

UGM Student Becomes Danish Ambassador for a Day

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Have you ever thought to be the Danish Ambassador even for a day? Damarjiwo Datu (19) has exactly experienced that to be the Danish Ambassador for one day. The international relations student of Universitas Gadjah Mada has been elected *Ambassador 1 Day* (A1D) event organised by Denmark Embassy in Indonesia.

Datu was elected after undergoing a series of selection that was joined by no less than 360 people. As the winner, Datu serves the duties just like of the Danish Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr. Casper Klynge, starting from chairing embassy meetings, visiting MRT tunnels, meeting Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi and former president BJ Habibie, and visiting energy company, PT. Adaro Energi.

Datu said the *Ambassador 1 Day* programme this year was different as he had to serve as ambassador for two days from 31 January to 1 February 2017.

Ambassador 1 Day is a prestigious competition for Indonesian students held by the Denmark Embassy in Jakarta with the The Habibie Center to strengthen the ties between Denmark and Indonesia.



In the selection, Datu went through two tests, namely writing essay on renewable energy and interviews. He wrote an essay on cooperation strategies on renewable energy development.

Later on, Datu will have the chance to make a study trip to Denmark from end of February to mid-March where Datu will meet Danish foreign affairs officials, Indonesian Embassy officials in Denmark, and leading energy companies in the Scandinavian country.

After winning the programme, Datu became more interested in diplomacy. He wishes to be a diplomat one day.

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