

# Rampoe UGM Makes Indonesia Proud at Taiwan Folklore Festival

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Rampoe UGM dance team has once again made a performance at the world stage. They represented Indonesia in the *Nan Ying International Folklore Festival (NYIFF)* in Taina, Taiwan from 08-16 October 2016.

*Nan Ying International Folklore Festival* is an international culture festival since 1996, run by the Council for Cultural Affairs Taiwan. This year as many as 29 teams from 15 countries were participating.

Chairman of Rampoe UGM, Yusuf Qardhawi, said they participated in the event to promote Indonesian culture to the international forum and to sustain the Aceh dance arts.

“This mission is part of our efforts to contribute to sustaining the national culture in the international level,” he said on Wednesday (19/10) from Taiwan.

In this festival, Rampoe UGM sent 25 dancers, 2 managers, and 1 photographer. They performed



three dances: *Ratoeh Jaroe*, *Ratoeh Pukat*, and *Rapai Gelang*. In the tour performance they performed the *Likok Pulo* dance in 9 districts, which are Xinying, Jiali, Jiangjyun, Gueiren, Datan, Yongkang, East, Baihe, and Shanhua.

“We were grateful that Rampoe UGM was able to join this festival, because we could gain new experiences related to local culture from the people,” said Yusuf.

Manager of Rampoe UGM, Sirajuddin Lathif, added the Taiwanese people warmly welcomed them, they even gave a standing ovation after the performance.

“We were proud and touched by the warm welcome and the happiness of the people when we were performing. It was indeed an incredible experience to us,” he said.

Sirajuddin said Rampoe UGM would continue to carry out cultural missions to promote Indonesian arts and culture to the world. Soon they will have another mission in Prague and Germany on 27 October 2016.

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