

International Students at UGM Learn Health Handling during Disaster

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Resilience in health is observable during a disaster whether of natural types or human induced disasters.

"Weak resilience will cause a long recovery," said Prof. Dr. Laksono Trisnantoro, M.Sc., M.Sc, in Multimedia Room UGM on Tuesday (15/8) when giving a Public Lecture during the *9th DREaM Summer Program*, organised by UGM Office of International Affairs.

According to Laksono, the Bantul earthquake on 27 May 2006 can be a good model for handling health resilience because it was seen as very quick, causing no fuss. The handling of health aspect in the Bantul earthquake, Laksono said, has been based on the right science, which is not apart from previous experiences, such as those during the Indian Ocean earthquake.

"Handling of health recovery in Bantul after the earthquake was the best one because it had been done very quickly," said Laksono to some 35 international students that join the *DREaM Summer Program* this time.

"There has to be a plan to develop on how to motivate and coordinate people. This is not easy to do,

obviously. We cannot just rely on our instinct or improvise things, but we have to deal with things based on science," he said.

Lola Lukytasari, event coordinator, added that *DREaM Summer Program* was an annual event hosted by the UGM Office of International Affairs. It runs for two weeks at UGM offering activities such as public lecture, workshop, and action plan as well as student community service (KKN) . The students will also do apprenticeships in three institutions, BPD DIY, BMKG, and Taman Nasional Gunung Merapi.

"The workshop on action plan is an event to prepare the international students prior to the Student Community Service. Furthermore, they will also learn the local culture by visiting the Palace (Kraton), Taman Sari water castle, Prambanan Temple, and Mt. Merapi," said Lola Lukytasari.

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