

Biology UGM Students Earn Best Paper Awards in Japan


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Students of Faculty of Biology Universitas Gadjah Mada passed paper selection process for Hokkaido Indonesian Students Association Scientific Meeting (HISAS14) 2017. As many as 11 papers were selected and 8 teams had the chance to attend the *14th Hokkaido Indonesian Student Association Scientific Meeting (HISAS14) 2017* at Faculty of Environmental and Earth Science, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan.

The team consisted of Elpri Eka Permadi, Pretty Khoirunnisa, Sasita Laili Rahmawati, Winda Nurafiani, Moza Dio Pangestu, Raysa Lestianti, and Alvina Rista Yowantri. Moreover, there was another team consisting of Grace Easteria, Nilahazra Khoirunnisa, Adhestya Alviani, Syndi Ariska, Diah Tri Utami, Imroatul Habibah, Dian Sartika, Ilham Ayudhya Bahana Ilham Perdamaian, and Rindi Antika Ar-Ruba.

“The two teams from Faculty of Biology achieved two best paper awards, the paper by Sasita Laili team entitled *Periphyton Community Bio monitoring as Water Pollution Indicator in Gajahwong Stream*, while the other one by Nilahazra Khoirunnisa team entitled *Larvicidal Activity and Biochemical Compounds of Ethanolic Seed Extracts of Bitter Melon (*Momordica charantia* Linn.) Against *Aedes aegypti* Linn.*,” said Alvina Rista Yowantri at Faculty of Biology UGM on Monday (3/4).



Alvina Rista said the *14th Hokkaido Indonesian Student Association Scientific Meeting (HISAS14)* 2017 was held at Faculty of Environmental and Earth Science, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, for two days from March 18 until March 19, 2017. HISAS17 had a theme entitled *Indonesian Sustainable Development Goals: Chance and Challenge for A Better Future*.

Hokkaido Indonesian Student Association Scientific Meeting was a scientific event which was held by Indonesian Student Association in Hokkaido. This event aimed to facilitate Indonesian academicians and students to publish their research as well as broaden the network in the scientific world.

“HISAS14 2017 was held for two days. The participants attended an international conference on the first day and learning trip on the second day,” she added.

On the first day, the International Conference presented speakers, Dr. Maria Stephany who discussed agriculture and Mr. Shuji Tamamura who discussed methane coal technology. Meanwhile, the scientific presentation and sharing with *senpai* (Japanese senior) was presented by Dr. Bambang Wijanarko, a former Chairman of Indonesian Corruption Eradication Commission in 2015.

“The scientific presentation was divided into five clusters, they were Earth and Life Science, Innovation and Technology, Agriculture, Sustainable Environment and Renewable Energy, and Social and Human Science. Meanwhile, at the learning trip, the participants visited several places in Sapporo, such as Sapporo Disaster Prevention Center, Sapporo Mosque, Akarengga, Odori Park, Sapporo Clock Tower, and Sapporo TV Tower,” she explained.

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