

UGM Alumni Have to Be Ready for Challenge

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Work market poses a challenge to fresh graduates from universities. The challenge may come in the form of new work environment, different culture, high demand as well as new colleagues.

Executive producer of Mata Najwa programme on *Metro* TV station, Dahlia Citra Buana, on Tuesday (15/11) in Grha Sabha Pramana UGM told students of UGM who will be graduating in November 2016 her experience at work as a journalist after graduating from Faculty of Social and Political Sciences UGM.

She started with working as radio journalist for five years. Later, she felt the need to meet new challenges in television journalism. This was not an easy decision to make as she had no knowledge of TV journalism. She spent more time in the office to learn broadcasting in depth. Furthermore, she asked the would-be graduates to always have an open mind to new challenges and be ready for new choices when opportunities arise.

“At some point in life we are forced to make a new choice. Don’t be afraid to do something different, as we are the learning generation. We learn to live and we live to learn,” she concluded.



Another story was shared by CEO of Schlumberger Indonesia as well as initiator of Biru Peduli Foundation, Achmad Yuniarto. He said a fresh graduate should not be trapped into a corner but to keep pace with their competence to give a real impact to society.

“We cannot be a human being who is trapped into a corner. We have to make an impact to society,” said the alumnus of Faculty of Engineering UGM.

He recounted his experience when he just graduated from UGM with no good command of English. He applied for a vacancy at Schlumberger where he was accepted at one of their branch offices in the UK.

He advised the would-be graduates to always be responsible for the opportunities given to them at university by making real contributions. He said this was not hard to do because character building and competence training were already given to them whilst studying at UGM.

“In this era, talent competitiveness and innovation are things to seek for and you can all do that because you have been through training at Gadjah Mada. We have to believe that from Gadjah Mada, we can conquer the world,” he said.

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