

Initiating Transportation Friendly City


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UGM's Centre for Transportation and Logistics Studies (Pustral) supported by Research, Technology and Higher Learning Ministry, hosted a series of events through a shortcourse for HR capacity enhancement. This is for doctoral students who will conduct research in urban transportation and logistics. Also, executive training for city government themed *Lean, Clean, and Green Cities Rationalizing Indonesia Urban Freight through Inclusive Urban Development* is done from 3-6 October 2016. Participants are expected to have comprehensive understanding of city logistics concept, problems and challenges as well as management strategies.

Erwin Raza from the Office of Co-ordinating Minister for the Economy was present as speaker who explained about the policy on national logistics system. City logistics experts, Prof. Russel Thompson from the University of Melbourne and Mrs. Ines Osterle from the University of Sydney, also delivered the concept and strategy of city logistics management and best practices. Another speaker is Imam Gandhi from the Association of Indonesia Logistics (ALI) who explained the problems and challenges in urban logistics in the country.

The event went on the background of high population growth and urbanisation. This caused the high growth of people mobilisation and goods demands in urban areas.



UGM Vice-Rector for Research and Community Service, Prof. Dr. Suratman, in the opening of the event mentioned that as a city of culture, tourism, and education, Yogyakarta has experienced traffic jam, different from 20 years ago. Suratman hoped Yogyakarta would not only become a model of good transportation but also urban logistics management. Pustral-UGM with its knowledge, research, and experts has the role to contribute to that issue.

“With full support from the Transportation Agency and Office of Co-ordinating Ministry for the Economy, Pustral-UGM is ready to collaborate in terms of concept and technology to change the urban logistics system in Yogyakarta,” said Suratman.

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