

# Foreign Minister Motivates UGM New Students

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Inductions events for new students of UGM were closed on Saturday (12/8), attended by state officials and alumni, such as Foreign Affairs Minister Retno Marsudi.

"Thirty six years ago I was standing here just like you, I was a nobody, but I had a dream. This what made me minister today," she said recounting her life journey when she was studying at Faculty of Social and Political Sciences UGM.

To the new students, Minister Retno asked to start establish their goal in life through their study at UGM, always to try and fight to achieve that.

"It needs a struggle to make your dream come true. You need to make effort, prays, wisdom and positive energy," she said.

With the spirit of the event *From UGM to Indonesia*, she told the students about the significance of the young generation in building Indonesia by innovation and tolerance. The diversity ambience during the induction and across UGM, she said, should encourage each of UGM academic



community to see differences as a beauty.

“Just remember that Indonesia is born out of differences and those differences are beautiful. We all should be proud and yell, ‘I’m proud to be part of a diverse Indonesia,’” she said.

She advised the UGM students to summon to the calls as the next generation of the country and the backbones of the national development, while spreading positive spirits to the people.

“Indonesia has to be great. Indonesia has to be triumphant, and you all will do it. Fill Indonesia with tolerance, justice, humanity, innovation, and be competitive with other nations, as well as free from corruption and drugs,” she said, applauded warmly by the students.

Afterwards, outstanding students of UGM, Pralampita Khofi Mufida and Wyncent Halim, gave motivation to their juniors.

Following the speeches, just like in the past five years, induction event was closed with a configuration demonstration made up by all the students in the Pancasila Square of Grha Sabha Pramana. The students formed red and white flag formation as well as the logo of UGM.

Rector of UGM, Prof. Ir. Panut Mulyono, asked the students to keep unity and cooperation that was gained during the induction and carry this forward in their life. “Work together, make synergy, you are all the fortress of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia,” he said. “With these series of events, the student induction 2017 is officially closed,” said the Rector at the end of the programme.

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