

UGM Students Develop Island Hopping Tourism in Biak Papua

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As many as 30 students of Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) conducted Student Community Service in Samberpasi village, Padaido island, Biak Numfor regency of Papua.

“Together with the local residents, the UGM students team re-established the tourism awareness group, *Manikersi*, which was the first to be done in the regency,” said R. Rachmat A. Sriwijaya, supervising lecturer, on Monday (19/8).

The cooperation generated various products, including the island hopping tourism. Facilities were constructed to support the establishment of Samberpasi Tourism Village, such as cafe, entrance gate, souvenirs centre, photo spots, and water tower.

“The various programmes by the students have helped realise Samberpasi as a tourism village. The team collaborated with many stakeholders such as local government, residents, and private companies, to achieve this goal,” said Rachmat.



In addition, the students helped the Samberpasi community to complete population administration and raised awareness on e-ID card.

The whole programme lasted for 50 days from 28 June to 17 August. Regent of Biak Numfor, Herry Ariyo Naap, attended the closing ceremony of the programme which fell on the Independence Day. This year is the second time for UGM to present in the regency.

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