

Summer Course at UGM on Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction

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As many as 28 students from 12 countries join *Summer Course on Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction (Eco-DRR)* hosted by Faculty of Geography UGM from 29 July - 10 August.

In the summer course, the students have the opportunity to learn strategies in disaster risk reduction based on ecosystem.

“Ecosystem based disaster risk reduction is very important. We’ve seen many disasters happening around the world. It’s very important for us to see other sides of disaster from different disciplines,” said Director of Partnership, Alumni and International Affairs UGM, Dr. Danang Sri Hadmoko, M.Sc., when opening the Summer Course on Monday (30/7).

Ecosystem based disaster risk reduction strategy is the sustainable management, conservation, and restoration of disaster risk which has the main goal to achieve sustainable development and

resilience.

Dean of Faculty of Geography UGM, Prof. Dr. Muh Aris Marfai, M.Sc., said Faculty of Geography had long been engaged in disaster risk reduction based on ecosystem. Collaboration in Eco-DRR became a necessity after the Sendai Framework 2015 and SDGs 2015.

“Hopefully, going forward, this event can lead towards ecosystem based disaster science development of centre of excellence in Indonesia. This can be the stepping stone to becoming living laboratory for disaster studies,” he said.

Participants of the Summer Course will join lectures on disaster management and reduction risk, spatial planning, disaster risk study, and others. They will also visit karst areas of Gunung Kidul, Geomaritime Science Park and Pujiono Center in Parangtritis to learn disaster risk reduction and best practice as well as other sites.

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