

## 73 Teams to Compete in Indonesian Robotic Contest

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Series of events of *Indonesian Robotic Contest (KRI) 2017* have started with regional selection. UGM has been trusted as host of KRI Regional 3 that is joined by contingents from 30 universities in Yogyakarta, Central Java, South and East Kalimantan.

“UGM has been trusted to host the *Indonesian Robotic Contest Regional 3* in 2017. As many as 73 teams join the event, consisting of 17 teams in Robotic Abu Contest, 26 in Fire Extinguisher Robot, 17 in Football Robot and 13 in Dancing Robot category,” said committee chairman, Dr. Senawi, M.P., during the opening of the event on Saturday (13/5) at Grha Sabha Pramana UGM.

Senawi said as many as 10 juries and 16 umpirees would oversee the contest from around Indonesia. The event is expected to prepare the students to design, build, and plan the robots to be able to overcome challenges as well as to share their experience and creativity.

Rector of UGM, Prof. Ir. Dwikorita Karnawati, M.Sc., Ph.D., said the KRI event each year had generated thinkers and robot makers. It is a forum for university to display the skills of the students in designing and programming the robot.



“Here lies the importance of developing creativity, innovation and strategy for the team. These can be done in various ways, including trying to learn the problem, developing ideas and implementing it to resolve a problem and find a solution,” said the Rector before opening the event officially.

Head of Reasoning and Creativity from Higher Learning Ministry, Dr. Widyo Winarso, M.Pd., said the robotic learning not only aimed at producing research but also learning process. This what differentiates it from research in professional cycle.

“As we are in the learning sector, we not only think about the product, but also the process. We’re here not only to be winners, but also to grasp the learning process and collaborate with each other to develop our skills,” he said.

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