

# UGM and UNESCO Organize Ethics Teacher's Training Course

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Ethics Teacher's Training Course (ETTC) is officially launched on Monday (7/30) at the seminar room of UGM Graduate School. The training is initiated by United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to educate participants on ethics of science and bioethics.

The training is a routine agenda held twice in a year by UNESCO in various regions. "The event in this Graduate School is ETTC for Asia Pacific regions," said Nur Azid Mahardinata, the event secretary.

According to Azid, the reason for choosing Indonesia as this year's host of ETTC is because there is no university with bioethics study program. "Therefore, UNESCO through EETC wants to introduce the importance of ethics of science and bioethics in Indonesia."

The target of this training is teaching staff. Teaching staff or lecturers have the strategic position to share knowledge to students. Thus, the knowledge transfer process on bioethics will flow by itself.

Azid explained bioethics study is commonly studied by academics in medical education. Hence, it is natural if they become the majority of participants. There are, however, some participants from social study programs. "Some are from sociology, linguistics, philosophy, and also law."

ETTC runs for five days to August 3, 2018. Azid stated participants will be trained on various teaching methods. "It includes class discussions, presentations, and debates."

Additionally, participants are invited to share their teaching experiences. They are asked to practice what they have learned from the training. "Later on, they will make a presentation by oneself in a teaching simulation provided by the instructors," said Azid.

UGM Rector, Prof. Ir. Panut Mulyono, in his greeting thanked UNESCO for presenting UGM the opportunity to be the host. With ETTC, he hopes that ethics of science and bioethics will become more well-known in Indonesia. "So, the understanding of both topics will advance for a better future."

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