

# UGM Rector Opens Career Days 2017

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After completing Sarjana (undergraduate), Diploma, or Pascasarjana (graduate) programmes, alumni have the options to go straight to work or continue their education. So, UGM Directorate for Partnership, Alumni, and International Affairs hosts the *UGM Integrated Career Days 2017* for 2 days from 11 and 12 April 2017 in Grha Sabha Pramana UGM. It encourages students to explore career opportunities based on wish, capabilities, and personality of each.

In her remarks, Rector of UGM, Prof. Ir. Dwikorita Karnawati, M.Sc., Ph.D., asked event participants to utilise the opportunities and choices not just to get a career but also how to contribute to the state. Entering the gold era of Indonesia with the demographic bonus, she said university graduates now became the hope to mobilise the state economy for the next 30 years.

“Now the choice is yours, the young generation of the productive age is very effective to mobilise the state progress,” she said before opening the event on Tuesday (11/4) in Grha Sabha Pramana.

To the participants, the Rector mentioned the importance of having the ability to adapt to developments in time that also cause changes in demand and need in the work market. Current types of jobs might be replaced by others that are more in demands of the time. Job seekers are demanded to equip themselves with abilities, such as digital technology.



“The future is changing swiftly. What is certain is the change, and this causes uncertainties. But we have to be prepared for such change and keep improving our capacities in any ethical ways possible so that we can deal with whatever comes our way in the work market,” she said.

Career Days 2017 gives information on career opportunities, also facilitates students and alumni that need information on scholarships for continuing studies. As many as 35 booths are available in the Career Days for participants to get more info on career and scholarships. There are also talkshows on career and scholarships for participants to attend.

The event also gives opportunities for companies to recruit the best graduates from universities in Yogyakarta to be able to contribute at their companies. Merry Rian, representative from Kapal Api Global that participates in the Career Days, expected the participants to get active and make use of the opportunity to know and get the right career.

“This opportunity has to be optimised to introduce yourself to companies. You also need to know what kind of company you are about to enter. So, ask them many questions and equip yourself with other capabilities beyond what you already attained from university,” she said.

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