

UGM Second Winner of Student Scientific Week 2017

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The *30th National Student Scientific Week 2017* ended and was closed by Director of Student Affairs, Directorate for Learning and Student Affairs of Research and Higher Education Ministry, Dr. Didin Wahidin, in the Al-Jibra Auditorium, Universitas Muslim Indonesia, Makassar, on Saturday (26/8). Universitas Brawijaya Malang became the winner, followed by UGM and Institut Teknologi Surabaya. The UGM team earned 34 medals, consisting of 8 gold, 8 silver, 8 bronze and 10 favourite.

Didin Wahidin said nobody was winning or losing because every one is a winner. What most important is how the students learn the lesson of the Scientific Week and develop the science.

“In the *National Student Scientific Week* there is team cooperation between students, supervisors and university leadership, and so on. You are all the winners,” he said.

He added the event was not to find who ranks first but to prepare them for the future in the globalisation era to face real competition with the world communities.

“It all needs training, and you have had trained for one year from drafting proposals, presentation,



communication, etc. This competitive atmosphere is required to make our mentality of a fighter's that will win the world for Indonesia in the global competition," he said.

Didin Wahidin added the event prepared the students with capacities to face the 21st century with creativity and innovation as well as learning in order to form their logic when addressing a problem.

UGM Head of Student Creativity Sub-directorate, Ahmad Agus Setiawan, S.T., M.Sc., Ph.D appreciated the students and supervising lecturers of the event. With the second winner title in hand, UGM will do more seriously to improve to go to the next event. This time technical and non-technical matters had been prepared well before the event.

"We have taken into account both technical and non-technical factors and we have given our utmost support. This means we have to improve our programme continuously for next event," he said.

Chairman of the student contingent, Bangkit Wibowo, admitted the somewhat disappointing results at becoming the second winner. UGM had previously expected to be the grand winner.

"But whatever results we have in hand, this is a forum for sharing to add knowledge. This is a competition where there has to be first, second and third winners. All of us are winners because all has something to share," he said.

Bangkit Wibowo said with the results, the UGM team won many in the poster category, while the first winner Universitas Brawijaya won in presentation category.

"Universitas Brawijaya won many medals in presentation and we in poster category, hence they deserved to be the grand champion," he said.

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