

International Students Join Disaster Management Summer Course at UGM

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As many as 43 students from Japan, Taiwan, Romania and Indonesia attended summer course at Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), themed *Gender and Vulnerabilites in Disaster Risk Reduction Support*, organised by Faculty of Medicine, Public Health, and Nursing UGM in cooperation with Kobe Unesco Chair on Gender and Vulnerability in Disaster Risk Reduction Support, Japan.

Vice-Dean, Prof. dr. Gandes Retno Rahayu, M.Med.Ed., Ph.D, said the course would run for ten days from 19-28 August. This is the second time to be held. "The summer course this time emphasises on the importance of implementing integrated disaster risk management," said Gandes, Tuesday (20/8), on campus.

She added the participation of the students would gain new knowledge and experience to improve their capacities and competencies regarding disaster management in a professional and multi-disciplinary manner.

"Various events both in class or in the field have been designed in a simulation model to make the students closer to the real situation of disaster management. In addition, skills and science in



disaster risk will be delivered by expert speakers,” she explained.

A committee member of the summer course, Alenda Dwiadila, said the participants would learn general lectures in class for 5 days and the rest will see field visits. They will meet officials from the Sleman Regional Disaster Mitigation Agency, and have a dialogue with disaster responsive community of Kemadang village in Gunungkidul regency. “On the field the participants will collect data to learn disaster case study,” she added.

As many as 14 speakers will join the event from UGM, Kobe University, Gothenburg University, representatives from Unesco Jakarta, and researchers from UGM Centre for Disaster Studies.

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