

UGM and Sleman Transportation Agency Hold Emission Test


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Universitas Gadjah Mada and Transportation Agency of Sleman Regency held free emission test for cars which pass campus area for two days from February 13 until 14, 2018. The emission test was held at Faculty of Engineering as well as Koesnadi Hardjasoemantri Cultural Center. Head of Traffic Safety Section of Sleman, Sumedi Laksono, said the test was purposely conducted to socialize the obligation of emission test for every vehicle. "We prioritize each car which passes this area to do emission test," said Sumedi during the emission test at Faculty of Engineering on Tuesday (13/2).

Based on the Governor Regulation Number 39 in 2010, the quality standard for gasoline cars produced before 2007 is that it emits Carbon monoxide (CO) around 4.5% while cars produced after 2007 are limited to emit CO for only 1.5%. Although Bylaw Number 5 Year 2007 stated there shall be a fine of 50 million rupiahs or three-month imprisonment for vehicles which violate the emission threshold value, however, those penalties have yet to be implemented.

In the regulation, there is also a quality standard for motorcycle, however, the emission test has yet to be routinely held. Regarding the venue, university area was a strategic place for holding emission test because many vehicles often pass this area. In addition, the emission test invited the academic community to routinely test their vehicle's emission. "We hope academic community in the universities can become a good role model for the community," said Sumedi.



Aside from UGM, according to Sumedi, his office also collaborated with other universities to provide the venue for emission test, including Yogyakarta State University, Atma Jaya University, Veteran National Development University, Economic Science University YKPN Yogyakarta, Respati University Yogyakarta, and Sanata Dharma University. According to Sumedi, in these past two years, his office has already collaborated with those universities in conducting emission test. “In each university, we hold an emission test once in a year,” he added.

In the previous emission tests, Sumedi said around 5% of the total number of vehicles which conducted the emission test violated the Bylaw regarding air pollution control. The office set a target to decrease the number of vehicles which surpass the emission threshold. “This year, our target is for 750 vehicles to join the emission test,” said Sumedi.

Ana Christalina, Head of Subdivision of Work and Environmental Health, UGM Center for Work and Environmental Health Safety and Security, said the test becomes a routine agenda which will be held by UGM collaborating with Transportation Agency of Sleman. According to Ana, UGM becomes the partner in holding the test as a programme to maintain clean air. “We hope there will be efforts to maintain the quality of air on campus,” said Ana.

On the implementation of emission test, according to Ana, her office dispatched as many as 11 people while the Transportation Agency dispatched 18 personnel. “We obtain help from 1 police personnel and 2 people from Faculty of Engineering,” said Ana.

Aside from holding emission test, according to Ana, her office also conducted a campaign on driving security and safety. “We are distributing leaflets for safety tips whilst driving,” she added.

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