

UGM Student Wins 'Write to China' Essay Competition

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Angelo Abil Wijaya, student of International Relations UGM, was selected to participate in *Write to China Program*, held by the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI) and Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Indonesia.

Angelo was selected as the winner of this essay writing competition after submitting an essay about the potential challenges that might arise in the future in terms of bilateral relations between Indonesia and China. He specifically discussed the role of social media in shaping the perception of young generation on some issues, particularly on Indonesian bilateral partners.

Along with 19 other students from various universities in Indonesia, Angelo had the opportunity to do a comparative study to Fujian Province, Republic of China. The students did several activities in the province with 20 Chinese students for seven days from April 14-20, 2018.

The students visited some universities, including Xiamen University, Jimei University, Sanming University, and Minnan Normal University. Moreover, they also visited some technology companies, as well as cultural and historical places in Xiamen, Sanming, and Fuzhou.



“This program broadens our perspective toward the international community and increases understanding and diplomacy between the two countries through people to people exchange,” he explained, Wednesday (5/9).

Angelo added that the visit to China strengthened bilateral relations between Indonesia and China. Both countries have long been working together, especially during the reign of President Soekarno.

“Indonesia and China are countries that oppose colonialism and respect diversity,” he concluded. (Public Relations UGM/Astrid)

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