Islamic Culture Expo with Emha Ainun Nadjib

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Jama’ah Shalahudin UGM group hosts the Islamic Culture Expo with the theme *We unite, be dignified, my Indonesia*. It is part of the series of Ramadhan event on campus of UGM This year it is hosted in the Balairung hall of UGM on Thursday (8/6), presenting Emha Ainun Nadjib and Kiai Kanjeng group. Rector of UGM, Prof. Ir. Panut Mulyono, M.Eng., D.Eng., and other leadership also attended the event.

During the event, Prof. Panut explained the paradigm of *gado-gado*, mixed vegetables salad, which has proportional taste of its own. If one ingredient tastes stronger than others, it will damage the whole portion of the dish.

“So, the composition has to be balanced with no dominating flavour that can damage the taste,” said Panut.

Panut explained the paradigm of *gado-gado* is the one that should be implemented in Indonesia. “Although our country consists of various ethnic groups, faiths, and races, but we have to balance together and unite so that there is no one group being dominant inside,” said the Rector.
He added that once balance and unity are met, progress can be made together.

In response, Emha Ainun Nadjib or famously known Cak Nun said we had to pay attention to what the Rector said, no one should be more dominant than the others because each has its own methodology.

“Justice cannot be achieved if not met together,” said Cak Nun.

Cak Nun further explained how to apply the principle of fasting in our daily lives. According to Cak Nun, fasting is to refrain from things at the right limit.

He hoped that UGM can help build Indonesia from the small environment, which is the university. “The laboratory to build the civilisation of Unitary State of Republic of Indonesia lies at UGM,” Cak Nun added.