

Rampoe UGM Makes Achievements in NFF at Universitas Indonesia

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Rampoe Team from Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) made achievements again. Students Activities Unit of Faculty of Cultural Sciences which engages in the field of Aceh traditional dance succeeded making achievements in the *11th National Folklore Festival (NFF)* which was held by Faculty of Economics and Business Universitas Indonesia.

“At the event which was held from March 13 until March 16, 2017 at Auditorium of Faculty of Economics and Business Universitas Indonesia, UGM Rampoe Team became runner up on B category and the third winner on C category,” said Ridwan, the Head of UGM Rampoe Team Delegates on NFF 2017 at UGM campus on Monday (20/3).

Ridwan said *National Folklore Festival (NFF)* is one of the biggest competitions on choir and traditional dance in Indonesia which was held by students of Faculty of Economics and Business Universitas Indonesia.

National Folklore Festival is a yearly agenda as a form of concern as well as sympathy from students of Faculty of Economics and Business to Indonesian cultures. It was the second time for Rampoe

UGM to attend the NFF competition.

“In the 10th NFF 2016, Rampoe UGM became the first winner on B category by performing *Rapai Geleng Dance*,” he added.

In 2017, according to Ridwan, Rampoe UGM sent 2 contingents to the competition, they were B Category (University) Rampoe UGM who performed *Meusare-sare* dance and C Category Rampoe UGM who performed *Rapai Geleng* dance.

“*Meusare-sare* dance had as many as 10 dancers, consisting of 2 men and 8 women, while *Rapai Geleng* dance consisted of 9 dancers and 2 singers. Each team had 2 officials.

Furthermore, Ridwan said this national level traditional dance competition was attended by 11 dance clubs, 16 senior high schools, and 18 universities in Indonesia. Besides dance category, there was choir competition, too.

The participation of Rampoe UGM aimed to enhance the capability and mentality of the dancers who attended the competition. Moreover, it also aimed to establish a relationship with other traditional dancers in Indonesia.

“Therefore, we can introduce cultural heritage from Indonesian tradition, particularly Aceh traditional dance and music heritage to people all over the world,” Ridwan emphasized.

The detail of the winner on B category or at university level are: the 1st winner was achieved by *Karawitan* (Javanese traditional music) from Universitas Airlangga, the 2nd winner was Rampoe B from Universitas Gadjah Mada, and the 3rd winner was Arts team from Universitas Jember. Meanwhile, for C Category (general or traditional dance club level), the 1st winner was Putra Purna Yudha Dance Club, the 2nd winner was Wijaya Club, and the 3rd winner was Rampoe Team C from Universitas Gadjah Mada.

The victory of Rampoe UGM in the 11th NFF 2017 could not be excluded from the support and hardwork of all members as well as the supports from many parties, including Helloind.corp, Faculty of Cultural Sciences, UGM, and all of Rampoe UGM members.

“We would like to say thanks to all the prayers and supports. We hope Rampoe UGM can make more achievements both in national and international level competitions in the future,” said Ridwan.

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