

# Soft Skills Influence Success in Career

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Achieving success at work is everyone's dream. But it is not that easy to reach that, not just with hard skills, but also soft skills.

"A diploma won't get you anywhere if not supported with good soft skills," said Expert Staff on Management in the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Wajid Fauzi, when debriefing graduates of UGM Graduate School in Grha Sabha Pramana on Tuesday (18/4).

Wajid said there were at least 7 soft skills important for entering the job market. Among them are good communication, problem solving ability, team work capacity, willingness to learn and obtain the best information for the company, and leadership.

"They also need to have good work ethics. Those that are unwilling to work at a company need to have good entrepreneurship," said the alumnus of Management and Public Policy department.

With these skills in hand, said Wajid, the door to success in career will open. Someone's ability to relate well with others and oneself has a big influence in supporting their success apart from

scientific knowledge.

“Having these seven points in your hand can support your diploma and success in your career,” he said.

Meanwhile, Aulia Wijiasih, activist in education and environment, told the 1,400 graduates of her experience in environment education due to the minimal attention to it, while in fact, Indonesia is facing various environmental problems, such as deforestation and forest fire.

“One of the reasons for me to work in this area is the low literacy of environment among the society,” said the alumnus of Communications department.

Joining teams in the Environment Ministry and Education and Culture Ministry, in 2005 she earned *Compass Educator of The Year 2013* during the AtKisson award for Sustainable Development Education. She helped initiate the development of *Adiwiyata* programme that encourages school communities to conserve the environment in the school and surroundings.

“Graduates from UGM can be anything they want and they are expected to play a role in environmental education to support sustainable development,” she said.

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