

# UGM and UII Establish Cooperation

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Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) and Universitas Islam Indonesia (UII) have agreed to have a cooperation in education, research, and community service.

The agreement was signed with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Rector of UGM, Prof.Ir. Panut Mulyono, M.Eng., D.Eng., and Rector of UII, Nandang Sutrisno, SH., M.Hum., LL.M., Ph.D., in UGM Conference Room on Tuesday (3/4).

The Rector of UGM welcomed the cooperation that is expected to increase the contributions from both UGM and UII in advancing the nation and benefiting the society.

Panut said the cooperation did actually run well for some time especially in education areas. However, these need to be increased particularly for research to enrich the science, for example unique research to increase the levels of citations and reputation.

“With the collaborative cooperation between UGM and UII, research is expected to get much stronger,” he said.



Panut further said both UGM and UII had similar values. As is known, Prof. Sardjito was the founder of UGM and became the first rector of UGM that was also involved in the establishment of several Indonesian universities, including UII.

“Prof. Sardjito was once also the Rector of UII so there were similar values that had been instilled by him. As the oldest universities, UGM and UII are expected to form synergies, collaboration, and joint programme to benefit the society,” he said.

The Rector of UII said this cooperation was a touching moment remembering Prof. Sardjito had contributed much to the development of UII, especially during the initial stages.

“Prof. Sardjito had played a great role by bringing UGM to UII at that time to give assistance,” he said.

Nandang said currently UII had developed rapidly due to the work of Prof. Sardjito. But still he said his office still needed to catch up so that it still requires further assistance from UGM.

“UGM is the best university in Indonesia so UII that was once developed by UGM would still need the help from UGM,” he said.

He hoped the cooperation would run optimally in all areas and soon be implemented.

“I hope the cooperation can be implemented soon. We also hope in the future the cooperation would extend to other areas,” he concluded.

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