

# UGM Launches Innovative Academy Hub for Young Digital Application Developers

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Universitas Gadjah Mada officiated the Innovative Academy Hub as a creative hub for developers of digital applications on Friday ((2/3). Students and members of the public may put their ideas into action here for application developments.

The office on Bulaksumur H-6 of UGM compound has a number of rooms that are facilitated with high speed internet access while creative ideas produced here would be competed in the Innovative Academy to be held by UGM with the winners will get funding from partners.

Rector of UGM, Prof. Ir Panut Mulyono, M.Eng., D.Eng., said the creative hub could not only be used by students but also the general public for application development. "The innovation home is not just for UGM academic members but also the general public," he said.

According to the Rector, the creative hub could produce digital innovation to be utilised by the industry sector as well well society. "The products that are produced here can be utilised by society," he said.

The Rector said the industry sector was planned to be invited to present necessary things that need

solution through technology innovation. “During this time, we made the product if there is an industry asking for it. But now we do it in reverse,” he said.

He added the products of digital app innovation made by the young people in the country were no less good than from foreign ones. Even so, cooperation between universities and the industry is still required to bridge the development of such innovation.

President Director of PT Lintasarta, Arya Damar, said Lintas Arta as an IT based technology solution provider was ready to accommodate the results of the innovations made by the young people. “We will bring the innovation products to the industry, even we would invite the industry to come here to deliver what they need,” he said.

The young developers, said Arya Damar, would be trained to generate a start up in the future. “From the innovative hub, there will be entrepreneurs being born in future,” he said.

Director General for Innovation Enhancement in the Higher Education Directorate General, Dr. Jumain Appe, welcomed the presence of Innovative Academy Hub at UGM. He said this was the first time for a university to have such innovative academy. He hoped the innovative academy would generate entrepreneurs in digital business.

“We hope there will be many scholars that create jobs and new products in the future because it is estimated that there will be some 800 types of jobs perishing in the next ten years due to technology disruption,” he said.

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