

# UGM - BNPB Cooperate in Landslide Early Warning Tools

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Universitas Gadjah Mada has once again established cooperation with National Disaster Mitigation Agency, especially the Preparedness Directorate, on the installation of landslide early warning instrument.

Signing of the cooperation agreement was done by UGM Rector for Cooperation and Alumni, Dr. Paripurna, S.H., M.Hum., LL.M., and Deputy Head of Prevention and Preparedness of the Agency, Ir. Bernardus Wisnu Widjaja, M.Sc. The agreement covers the area of landslide early warning based on precipitation and local geology condition to minimise casualties and loss.

Ir. Bernardus Wisnu Widjaja, M.Sc., welcomed the signing of the new agreement. On the 11 years of cooperation since 2007, UGM is seen as having given support to produce disaster management works, he said in UGM Conference Room on Thursday (5/4).

Indonesia is a disaster laboratory with excellent disaster management, according to Wisnu Widjaja, so foreigners that enter Indonesia may learn this. The ISO 22327 for landslide early warning tool that has been granted to UGM proved that Indonesia excels in this area.

To excel in disaster management, he said, scientists need to rely not just on hard science, but also social science.

With its many experiences in disaster management, he continued, Indonesia should be more confident. This is also an opportunity for researchers to improve the prospect.

Similar things were shared by UGM Rector for Cooperation and Alumni, Dr. Paripurna, S.H., M.Hum., LL.M, saying UGM was excited to have another cooperation with the BNPB because UGM was able to develop early warning system to the world level and accredited by ISO.

"Progress, innovation, or technology can grow well if we also collaborate well with governments, industry and society," he said.

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