

UGM Student Regiment Unit Hosts National Debating Competition

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UGM's Student Regiment Unit (Satmenwa UGM) hosts a National Debating competition for high school students in 2017. The event is themed *Role of Young People in Realising Golden Indonesia 2045*, which is a topic close to the university and high school students as the generation that will lead the nation. The event that ran on Saturday (2/9) in the Notonegoro Auditorium of Faculty of Philosophy UGM was welcomed enthusiastically by participants.

Juries of the debating competition are Hastangka, S.Fil., M.Phil., Ben Senang Galus, S.H, and Dr. Heri Santoso. Heri who is also Head of Centre for Pancasila Studies UGM appreciates that the event would be one for the students to realising *Golden Indonesia 2045*. According to Heri, the competition would train the students to think critically and open their eyes to the phenomenons that happen in the country.

As many as 72 teams joined the event, coming from cities in Indonesia. The students were excited to be able to also meet other students from around the nation. "The atmosphere of the debate is strongly felt," said Oji from SMA 1 Purworejo high school.

Apart from the competition, participants also made a field trip to several sites in Yogyakarta. In the evening they joined the *Awarding Night* that also saw the closing of the event.

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