

Faculty of Biology UGM Workshop on Post-harvest Striped Peanut Production

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A community service programme that is based in appropriate technology has come into its final phase this October. It raises the theme *Polyploidy Technology Application in Development Centres of Striped Peanut* located in Depokrejo, Purworejo city, Central Java.

The team led by Dwi Umi Siswanti, S.Si.,M.Sc. mentored the local residents on striped peanut cultivation and shared knowledge on post-harvest product of the striped peanut.

“On 16 October a workshop was conducted on post-harvest products as well as announcement of programme delivery to community,” said Dwi Umi Siswanti on Wednesday (24/10).

The workshop also gave training on processing, packaging, and labelling the striped peanut in addition to practice making striped peanuts brownies and cake. Participants were enthusiastic joining the workshop and intended to produce peanut products to be marketed at Biomart Faculty of Biology UGM.



Dwi said the striped peanut production was better than regular peanut as seen in the more numbers of beans and pods. “Striped peanut even contains anthocyanin,” she explained.

Faculty of Biology UGM had the role in the innovation of superior striped peanut. Through the appropriate technology application by UGM Community Service Directorate, Faculty of Biology offered the technique of superior striped peanut by colchicine induction method. This was to produce a different peanut which has bigger size, sweeter taste and unique appearance. The local residents of Depokrejo was one of the UGM partners to help achieve the development of such superior seed because the land in this area was potential for peanut cultivation.

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