

Hundreds of MM UGM Alumni Have Anniversary Parade

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Hundreds of alumni, lecturers and staff from Master in Management study programme (MM FEB UGM) have conducted a parade from their campus on the Kaliurang Street to the campus at Faculty of Economics and Business in Bulaksumur compound to remember the history of the study programme establishment thirty years ago.

The event on Sunday (1/7) saw the release of 30 birds to mark the 30th anniversary. The parade was led by a *Dolalak* dance group from Kaligesing village in Kulonprogo regency. Participants were carrying a mountain-shaped ornaments along the short track.

Dean of Faculty of Economics and Business, Dr. Eko Suwardi, said the bird release marked the 30th anniversary of the MM FEB UGM as a business school in Indonesia that has now earned an international accreditation from ACSB. "The bird release is also to encourage the commitment for environmental sustainability with the development of sustainability management education at MM UGM," said Eko.

Separately, Chairman of MM UGM study programme, Hany Handoko, MBA., Ph.D., said the study programme was established on 2 July 1988. The Faculty at that time was mandated to respond to the demand of management education. "At first the number of students was just 40 people, now it's over



2,000 people in both Jogja and Jakarta campuses with the number of alumni reaching 11 thousand people," he said.

Manager of MM UGM Jakarta Campus, Prof. Edward Tandelilin, said the establishment of the Jakarta Campus was to give bigger contributions to management education in Indonesia.

"Indonesian business centres lies in Jakarta. If we want to give bigger contributions and generate management professionals, we have to be there in Jakarta," he said, adding that the Jakarta Campus was established twenty years ago. He added that, "MM FEB UGM Jakarta Campus has been acknowledged by the Higher Learning Directorate General and it has accreditation from BAN PT national accrediting agency, too, separated from the main campus," he said.

He emphasised that the Jakarta Campus has equal accreditation with those of the main campus and it also has its own building. "Currently, 80 percent of the students are at work," he said.

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