

UGM Holds Indonesia Forestry Olympiad 2017

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Students of Forest Management, Faculty of Forestry Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) held *Indonesia Forestry Olympiad 2017* for senior high school students in Indonesia. It is the 6th Olympiad which is usually held once in two years.

The event entitled *The Meaning of Forest Existence and Young Generation Contribution to Forestry Sector* was held from April 17 until 19, 2017, at the Auditorium of Faculty of Forestry UGM and Wanagama Education Forest in Gunung Kidul, Yogyakarta.

"The Olympiad was started by essay selection," said Chairman of Indonesia Forestry Olympiad Committee, Anugrah Sandi Rizqi, on Wednesday (26/4).

According to Anugrah, as many as 96 essays were submitted by the participants coming from many senior high schools in Indonesia. The essay was required to be written in team consisting of 3 students. The most creative, inspiring, and having incredible ideas made it to the top 25 essays.

He said the Olympiad consisted of several series of events namely *Youth Initiative, The Agile*

Forester, Forestry Seminar, Intelligence Competition, and Cultural Night. Youth Initiative was an activity which encouraged the initiative of young generation in solving issues in the society, particularly regarding forestry and environment. *The Agile Forester* tested the participants' intelligence, competency, and motion agility, as well as their team work in the field. *Forestry Seminar* aimed to introduce forestry to the participant while *Cultural Night* was a cultural sharing activity among the participants. *Intelligence Competition* tested the general knowledge on forestry intensively.

Anugrah further mentioned the winner and runner up of this Olympiad was Samarinda Forestry Vocational School and the third winner was Majenang 1 State Senior High School.

Meanwhile, Dean of Faculty of Forestry UGM, Dr. Budiadi, supported this Indonesia Forestry Olympiad because it encouraged the UGM students to keep implementing their knowledge as well as encouraging the competitiveness of the Senior High School students.

"We hope this Olympiad can be a positive model and improve sustainably in the following years," said Budiadi.

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