

63rd Anniversary, Biology UGM Increases Contribution to Indonesia and the World

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Faculty of Biology UGM commemorated the peak of its 63rd Anniversary on Thursday (9/20). This year's celebration became a momentum for the faculty to strengthen itself at the ASEAN and international level.

Dean of Biology UGM, Dr. Budi Setiadi Daryono, M.Agr.Sc., stated that at the age of 63, the faculty continues striving to increase its role and contribution to the nation and world. It is reflected in this year's anniversary theme, that is 'the Role and Contribution of Biology UGM to Industry 4.0'.

Presenting his Annual Report, Budi said various efforts have been made to increase Biology UGM's contribution such as by improving its academic quality. As a center for education, development, research, and community service in tropical biology, the faculty has been granted an A by the National Accreditation Board of Higher Education for its three study programs; undergraduate program, magister program, and doctoral program.

"Our biggest achievement in 2018 is earning the ASIIN International Accreditation from Germany," he explained while disclosing the 2018 annual Dean's report, Thursday (9/20) at the Auditorium of

Biology UGM.

As for strengthening the internalization, the faculty will launch the International Undergraduate Program (IUP) in 2019. It will also prepare for an ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) Certification to improve the academic quality of magister programs on an international scale.

In 2018, Budi reported, there was an increase in the number of applicants for Biology study program in bachelor degree. Another increase also occurred in the number of national and international levels which increased threefold since the previous period.

Similarly, the cooperation and mobility at Biology UGM continue to increase over the years at both national and international level.

“Alumni’s contribution also indicates an improvement in scholarship opportunities and the inauguration of new Kabiogama administrators in some regions,” he said.

These achievements, Budi opined, were the result of strong trust in the faculty leadership and the synergistic cooperation between lecturers, academic staff, students, and alumni.

“Thank you for this outstanding cooperation. Hopefully, Biology UGM will continue to innovate and contribute to building the nation, as well as actively developing world civilization,” he concluded.

After the annual report disclosure, the event continued with a speech by the Marketing Director of Borobudur Authority Agency, Dr. Drs. Agus Rochyadi, M.M., on Indonesian Tourism as Benchmark of Biology UGM in Facing Industry 4.0.

Furthermore, College of Science’s Dean, Australian National University, Prof. Kiaran Kirk, B.Sc., Ph.D., D.Phil.FAHMS., delivered scientific remarks entitled *Strategy of Australian Universities Faces Industrial Revolution 4.0*.

On this occasion, the Faculty of Biology UGM and College of Science, Australian National University, also signed a memorandum of understanding on the agreement to cooperate in education by establishing dual undergraduate and graduate programs, starting from the odd semester of 2018/2019 academic year.

This year's anniversary was also commemorated by the Soft Launching of Biomart and cutting a *tumpeng* (rice cone).

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