

UGM Students Earn Best Memorial Award in Washington, D.C.

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A student team from the Faculty of Law at Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) has earned Best Exhibition Memorials in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. The international moot court competition lasted from 10-16 April 2017 in Washington D.C, U.S.A.

The team consisted of Yohanes Djingga, Felicity, Ivan Gautama, Muhammad Dwista Rasendriya, Sheila Putri Alina, Regina Wangsa, and Christopher A.J. Mogot.

Yohanes Djingga, team chairman, said Phillip C. Jessup is the largest moot court competition in the world. Held annually in Washington D.C. by the International Law Students Association (ILSA), it engages thousands of law students from many countries. This year 600 teams from 80 countries participated in the prestigious event.

Before moving on to the international level, the UGM team had to compete with 16 others from Indonesian universities. The big three of this competition, namely UI, UPH, and UGM, were entitled to represent Indonesia in the world competition.

“We’re thankful the UGM team has earned the Best Memorial title in the exhibition team,” he said on Thursday (27/4) at Faculty of Law UGM.

Yohanes Djingga said each team in the competition did a simulation of an international tribunal, with participants acting as lawyers and judges of a country in dispute with other countries.

“We were assigned public international law cases that were grouped in four main topics: natural resource sharing in border areas, world heritage protection, cultural site protection, and refugees.”

Although the UGM team did not gain the title of world champion in this competition, Hans said they had gained a lot of knowledge and experience which would be useful for the team to face other competitions in the future.

“Hopefully, next year the UGM law team can perform better and make outstanding achievements in the world,” he said.

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