

UGM Student Wins National Essay Competition

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I Kadek Sudiarsana, Law student of Universitas Gadjah Mada, has become the third winner in the *National Essay Competition 'Ideas Matter 2016'* organised by Universitas Airlangga from 18-20 November 2016.

The competition raises the theme '*Strengthening Humanity as Fundamental Aspect in Indonesian's Development*' with up to 200 students from 37 Indonesian universities participating.

Kadek submitted an essay *Building City Governance Based on Tri Hita Karana Philosophy to Realise Good City Development Principle*. In his opinion, Tri Hita Karana is the right concept to address governance issues that are still not resolved well in Indonesia. This is because in Indonesia there is no integrated planning, inconsistencies in law and regulation, and lack of coordination.

"Tri Hita Karana is the right concept to address this issue, because this concept is the philosophy of life to live in harmony," he said on Wednesday (21/12).

Tri Hita Karana is the Balinese philosophy of life that accommodates various aspects such as



religious, social, economic, and environment concept. The Tri Hita Karana concept is divided into three: *parhayangan*, *pawongan*, and *palemahan*. *Parhayangan* regulates human behaviour with God. For city governance, this concept necessitates city policy that is designed to accommodate the purity of sacred places depending on one's faith.

Pawongan is the concept that regulates human relations with each other. It attempts to realise public welfare and social justice, or in other words, each governance policy has to take into account the socio-economic aspects for public welfare and social justice.

Thirdly, *palemahan* is the duty of man to maintain harmony with their environment. As such, the governance policy requires the environmental regulations that are harmonious and sustainable.

"If these things can be met in the Indonesian governance policy, the principle of good, harmonious, in concordance, and sustainable city governance can materialise," he said.

So, Kadek hoped the government would provide a national legislation to the concept of Tri Hita Karana on the realisation of Good City Development in Indonesia, which can be done through amendments to related existing spatial arrangement regulations or drafting implementation regulation of the Spatial Arrangement Law that contains the concept of Tri Hita Karana.

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