

# Maritime Affairs Ministry Dispatches UGM Students for Nusantara Jaya Expedition 2018

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Office of Co-ordinating Minister of Maritime Affairs has released 23 UGM students to Pulau Sabu Raijua in East Nusa Tenggara for community service projects during the *Nusantara Jaya Expedition 2018* starting Saturday (1/9/2018).

Deputy Minister for human Resource, Science and Technology and Maritime, Dr. Safari Burhanuddin, and UGM Director of Student Affairs, Dr. Suharyadi, together released the students on Wednesday (29/8) in the Multimedia Room UGM.

The expedition is a collaboration between the Ministry and UGM. The expedition team will do community services in Lohohede village in Hawu Mehara district.

Suharyadi said through the expedition the students would learn directly from society. By developing community programmes, the students are expected to implement their science learned at the university to encourage the local community empowerment and community independence.



“This will be a fortune for you all to learn directly from the community. I hope the expedition would run well and successful,” he said.

In the expedition the students have the mission to make reports and documentary films related to the condition and potential of the village.

Deputy Minister Safari Burhanuddin also expressed the same hopes. He expected the students to make the most of the opportunity and to explore Sabu Raijua potential.

“Sabu Raijua has a big potential that can be further developed by the students. The student expedition is expected to help resolve existing problems and make change for the future,” he said.

Deputy chairman of the UGM team, Muhammad Ulil Absor, explained the expedition would run from 1 - 26 September 2018. For 20 days in the village, they will stay with the local residents and carry out projects in education, tourism, creative economy, and environmental health.

“We have decided the location of the community service in a discussion with the related groups. The Lohohede village has potential in maritime tourism as well as seaweed that can be further developed,” he said.

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