

# UTAR Malaysia Students Learn Biology at UGM

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As many as 27 students of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) Malaysia studied biology at the Faculty of Biology UGM for five days from 9-13 January 2017 where they were participating in "Organizing General Biology Project".

The students of UTAR Malaysia joined several courses including general biology, ecology, conservation, and biotechnology. They also had the chance to visit laboratories belonging to the Faculty of Biology. Furthermore, they carried out practicums in the lab on the structure of animal growth in order to study, among other things, embryo development.

Apart from discussion in class and lab practices, they also had the opportunity to learn about Indonesian biodiversities that are exhibited at the Museum of Biology UGM and at the Biology Park UGM. At the end of the event that was hosted by the Faculty's Office of International Affairs, they were invited to visit several cultural and historical sites in Yogyakarta and the surrounding area, such as the temples at Prambanan and Borobudur, Taman Sari, and Kraton Ngayogyakarta Hadiningrat.

In the visit the students will be accompanied by Dean of Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of UTAR, Dr. Lim Tuck Meng, as well as the Head of Biology Department of UTAR and a



number of staff members. A study was also carried out for cooperation between UTAR and UGM in education and research area.

“It is expected that through this event, our students will get to know and learn directly about the research done at the Faculty of Biology at UGM,” said Dr. Lim during a welcome dinner on Monday (9/1) at the Faculty of Biology.

Lim Tuck Meng said as many as 27 UTAR students joined the event to study theories and carry out practicums in the laboratory, coming from the Faculties of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Accounting, Chemical Engineering, Biomathematics, Civil Engineering, Microbiology and Biotechnology, Biomedicine.

The Dean of the Faculty of Biology UGM, Dr. Budi Setiadi Daryono, M.Agr.Sc., welcomed the visit made by UTAR Malaysia students to UGM. He hoped the students would get more insight and knowledge through the activities conducted at the Faculty of Biology. In addition, discussion could be established to discuss future possible cooperation for mutual progress.

“Hopefully, in the future, cooperation can be established that can benefit both UGM and UTAR,” he said.

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