## UGM, BP3TKI, LPK Join Forces to Train Workers to South Korea

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For the first time, UGM, BP3TKI, Lembaga Pendidikan dan Kejuruan (LPK) formed synergies in the Skill Upgrading for Korean language learning for Indonesian worker candidates in the fisheries sector to South Korea.

"This is part of the Occupational Skills Improvement programme, a collaboration between Culture and Education Ministry and BNP2TKI in Yogyakarta that is run by LPK Bina Insani institution," said Ratih Pratiwi Anwar, M.Si from UGM Centre for Asia Pacific Studies, on Thursday (10/9).

Ratih Pratiwi Anwar further described the reports from the Centre related to fisheries sector in South Korea. She explained Employment Permit System in detail, work condition for fisheries in Korea, and problems that may arise as well as possible solutions to overcome those problems.

"It happened that most candidates have graduated from Marine Vocational School, so it is necessary to explain factors that affect the work condition in each company," she explained further.

She responded to concerns that the fisheries sector were just a stepping stone to other sectors by saying that rules to be fishing employees in Korea was getting more rigid. To get selected they have to pass examinations on Korean language, TOPIC-EPS for fisheries. skills tests, and competence test. There are also endurance test, interviews and basic skills.

"Hopefully, these tests would produce candidates that have the competence and endurance to work

aboard the ship in various weather conditions," she said.

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