertaken related to the socialization program as well as insurance for UGM students during Field Work Experience program (KKN).

"Related to KKN, we want to work together in order to socialize and educate people to raise public awareness of the importance of social security system," Agus added.

This cooperation is welcomed by the Rector, Prof. Ir. Dwikorita Karnawati, M.Sc., Ph.D. This cooperation, according to Dwikorita, is in line with the current spirit of UGM which is socio-entrepreneurial spirit.

"At the age of 67th, UGM still retain the true spirit of UGM. Not only as populist campus or campus of battle, but also as pioneer university which brought changes in society," she explained.

Related to cooperation in the field of research, Dwikorita conveys the opportunities that can be explored with UGM Academic Hospital, mainly related to health infrastructure to provide quality health care to the people of Yogyakarta. This cooperation is expected to be a manifestation of the three responsibilities of Higher Education that can directly address the issues in society, promoting the interests of humanity, and encouraging national welfare.

"*Tridharma* principle of Higher Education could not stop at a seminar or a scientific journal, but it must be manifested. We will prepare a special program to increase the capacity of the prospective leader and thinker in BPJSTK through UGM academicians who are not only ready by reading books, but also by being able to interpret the problems and opportunities in the community," she concluded.

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