

# UGM and BCA Establish Cooperation in Quality Improvement


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Bank Central Asia, Tbk and Universitas Gadjah Mada have agreed to establish a cooperation in education, research and community service as well as human resource capacity improvement. The agreement was signed by Director of PT Bank Central Asia, Tbk, Suwignyo Budiman, and Rector of UGM, Prof. Ir. Panut Mulyono, M.Eng., D.Eng, in the Conference Room UGM on Friday (15/9).

In the event PT. Bank Central Asia, Tbk donated as much as IDR500 million in scholarship funds for UGM students. Present in the event were Commissioner of PT Bank Central Asia, Cyrillus Harinowo, President Director of PT BCA Sharia, John Kosasi, Head of CSR of PT BCA, Inge Setiawati, as well as UGM Vice-Rector for Cooperation and Alumni, Dr. Paripurna, SH, M.Hum., LL.M, Dean of Vocational School, Wikan Sakarinto, ST, M.Sc., Ph.D, and other invitees.

Suwignyo Budiman said the cooperation would surely help increase human resource. This is very important to do remembering in the future changes and competition will get harder. "Technology development in the past two decades has been truly extraordinary, affecting all types of industries, including banking and finance," he said.



Suwignyo further explained the business model of banking development. Now bank has changed from its initial function as fund collector that distributes it to society in the form of loans. Now the bank serving as a financial intermediate has been abandoned. All banks are trying hard to offer solution and facilities to society. Going forward, the tendency for banks is to become IT companies.

This poses a challenge in terms of human resource. So, a cooperation is important and strategic to build together, improve and complement each other. To go to that direction, students will participate in IT development that is rapidly growing.

“BCA as the biggest bank in Indonesia has the social duty and responsibility. So, BCA participates by helping increase human resource in terms of technology,” he said.

Rector of UGM, Panut Mulyono, appreciated PT BCA for the funds donation that will help the learning process of UGM students.

“Our data shows as much as 30 percent of students are underprivileged ones. There is indeed scholarship from government, but still some students do not finish in time which necessitates UGM to find financial resources, one of those is through partnership.”

“Hopefully, those (that are funded) from underprivileged families can work at a good institution so that they may support their family, sending their brother or sister to school, etc. Afterwards, socially they will be able to help the Indonesian society to get better,” the Rector said.

According to the Rector, PT. Bank Central Asia, Tbk is the bank standing at the forefront of IT banking transaction. Thus, UGM welcomes the cooperation with the PT. BCA amidst the Industrial Revolution 4.0. “With PT Bank Central Asia, we educate our students and introduce them to IT technology to prepare them for the real world and the industry,” he said.

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