

# Prospective Graduates to Keep Optimistic in Pursuing Successful Career

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Muhamad Ali had not expected that his graduation from the Faculty of Law UGM would take him to an entirely different path than he should have. In fact, working in a job that is different than his college major brought him to the top of his career.

As a law graduate, he is currently positioned as Director of Human Capital Management in PT. PLN. Previously, he worked as a finance for a bank and eventually employed as BRI Public Relation.

"I was surprised to find myself, a law graduate, working in the financial sector. In fact, I did not study both economy and communication, and now I have to meet reporters and handle journalists every day to announce the success of BRI," said Muhamad Ali in Grha Sabha Pramana, Tuesday (5/22).

Speaking in front of thousands of prospective graduates of Undergraduate Program Period III 2017/2018, Muhamad Ali advised them that it does not matter if they work in a different field than their college major. He hoped that the graduates will remain optimistic in pursuing careers.

“When I worked for a bank, there were employees from the nuclear engineering discipline. The point is, it does not matter which college major you are from. You will get a job and work successfully. Believe it,” he assured.

As the Director of Human Capital Management in PT. PLN, he currently supervises 11 out of 54 divisions. At the Human Capital, he is responsible for various legal matters, labor disputes, and so on.

On the other hand, Pikri Ilham Kurniansyah, Senior Vice President of International Sales Distribution and Charter PT. Garuda Indonesia noted that the graduates will enter the working life whether they are ready or not. Career success depends on each individual.

“Companies hire you for the skill you have, rather than for your family or friends. They choose you based on what you can provide for them,” said the graduate of Faculty of Economics and Business UGM.

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