

32 International Students Join DREaM at UGM

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UGM has once again hosted a summer programme for international students called as DREaM. In its 10th running, the event is joined by 32 students from 10 countries, such as Belgium, Japan, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Ethiopia, and Uganda. Running from 18-31 July, it has theme *Reinventing Education in the Disruptive Era*.

"The era of Industrial Revolution 4.0 is heightened with the use of big data, cyber physical system, and Internet of Things, all of which changed human behaviours," said UGM Vice-Rector for Cooperation and Alumni, Dr. Paripurna Sugarda, S.H., M.Hum., LL.M. in the opening of the event on Thursday (19/7) at UGM Main Office.

He said that the current young generation was born at a time when technology had progressed rapidly so they had a better command of technology than their predecessors. That prepared them to be the initiator for making solution to education issues and inspire others to make a better future.

"The key is to be open minded. Accept new ideas and work them out to make a better outcome," he said.



In the same event, Finland University's Vice-President, Pasi Kaskinen, described the practices in Finland that are related to the policy to build education in the disruptive era.

"The state has to see education as an investment for the future, not just as a burden," he said.

This notion has encouraged Finnish educators to improve quality and expand their coverage, such as by virtual course and cooperation with partners from various countries in the world.

The industrial revolution, he said, demanded education 4.0 that can equip students with necessary skills and competence with methods that are innovative and technology based.

"The best way to prevent disruption from being damaging is by producing university graduates that are creative and entrepreneurial," Pasi concluded.

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